

# **TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Order of Worship for January 17, 2021**

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Call to Worship

O God, your constant love reaches to the heavens,  
your faithfulness extends to the skies.

Your righteousness towers like the mountains,  
your justice is deeper than the sea.

All find protection under the shadow of your wings.

We feast on the abundance you provide.

You are the source of all life,  
and in your light, we see light.

—based on Psalm 36:5-9

Anthem

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,  
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion,  
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

—based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16, NRSV

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God,**

**we confess before you and each other**

**that our lives are not pure and holy**

**apart from the cleansing we have from the work of Christ.**

**And we confess that too often Christ in us is hidden by our actions that wound rather than heal, that tear down rather than build up.**

**Open our eyes, that we may see you in the ones we say we love.  
Open our ears, that we may be quicker to listen than to speak.  
Open our mouths to speak good rather than evil of our neighbors.  
Open our hands in generosity and help us let go of clenched fists.  
Open our hearts to a desire to follow Jesus in full obedience to your will and your way.**

**We pray trusting in your forgiveness and in the power of your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in paths of justice and righteousness for your name's sake. Amen.**

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”  
—John 3:16-17, NRSV

Our Response

**My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

**My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine:  
Now hear me while I pray,  
Take all my guilt away,**

**O let me from this day  
Be wholly thine!**

**May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire;  
As Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!**

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

**\*Hymn Called as Partners in Christ's Service**

**Called as partners in Christ's service,  
Called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment  
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing,  
Side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring  
To fulfil God's chosen end.**

**Christ's example Christ's inspiring,  
Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow never faltering,  
Reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer,  
All God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together  
Gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
In a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens,  
Breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision,**

**Words of challenge said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action,  
Make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow  
Ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow  
With a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living,  
Our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving  
Hope and confidence and peace.**

### **Scripture Lesson**

### **Samuel 3:1-10**

3:1 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

3:2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room;

3:3 the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

3:4 Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!"

3:5 and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

3:6 The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

3:7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

3:8 The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.

3:9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

3:10 Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

## Scripture Lesson

**John 1:43-51**

1:43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

1:44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

1:45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

1:46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

1:47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

1:48 Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."

1:49 Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

1:50 Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."

1:51 And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Sermon – **Called to Follow and Lead**

**Rev. Jennifer A. Baer**

\*Hymn **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

**My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

**Refrain**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;**

**In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]**

**His oath, His covenant, his blood  
Supports me in the 'whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory –

\*Doxology (Hymn 592)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

\*Sending Forth and Benediction

\*Choral Response

**Blest Be The Tie that Binds**

**Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.**

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