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## WELCOME

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Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. If you are new to Trinity Presbyterian Church, you are our very special guest! Our desire is to help you get connected in a warm and genuine way. Would you consider sharing your name and address with us in the Friendship Pad located on the left end of the row you are sitting on now? We welcome you this morning in the strong name of our Lord Jesus Christ and would love to see you again next week!

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## WHO WE ARE

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Our mission statement is this: *Trinity Presbyterian Church is a worshipping community that exists to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in word and deed to our suburban communities and the world.* We are guided by three core values: the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to change lives, a commitment to the gospel-created community called the church, and a mission to see God's Kingdom extended to our world.

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## PLEASE VISIT THE "INFORMATION CENTER"

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For information or answers to questions that you might have about TPC, please visit our Information Center which you will find in the Narthex. There you will find information about Trinity, the PCA and our church activities. Someone will be available to assist you before and after the worship service.

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## ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP HOUR 9:00 A.M.

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The Epistle to the Ephesians	Room 130	Jeff Morrow
College/Career : John's Gospel	Room 230	Eubanks and Kirkpatrick

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## WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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DATE	EVENT	TIME/PLACE	ROOM
Sunday	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.	Various
	Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Monday	ESL Classes	7:00—8:30 p.m.	Various
Tuesday	WIC Bible Study	9:30—11:30 a.m.	Trinity
		7:00—9:00 p.m.	Becky Brantz Home
Wednesday	Joyful Noises Choir	5:30—6:30 p.m.	Choir Room
	Explorer/Primetime	6:30—8:00 p.m.	Various Rooms
	FPU	6:30—8:30 p.m.	Room 130
	Missional Christianity	6:30—8:00 p.m.	Room 230
Thursday	Adult Choir Practice	7:30—9:00 p.m.	Choir Room
	Ladies Bible Study	7:00—9:00 p.m.	Tina Thiel Home
	ESL Classes	7:00—8:30 p.m.	Various

# Order for the Worship of God

## Trinity Presbyterian Church

September 11, 2011 10:30 AM

### Thoughts for Worship Preparation

*Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children.*

- President George W. Bush, November 11, 2001

*If you believe in God and for the first time experience or see horrendous evil, you rightly believe that that is a problem for your belief in God, and you're right – and you say, "How could a good and powerful God allow something like this to happen?" But it's a mistake (though a very understandable mistake) to think that if you abandon your belief in God it somehow is going to make the problem easier to handle....If there is no God or higher divine Law and the material universe is all there is, then violence is perfectly natural—the strong eating the weak!*

Tim Keller

*We cannot always understand why God has chosen evil events to accomplish his good purposes. We do know that God never foreordains an evil event without a good purpose (Romans 8:28). There are many reasons either to be found in Scripture or to remain locked up in God's own mind. We know that God has a reason for everything he does. Everything he does reflects his wisdom. But he is under no obligation to give us his reasons. What we do have is a strong encouragement to trust God even amid unexplained suffering. Indeed, the encouragement is so strong that one would be foolish not to accept it.*

John Frame

*"I could never myself believe in God if it were not for the Cross. In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it?" Do you see what this means? Yes, we don't know the reason God allows evil and suffering to continue, but we know what the reason isn't, what it can't be. It can't be that he doesn't love us! It can't be that he doesn't care. God so loved us and hates suffering that he was willing to come down and get involved in it. And therefore the Cross is an incredibly empowering hint. Ok, it's only a hint, but if you grasp it, it can transform you. It can give you*

*s t r e n g t h .*

John Stott

*Thank you for  
disabling your cell  
phones as you  
prepare for worship.*

To facilitate our focus on the rich praise of this text, the Psalm will be "lined out" by our choir for the congregation to echo each phrase.

"...e'en the wrath of man shall praise you, your designs it shall fulfill."

**The Prelude Psalm**

**Psalm 100**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Pastoral Welcome**

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

**\*Call to Worship**

Minister: Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds.  
*Hosea 6:1*

**People: What you meant for evil against me, God meant for good, ...so do not fear!**  
*Genesis 50:20*

Minister: Behold, blessed is the one whom God reproves; therefore despise not the discipline of the Almighty. For he wounds, but he binds up; he shatters, but his hands heal...Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him.  
*Job 5:18, 13:15*

**People: For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For God has put all things in subjection under his feet.**  
*I Corinthians 15:22*

**\*Hymn of Adoration, No. 66 "God is Known Among His People"**

LAUDA ANIMA

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

**\*Affirmation of Faith "Westminster Larger and Heidelberg Catechisms"**

Q. 12: What are the decrees of God?

**A. God's decrees are the wise, free, and holy acts of the counsel of his will, whereby, from all eternity, he hath, for his own glory, unchangeably foreordained whatsoever comes to pass in time.**

Q. 14: How does God execute his decrees?

**God executes his decrees in the works of creation and providence, according to his infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of his own will.**

Q. 28: What advantage is it to us to know that God has created, and by his providence does still uphold all things?

**A. That we may be patient in adversity; thankful in prosperity; and that in all things, which may hereafter befall us, we place our firm trust in our faithful God and Father, that nothing shall separate us from his love; since all creatures are so in his hand, that without his will they cannot so much as move.**

*Author, English poet William Cowper was a close associate of John Newton. The hymn is a testimony to his faith that saw him through deep depression, doubts and fears.*

**\*Hymns of Praise, No. 128 “God Moves in a Mysterious Way” DUNDEE**

**Public Confession of Sin**

Mr. Gary Brantz, *Leading Elder*

**Forgive us the sins of doubt and disbelief, O Lord; forgive the sins of anger or of hatred which rise from our inability to understand the reasons for sorrows and how you are at work through them. We repent of our lack of trust in your providence or lack of faith in your words of promise. Restore our hope in your everlasting purposes for us and the confidence in your unconditional love. Forgive our fears and our failure to declare to our neighbors that you are resurrection and life. Have mercy on us, and restore us we pray. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

*Elder: Hear these words of assurance from God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:*

*“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death. And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit who lives in us.”* Romans 8:1-2, 11

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

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Hymn of Assurance "Before the Throne of God"

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong, a per - fect  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with -  
3. Be - hold Him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less Right - eous -

plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love who ev - er lives and pleads for  
in, up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my  
ness, the great un - change - a - ble I Am, the King of glo - ry and of

me. My name is gra - ven on His hands. My name is writ - ten on His  
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
Grace. One with Him - self, I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased with His

heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can  
free. For God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my

bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.  
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Brantz

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering "When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love"

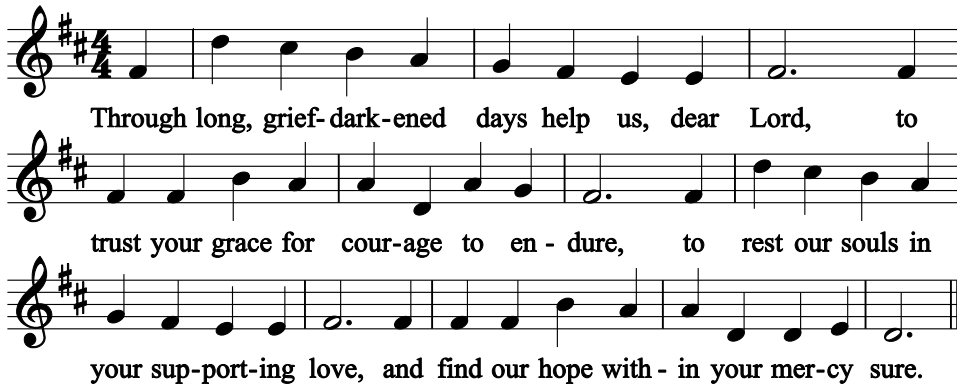
Thomas Pavlechko, arr. D. Leeman and Kurt Kaiser

Trinity Choir; Douglass McFarland, Organ

1. When aimless violence takes those we love, when random death strikes  
childhood's promise down, when wrenching loss becomes our daily bread, we know,  
O God, you leave us not alone. 2. Our faith may flicker low, and hope grow dim,  
yet you, O God, are with us in our pain; you grieve with us and for us day by day,  
and with us, sharing sorrow will remain.

3. Because your Son knew agony and loss, felt desolation, grief and scorn and shame, we know you will be with us, come what may, your loving presence near, always the same.

(Congregation sing on Vs. 4)



Through long, grief-dark-ened days help us, dear Lord, to  
trust your grace for courage to endure, to rest our souls in  
your supporting love, and find our hope within your mercy sure.

Prayer of Consecration

Mr. Poteet

\*The Doxology

LASST UNS RFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

\*Passing of the Peace

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Service of Friendship (see sidebar)

\*The Prayer for Illumination

Mr. Poteet

*As we "Pass the Peace," children between the ages of 4–1st grade may now be dismissed for "Celebration Chapel" in room 130. At this time, please locate the black friendship pad at the left end of your row, fill it out and pass it back to the beginning of the row.*

**\*Scripture Reading**

**Luke 13:1-5; Romans 8:31-39**  
*Page 872 and 944 of the Black Pew Bible*

Mr. Poteet

**The Morning Sermon "The Smile and Frown of God"**

Dr. Mike Rasmussen

**\*Hymn of Response**

**"If God is On Our Side"**

DARWALL

*text by Ken Bible, 2011*

**If God is on our side, what problem should we fear?**

**What mountain can remain when Sovereign God is here?**

**His Word is sure. Rejoice and rest,**

**For all is working for our best.**

**If we are now in Christ, the reign of sin is done.**

**The holy life of God is ours in Christ his Son.**

**His Spirit's power now works within**

**To keep us free by faith in him.**

**What sorrows here below, what powers high above**

**Can take us from his arms or quench our Father's love?**

**In life and death we overcome**

**in Jesus Christ the Risen Son. Amen.**

**\*The Charge and Benediction**

Mr. Wichlan

Minister: Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you may participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

Minister: And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. *I Peter 5:10–11*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Organ Postlude**

“March in D”

*G. F. Handel*

*Douglass McFarland, organist*

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