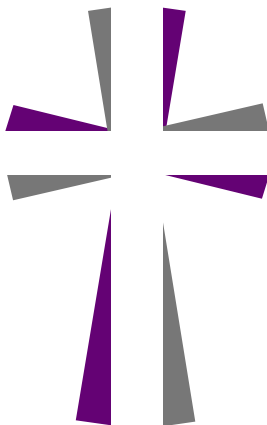


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MARCH 10, 2024

**Honor God.
Welcome All.
Embody Christ's Reign.**

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers a welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Rev. Mitchell Carter

PASTOR: Our help is in the name of the LORD!

PEOPLE: **For he is the Maker of heaven and earth!**

PASTOR: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

PEOPLE: **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

PASTOR: Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

PEOPLE: **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

From Psalm 46

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Adoration

“A Mighty Fortress”

Confession of Sin

Rev. Ryan Hudson

PASTOR: Let us now confess our sins together:

ALL: **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden - cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”
(verse 1)

*Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:8-12

ALL: **Restore to us the joy of our salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen.**

Psalm 51:12

***Extending God's Welcome of Peace**

PASTOR: The peace of Christ be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

***Song of Renewal**

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

***Confession of Faith**

PASTOR: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

ALL: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

Kingdom Reading

Paul & Sarah Shearer

Psalm 107

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Ephesians 2:1-10

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Intercession *(followed by a season of silent prayer)*

Peter Robertson

Common Prayer

PASTOR: Let us now join our voices together praying:

ALL: Almighty God, heavenly Father, because we are so weak in ourselves that we cannot stand even for a moment, we beg you to keep and strengthen us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual war, but remain persistent to the end. Amen.

Kingdom Giving & Song of Meditation

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

***Doxology**

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

“Who Is the Greatest?”

Matthew 18:1-14

Series: The Gospel According to Matthew

Rev. Mitchell Carter

(See insert for Sermon Notes)

FEASTING AT GOD’S TABLE

Holy Communion (see insert)

Trinity Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust in Christ for salvation, and who are members in good standing of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Baptized covenant children who have not made profession of faith before the elders should abstain from communion until they are received as communing members by the session. TPC serves wine and grape juice for communion. The **clear** cups contain wine and the **purple** cups contain grape juice. The communion bread in the **purple** cups is gluten free.

Song of Communion

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”

GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING

***Song of Sending**

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

***The Sending**

PASTOR: Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

Matthew 16:24-25

PEOPLE: With the Lord’s help we will do this!

***Benediction**

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

PEOPLE: Amen.

***Postlude**

Musician: Barbara Ehresman

Song Leaders: Tim Dunn & Kimberly Robertson

*The Congregation stands

This Week at TPC

Sunday, March 10	Children's Palm Sunday Choir Rehearsal 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. Corporate Worship 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 11:00 a.m. TPC 101 12:45 - 2:45 p.m. School of Christian Theology 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. Lenten Prayer Meeting 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12	Men's Fellowship 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 13	TYG The Gathering 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. ELC 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Holy Week at TPC

Palm Sunday | March 24 | 9:30 a.m. (morning worship) & 6:00 p.m. (evening service)
Holy Week Services | March 25 - 27 | 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. (followed by a light dinner)
Maundy Thursday | March 28 | 6:00 pm.
Good Friday | March 29 | 6:00 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service | March 31 | 6:15 a.m. (followed by a potluck breakfast)
Easter Sunday Worship | March 31 | 10:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Lenten Prayer Guides Available

Please take a guide for prayer and Scripture reading during the season of Lent. Hard copies are on the large table in lobby, and a digital version can be found on our website.

Easter Nursery Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in serving in the nursery during the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday, please email Kelley at nursery@trinitymboro.com. We need a total of 5 volunteers and currently have 2. This would not only be a way to serve our church family, but also an opportunity to serve any visitors with small children who may choose to worship with us that morning.

Ladies Art Evening & Paint Class | March 15 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Please join us for a painting class, or bring your own art or hand-craft project to work on, as we gather for a Ladies' Art Evening on March 15th from 6:30-8:30pm at Trinity. Lori White will lead up to twenty-four ladies in a guided painting. We will also have a spot to gather and work on your own art or craft project as we visit and snack. Please note: there are 24 spots for painting, but unlimited room for those who want to bring their own project to work on, or just visit. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Children's Egg Hunt | March 16 | 10:00 a.m.

Kids, bring your baskets and come play some games and enjoy refreshments! Invite your friends!! Please let us know if you can join us at children@trinitymboro.com

TPC Men's Softball Practice | Thursdays

TPC Men's Softball practice began Thursday, March 7. Games will be on Thursday evenings, April - June. Please contact Chris Nowlin at 615-513-9778 to join.

Men's Retreat | March 22 - 23

All men are invited to join us for the Men's Retreat, March 22 - 23, at Trinity. Eric Klumpe will be speaking on a Christian approach to Creation and science. We will begin our time Friday night at 6:00 p.m. and return Saturday morning from 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. Email Matthew Alexander at matthewalexander215@gmail.com to register.

Easter Potluck Breakfast | March 31 | following Easter Sunrise Service

We hope you will join our church family for the annual Easter Potluck Breakfast following the Easter Sunrise Service on March 31. Sign up to bring a dish to share via the link in e-news or at trinitymboro.com.

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Guests! We are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It is our hope that worship is an encouragement to you and that you will have opportunity to return soon. Please take time to fill out the Guest Info Slip on the insert and place it in the offering plate or in the box located in the foyer. If you have any questions about our church, feel free to email Pastor Mitchell at mitchell@trinitymboro.com

Located in the front foyer, our Welcome Center has resources available such as weekly sermon manuscripts, ministry brochures, and sign-ups. There are also Bibles for use on the side table including large print editions. The church nursery is located through the foyer and to the right and serves children birth through Pre-K.

Hearing Assistive Devices are available at the sound booth.

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Chris Nowlin
Allen Pfingsten
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TPC Family, please know that if you are in need of physical or financial help, let our deacons know by reaching out to them personally or by emailing the chair of the Diaconate, Charles McGaughy, at deacons@trinitymboro.com. And if you are in need of counsel or prayer, please let our elders know by reaching out personally or emailing Mitchell, who is the moderator of the Session, at mitchell@trinitymboro.com.

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SERMON NOTES

“WHO IS THE GREATEST?”

MATTHEW 18:1-14

Who Is the Greatest? (v. 1)

- Become a Little One (v. 2-4)

- Protecting the Little Ones (v. 5-9)

- Chasing after the Little Ones (v. 10-14)

MEMBER/GUEST INFO

Please fill in form and place in the offering plate or box in the foyer. Thank you!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

☐ I would like more information about Trinity Presbyterian Church.

☐ *I want to receive the weekly E-news.

FEASTING AT GOD'S TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PASTOR: It is indeed good, right and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing...

ALL: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Response of the People

PASTOR: Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us!

PEOPLE: **Hallelujah!**

PASTOR: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

ALL: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Hallelujah!**

PASTOR: And now Our Holy Master, that with boldness and without condemnation, we dare to call upon You, the Heavenly God, as our Father, and to say:

ALL: **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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PASTOR: The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving. Let us partake of the feast!

Prayer Request
