

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EPIPHANY ❖ January 9, 2011 ❖ 10:30 AM

A Word to Worshippers

Today marks a new beginning to our gathered worship at Trinity! Instead of an instrumental prelude, we will learn and sing from the Bible's songbook--the Psalms. Each month a new psalm will be introduced and sung repeatedly throughout the month, with the goal that by the end of 2011 you will know 12 new (psalms) songs. Because Scripture memorization is always easier when put to melody, you may have already memorized parts of 12 psalms! In order to fully gain the value of these songs, you are encouraged to not wait to enter the sanctuary until you hear music beginning, but rather enter and find your seat by 10:25 am. Then let these songs quiet your body and spirit for coming into the King's presence.

Meditations for Worship

It was the right hook that got him. Pastor Waite might have stood in front of the Communion table trading punches with head deacon Ray Bryson all morning, had not Ray's fist caught him on the chin two minutes and fifteen seconds into the fight. Waite went down for the count at the altar where most members of Emmanuel Baptist Church had first declared their commitment to Christ... Within an instant the majority of the congregation converged on the Communion table, punching or shoving... The melee soon spilled over to an open space beside the organ... Mary Dahl, the director of Dorcas Society, threw a hymnal... the missile sailed high and wide and splashed down in the baptistery behind the choir. When Ray's right hook finally took the pastor down, someone grabbed the spring flower arrangement from the altar and threw it high in the air in Ray's direction. Water sprinkled everyone in the first two rows on the right side, and a visiting Presbyterian experienced complete immersion when the vase shattered against the wall next to his seat... The fight ended when the police arrived on the scene.

Chap. 2, "Extending the Right Fist of Fellowship." The Body, Chuck Colson

What! At peace with the Father, and at war with His children? It cannot be.

John Flavel

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity. It is like precious oil on the head...like the dew of Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion." Psalm 133

"Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose."

Philippians 2:2

Prelude

PSALM 103, "O Bless the Lord My Soul" *adapted by Gregory Wilbur*

based on SHEPHERD, Southern Harmony

Ray Nowell, solo and guitar

1. O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to you pro-claim!
 2. He will not al-ways chide; He will with pa-tience wait;
 3. He clothes you with His love; up-holds you with His truth;

And all that is with-in me join to bless His ho-ly name.
 His wrath is ev-er slow to rise, and read-y to a-bate.
 and like the ea-gle He re-news the vig-or of your youth.

O bless the Lord, my soul, His mer-cies bear in mind.
 He par-dons all your sins; Pro-longs your fee-ble breath;
 Then bless His ho-ly Name, whose grace has made you whole,

For-get not all His ben-e-fits; the Lord to you is kind.
 He heals all your in-firm-i-ties, and ran-soms you from death.
 whose lov-ing-kind-ness crowns your days. O bless the Lord my soul!

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Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

*Call to Worship

from Ephesians 2:1-7

Mr. McCracken

Minister: You were dead in your transgressions and sins in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

People: All of us lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts.

Minister: But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions.

People: And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Hear what sweet words of comfort the Lord gives to all those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace. *Ephesians 2:14-15*

My friends, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Gary Brantz, *Ruling Elder*

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

"The Apple Tree"

K. Lee Scott

Trinity Choir, solo, Mark Stephenson

Anon. collection of Jonathan Smith, 1784

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ, the Apple Tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see, 'tis found in Christ, the Apple Tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree.

The Offering Consecration

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

***The Passing of the Peace**

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

***Service of Friendship**

Children between the ages of 4 through 1st grade may now be dismissed for Celebration Chapel, Room 101.

Please locate the black Friendship Pad at the left end of your row, fill it out and pass it down. When it arrives at the other end of the row, pass it back, taking note of those who are seated in your row.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Caleb Zachary

Mr. McCracken

Covenant child of Scott and Heather Zachary

***The Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading**

James 3: 18-4:12

ESV Pew Bible, pg.1012

The Morning Sermon

Mr. McCracken

Part 2 of "Breaking Down Barriers to True Community"

From the series, "James: The Community of Living Faith"

***Hymn of Response, No. 353**

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST THOMAS

Vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

***Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3

People: With God's help, we will.

Minister: He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. *1 Timothy 6:15-16*

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist

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