

Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

November 8th, 2020 - 10 a.m.

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

It is the love of God that brings us to our brother's feet, it is the grace of God that fills the basin for service. - Ed Clowney

True liberty consists only in the power of doing what we ought to will, and in not being constrained to do what we ought not to will. - Jonathan Edwards

The person who loves God cannot help loving every man as himself, even though he is grieved by the passions of those who are not yet purified. But when they emend their lives, his delight is indescribable and knows no bounds. - St. Maximos the Confessor

Call to Worship

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. [Psalm 46:1 (NIV)]

PRAISE

Hymn **Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus** — music is found on page 2

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal. 2:20

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word;
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans - ing blood;
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease;
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;

just to rest up - on his prom - ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!
just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing life and rest, and joy and peace.
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

REFRAIN,
Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!

Prayer of Adoration (concluded by the following prayer in unison)

God of the ages,
we praise you for all your servants
who have done justice, loved mercy,
and walked humbly with their God.
We praise you for all who have sought your new creation,
and who, by their steadfast faith,
have shown their discipleship in Jesus Christ.
We praise you for those we have known and loved,
and pray that we, with them,
may follow in the way of Christ,
and, at the last, dwell in your holy city,
sharing the inheritance of the saints in light;
through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Doxology

All ye who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others take your part.
Sing his praises. Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care.
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness.
O praise him. Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

RENEWAL

Confession of Sin (unison)

O Lord Jesus Christ, we have not longed for your coming and your kingdom as we ought. We have not denied ourselves, taking up the cross and following you. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely, and the suffering. We have not cried out for justice nor cared about those who are without God and without hope in this world. Lord, forgive our offenses and grant that, by the power of your Spirit, we may live in the light of your coming again. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. [Isaiah 53:1-5 (NIV84)]

Words of Welcome

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

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Hymn **I Love Your Church, O Lord** — music on page 4

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I Love Your Church, O Lord

1 I love your church, O Lord! Her saints be - fore you stand,
 2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways,
 3 I love your church, O God, the peo - ple you have called,

dear as the ap - ple of your eye and grav - en on your hand.
 her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
 the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.

Chords: F, C, F/A, Gm, C, F, C, F, C, B^b, F/C, C7, F

Words: Timothy Dwight, 1800, alt., P.D.
 Music (ST. THOMAS 6.6.8.6): Aaron Williams, 1770, P.D.

COMMITMENT

A Litany for the Persecuted Church (responsive)

God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world;
 God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful;
 Most holy, blessed, & glorious Trinity,*

hear our prayer.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, High King of all the nations, we ask you to hear us; we ask that you strengthen your whole church around the world that we might endure persecution with hope and stand firm in our faith. Lord, in your mercy,*

hear our prayer.

We pray that you will give us courage to speak the truth, to bring light into the darkness of this world, and to proclaim the salvation and justice of your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,*

hear our prayer.

We pray that you will bless, comfort, and strengthen all those who suffer for their faith—all those who face persecution, torment, imprisonment, separation from their families, violence, and hatred. Lord, in your mercy,*

hear our prayer.

We pray that you will open the eyes of those who persecute and turn them toward justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,*

hear our prayer.

And we pray that you will put down tyranny and oppression, bring justice and peace to the nations, expand your kingdom of love and mercy, and finally, at your Second Coming, beat down Satan under our feet. Lord, in your mercy,*

hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for all those, including those known only to you, who have given their lives because of the Name of your Son. Have mercy upon all those who currently suffer as followers of Jesus, and give us all grace to live faithfully and courageously as baptized Christians; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Lesson: 1 Peter 4:1-11, 19 (Read by Mattie Pittman)

¹Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), ²so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God. ³You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry. ⁴They are surprised that you no longer join them in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme. ⁵But they will have to give an accounting to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does.

⁷The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

¹⁹Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good. [NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"EVERYDAY MISSION (PT. 2)"
Everyday Mission

Pastor Swanson

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Since we cannot gather for Holy Communion, we join in an act of *spiritual communion*, trusting in our Lord's blessings & love in this present crisis.

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Communion. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done — music on pages 7-9

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Alleluias to be sung at the beginning and conclusion of the hymn

D G D Bm F#m D A D *Fine*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

D G A D

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; he ris - es

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
le - gions has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly
glo - rious from the dead. All glo - ry to our

has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
ris - en Head. Al - le - lu - ia!

4 He closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia!

Benediction & Dismissal

Minister: May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

People: Amen.

Leader: Go in peace, in the knowledge of God's power; go in confidence, in the knowledge of God's strength; go in joy, in the knowledge of God's love.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude Jesus Is All The World To Me — Will L. Thompson/ Kim Williams

WORSHIP ARTISTS

Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with Trinity Church. We appreciate all that your music has contributed to our worship. Copyrighted songs are covered under CCLI #1250499 and CCS #11071.

TAMMY LUM - PIANO, ORGAN

ALETHEA WILHELM - VOICE

JORDAN WILHELM - VOICE

Trinity Church Announcements

CELEBRATING CHRIST, SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

TODAY

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. We join today with Christians all over the world in praying for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith in Christ and their identification with the church. Some human rights organizations believe that persecution against Christians is the single most common human rights abuse in today's world. Please join us in praying for the persecuted church around the world—and not just today, but throughout the year. For more information, visit www.idop.org.

The Season after Pentecost. The church has long used symbolic color in its worship. As the dominating colors of God's creation change from season to season, so do the liturgical colors of the church calendar. Green is the color of living things and of God's creation and is used during the season after Pentecost to celebrate the growth and mission of the church.

On this Veterans' Day week, we give thanks for all those who have served, and those who currently serve, in our nation's Armed Forces. Bless and protect them, O Lord.

Congratulations to Pastor Swanson as this Wednesday, November 11, is the 13th anniversary of his ordination as a Minister of Word & Sacrament. Thanks be to God!

In the latest installment of "A Questioning Faith," Pastor Higgins interviews the Rev. Dr. Wesley Hill about his (excellent!) new book on the Lord's Prayer. Wes teaches New Testament at Trinity School for Ministry near Pittsburgh and is ordained in The Episcopal Church. He shares his story and gives pointers on how to read and, more importantly, to pray the Lord's Prayer. Don't miss this conversation or Wes' book!

Children's Sunday School Class on Zoom at 8:45 a.m. Parents need to email ChloeNevill@trinitychurch.cc to get on the Children's Ministry parents email list, and get access to the Trinity Children's Ministry Facebook group to learn more. **PLEASE NOTE: there is no childcare provided for the Outdoor Services.**

Fourtify Class via Zoom at 8:45 a.m. Students from 4th-8th grade are invited to join for a brief "Fourtify" time with Pastor Magneson. We will meet on Zoom for games, discussion, and a quick introduction to the Sunday sermon. For students to attend, email Pastor Magneson for the Zoom link, SteveMagneson@trinitychurch.cc.

Adult Sunday School. This fall, the focus of our church life will be "Loving Our Neighbors". *How do we find new ways to get to know those who live around us? And how might we, as a church, become more and more outward-focussed as we share our lives and our faith with our neighbors?* As Pastor Craig continues with a sermon series centered on concepts found in the book "The Art of Neighboring", Pastor Mark leads an in-depth six week course on the book. We also plan to have some interesting church-wide outreach events based on these materials, so we encourage as many

of you as possible to join us for this online course. Questions? Contact MarkSwanson@trinitychurch.cc. You can order the books on Amazon for the course:

1. [The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships](#)
2. [Practicing the Presence of People: How We Learn to Love](#)

International Month of Prayer for Global Missions. Christians across the world are praying throughout the month of November for the task of global evangelization—of taking the good news of Jesus, in word & deed, to every community on earth. Throughout November, we ask all the people of Trinity Church to pray for the mission of the church.

- For [protection for the witness of missionaries around the world](#), especially for team unity, protection from the attacks of the evil one, and for vibrant relationships with God; and
- for [resources](#), especially for financial support, for an increase of missionaries, for vibrant prayer support, and for the power of the Holy Spirit.
- November 8—**International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**. Please pray especially for our suffering sisters & brothers & for all who minister to them, and for all those who take the Good News to the nations.
- November 15—**Global Missions Sunday**. Please pray for all those who take the Good News to the nations.
- Of course, we also continue to pray for all affected by the novel coronavirus [pandemic](#), especially the sick, the suffering, and all those who care for them. Pray for the development of treatments and vaccines; pray for *deliverance!*

COMING UP

SERMON SCHEDULE (*subject to change as we deal with the pandemic*)

NOTE: Brief homilies will be given at the outdoor services. For the full sermon on the same text, visit the audio & video recordings on the webpage.

November 15. 1 Peter 5:1-14. "Everyday Mission, pt. 3." Pastor Higgins preaching

November 22. Christ the King Sunday. Matthew 25:31-46. "The Least of These." Pastor Higgins preaching

November 29. Advent Sunday. New series begins: *Emmanuel: God With Us*. John 1:1-18. "The Word Became Flesh." Pastor Higgins preaching

EVENTS & COMMUNITY

Youth gathering at the church offices Saturday, November 14th. Pastor Mark will be gathering with the Youth (Middle and High School) at the church property at 4:30pm (weather permitting). Please RSVP him at markswanson@trinitychurch.cc ASAP. We will be meeting around a fire pit on the back patio, parents are welcome to attend. Please bring masks and something warm to drink!

Membership & Baptisms. If you are interested in becoming an official member (covenant partner) of Trinity Church, and/or if you are seeking baptism (for yourself or a child), please let one of the pastors know. Much of this has been suspended for the past few months, but we plan both (1) to offer our class for new members and (2) to resume (safe!) baptisms in the near future. Thank you!

Virtual Rye Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service, Sunday, November 22 at 3pm on Youtube. The video link will be shared via email.

Healing Prayer, Sundays at 11:30 on Zoom. Next Healing Prayer Service: December 6

Ways to Give:

- **We encourage giving online** through our secure website link on our church website: <https://www.trinitychurchny.com/giving/> Or, through our mobile app, *TrinityChurchNY*. Your faithful giving is not only an act of worship but is much appreciated by the Trinity Church leadership as we desire to continue ministry no matter what adjustments are necessary to meet current challenges. **If giving by check, mail it to the church office at 526 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase, NY 10577.**
- **COVID-19 Support** - On our church website, www.trinitychurchny.com, you will find a link labeled "COVID-19 Update" which is a letter from our pastors encouraging us all to be there for one another, and to assist you in doing so that we might BE the church God intends us to be. There are links to forms to Give Help (volunteer) and Get Help (specify a need).

Ways to Connect:

- **Website:** www.TrinityChurchNY.com
- **Facebook:** Trinity Presbyterian Church NY
- **Facebook Group:** Trinity People Staying In Touch
- **Instagram:** TrinityChurchNY
- **Church Mobile App:** TrinityChurchNY
- **Community Groups:** via video-conferencing. To join one, use our website Contact Form.
- **Prayer Team Support:** You can submit a prayer request using our mobile app or contact form on our website. Our Prayer Team would be pleased to pray for you.
- **Pastoral Care:** Call the church office 914-967-6247 and choose from the voice menu who you wish to speak to, or use the church website contact form and your request will be forwarded.
- **Newsletters:** to be added to the mailing list, use the church website Contact Form.

Two Steps in Prayer for the Trinity Church Vision Campaign

1. Prayer for God's timing as to when we might be released from our pause in the Vision Campaign and how we might resume it.
2. The offices will be closed, but we do encourage individual families to prayer walk the property, while maintaining proper social-distancing practices, during our pause. Please contact Pastor Mark at MarkSwanson@trinitychurch.cc, if you are interested or have any questions.