

# **TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **Order of Worship for November 8, 2020**

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Call to Worship

Let us worship God.

“He is our refuge and our fortress,  
our God, in whom we trust.”

Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,”  
and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,  
confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

—based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

Anthem –

Call to Confession

God’s Word assures us:

If we say that we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins,  
he who is faithful and just  
will forgive us our sins and  
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

—based on 1 John 1:8-9, NRSV

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life you set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Silent Confession

***(A time of silence will be observed for personal confession.)***

## Assurance of Pardon

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.  
—Romans 8:15-17, NRSV

\*Our Response Breathe on Me Breath of God

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.**

## Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

**\*Hymn Let All Things Now Living**

**Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.**

**By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,  
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise:  
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving,  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.**

**First Scripture Lesson**

**Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

24:1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.

24:2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors--Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor--lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

24:3a Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

24:14 "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

24:15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

24:16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods;

24:17 for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed;

24:18 and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

24:19 But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins.

24:20 If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good."

24:21 And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!"

24:22 Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses."

24:23 He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel."

24:24 The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey."

24:25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

## **Second Scripture Lesson**

## **Matthew 25:1-13**

25:1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

25:2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

25:3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them;

25:4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

25:5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

25:6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

25:7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.

25:8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

25:9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

25:10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

25:11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'

25:12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'

25:13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sermon –

**Keep Watch**

**Rev. Jennifer A. Baer**

**\*Hymn Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

**Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home:  
All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied:  
Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest  
home.**

**All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto God's praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear:  
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take the harvest  
home; From the field shall in that day All offenses purge away:  
Give angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store In the garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There, forever purified, In thy presence to abide:  
Come, with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest  
home.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory –

**\*Doxology (Hymn 592)**

## Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

\*Sending Forth and Benediction

\*Choral Response I Love to Tell the Story

**I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story  
because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else could do.**

**Refrain:**

**I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story;  
more wonderful it seems  
than all the golden fancies  
of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story,  
it did so much for me;  
and that is just the reason  
I tell it now to thee. [Refrain]**

Postlude

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Liturgist: Wayne Williams

Resident Soloist: Jessica Hitchcock

Head Deacons: Tracey Chappell & Cindy Williams

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in memory of the Cole and Bartlett families. Given by: Alice Bartlett

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