

**Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, our Father,  
though You have offered us the gifts of peace  
and the continuing counsel of the Holy Spirit,  
we confess that we have neglected those things that belong to our peace.  
We fear the unknown, and do not trust Your promises.  
We try to control an unpredictable future, instead of putting our faith  
in You.  
We are overcome by the threat of disease, of misfortune, of war and of  
death.  
The powers of evil in the world are strong.  
We are anxious lest they overpower us, and take us out of Your hands.  
Forgive our lack of trust,  
and our skepticism in renouncing evil, for the sake of Christ our Savior.**

**Congregational Response No. 572** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us *Kyrie*  
(Silence for personal prayer)

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Response to Grace No. 577** *Gloria Patri*  
Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the  
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in  
the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Old Testament Lesson** – Exodus 3:1-15  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Children’s Message**  
(Following the Children’s message, child care is provided for children of pre-school age  
up through first grade. Older children remaining in worship may get a Children’s  
Worship Bag from the Ushers.)

**Anthem** On Eagles’ Wings Arr. Edwin Ferguson

**Gospel Lesson** – Matthew 16:21-28  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon** Can Jesus Count On Us? Pastor Hart

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Hymn No. 393** Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said *Bourbon*

**\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)** Apostles’ Creed

“I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in  
Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.”

“I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting. Amen.”

**THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY’S SERVICE**  
have been given to the glory of God  
by Chuk Holzworth, in celebration  
of the birthday of Sherry Stranahan.

**Assisting In Worship Today**  
Richard Hart.....Minister  
Anghaarad Teague Dees.....Minister  
John-Alan Gourdine.....Director of Music  
Edward Neeman.....Pianist  
Denise Dupras.....Lay Reader  
Guy Oliver.....Usher Team  
Bill Bickers, Roberta Boyd  
John Roan, Ann Smith  
Brooke Webb.....Greeters  
Eddie Webb, J. T., Bernie Preyna  
Christal Dudley.....Acolyte

**TRINITY ELDERS**

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Cathy Hoover	Jeff Bickers	Bill Bickers
Lyle McGhin	Frank Kilgard	Nita Cross
Don Thieme	Marcie Swank	Brian Preyna
Kelly Wicks	Brooke Webb	Debbie Radabaugh
	Bryan Wright	Ruth Stonestreet

**OUR TRINITY STAFF**  
Dr. Richard Hart.....Pastor  
Rev. Anghaarad Teague Dees.....Pastor  
Mrs. Andrea Micklon.....Director of Children Ministries  
Mr. John-Alan Gourdine.....Director of Music  
Dr. Edward Neeman.....Pianist  
Mr. Paul Guilbeau.....Director of Chancel Handbells  
Mr. Bryan Wright.....Administrative Assistant  
Miss Kendra Beasley, Miss Makinsey Rosser.....Choir Interns  
Mr. Zackary Serrott

**THE CHURCH OFFICE AND FOOD PANTRY WILL BE CLOSED  
TOMORROW, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017, FOR THE  
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.**

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance  
Responds to Hurricane Harvey Devastation**  
In addition to other relief agencies on the scene in Texas and the Gulf Coast,  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is also providing aid. Contributions may  
be made through Trinity to go directly to victims of the storm and flooding. Those  
who wish to donate may make checks payable to “Trinity Presbyterian Church”  
and mark clearly for “Hurricane Relief.” All funds will be sent directly to PDA  
through Flint River Presbytery. (Gifts made this way are fully tax deductible.)

**Our Wednesday Schedule:**  
For Wednesday, **September 6, 2017**  
5:30 p.m. – KOW  
5:45 p.m. – Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
6:15 p.m. – Supper is served in the Fellowship Hall beginning with  
a prayer of thanksgiving in the Atrium  
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Adult Bible Study – *The Protestant Reformation*  
SMASH for Youth  
Supper will be provided by Debbie Hart’s cooking team. The menu will include  
Presbyterian Chicken. Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches will be available for  
children.  
**The charge for the meal will be as follows:**  
**\$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students (pre-k through high school),**  
**with a \$15.00 Maximum per family.**  
**Carry-outs – meal cost above plus 25¢ per carry-out tray.**

**Church Picnic at the Dupras'**  
Bring food to share and come have a great time at the home of Bill and Denise  
Dupras on **Saturday, September 9, 2017**. If possible please bring a couple of  
dishes, enough for your family plus a little extra. Drinks will be provided. For cold  
dishes, ice chests will be available to keep food cool prior to the meal (or you may  
bring your own ice chest.) For warm dishes, coolers will also be designated to  
keep food warm. If you wish, you may bring a Crock Pot to keep your food warm.  
Plan to come around 2:00 p.m. Activities planned include a fishing derby in  
the farm pond, yard games, and hay rides on a trailer pulled by one of their antique  
tractors! The picnic will conclude at dusk around a campfire.

**Back to Church Sunday**  
September 10th is Back to Church Sunday when members are not only  
encouraged to get back in the swing of worshipping regularly in their home  
congregations but to invite a friend to worship that Sunday. Let’s fill the chairs in  
our Sanctuary on September 10.

**Stated Session Meeting**  
The Stated Session meeting is scheduled for today, **Sunday, September 10,** at  
4:30 p.m. Please contact Pastor Dees, Pastor Hart, or Bryan Wright if you cannot  
attend.

## Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Call to Offering

**Offertory** Theme from Concerto No. 1 Johannes Brahms

**\*Doxology No. 593** *Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Choral Dismissal** Amen Tom Birchwood

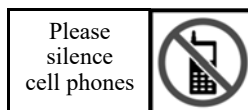
**\*Recessional Hymn No. 560** We Plow the Fields and Scatter *Nyland*

## \*Benediction

## \*Passing The Peace of Christ

## \*Postlude

\*All who are able may stand.



**FOR YOUR DAILY PRAYER** The pastor and elders meet at 10:45 each Sunday morning to pray for the morning service and to remember by name each person on our prayer list. Please lift the names of these persons to God in your prayers.

## Members & Regular Participants

Mary Connell  
Jane Gore  
Marie Hill  
Jim Micklon  
Nellie Stoddard  
Don Vollenweider

## Relatives

**Reed & Tammy Armond**, *brother & sister-in-law of David Armond*  
Barbara Chisham, *cousin of Marcie Swank*  
Juanita Devine, *sister of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh*  
Dennis & Heather Dibble & Family, *cousins of Leonard Mittelstadt*  
Beverly Jackson, *daughter of Leta Cone*  
Johnnie Kinchen, *mother of Jackie Wright*  
George Larimore, *brother of Janet Wright*  
**Adams McGhin**, *nephew of Lyle McGhin*  
Bobby Miller, *nephew of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh*  
Kathy Nichols, *aunt of Melissa Johnson*  
Robert Earl Pennington, *relative of Beverly Peters*  
Steve Pierson, *brother-in-law of Guy Oliver*  
Russell Popham, *uncle of Nita Cross*  
David & Susan Reid, *brother & sister-in-law of Beth Reid*  
Liz Ferguson Ross, *daughter of Mark and Karen Ferguson*  
Donald Schrecengost, *uncle of Sherry Stranahan*  
Tom Speck, *brother of Beverly Peters*  
Franna Taylor, *mother of Sonja Guilbeau*  
Vicky Thomas, *niece of Jane Gore*  
Judy Webb, *mother of Eddie Webb*

## Friends (contact person)

Ronnie Alligood (Jackie Wright)  
Les Bass (Zane Dees)  
Kathy Boone (Chris Roan)  
Elizabeth Boyd (Charlie Oliver)  
Ed Bynum (Eddie Webb)  
**Sara Chang** (Kathy Roe)  
Rebecca Christopholi (Sherry Stranahan)  
**Jessica Clark** (Kathy Roe)  
Tom Conner (Libby Bickers)  
Debbie Cribbs (Mary Beckett)  
Valarie Dannels (David Roe)  
Frank Davidson (Jeff Bickers)  
Larry Devane (Catherine Loveday)  
Cathy Fisher (Charlie Oliver)  
Irene Gallagher (Jane Gore)  
Parker Greene (Lisa Pearce)  
Rev. Virlon Griner (Richard Hart)  
Tommy Hagy (Sonja Guilbeau)  
Lacy Hall (Beverly Peters)  
Erika Harding (Christal Dudley)  
Carol Herndon & family (Lyle McGhin)  
Shannon Hobbs (Mark Micklon)  
Tim Huff (Sonja Guilbeau)  
Aidan Legg (Judy Bickers)  
Amanda Leverett (Heather Wakefield)  
Deanna Morris (Brian Preyna)

Sharon O'Rourke (Lisa Pearce)  
Victoria Osteen (Libby Bickers)  
Haley Grace Peeples (Christal Dudley)  
Bud Perry (Eddie Webb)  
Jamie & Sarah Phelps (Melissa Johnson)  
Carolyn Poe (Jackie Wright)  
Pam Poorman (Paul Guilbeau)  
Mary Price (Kathy Roe)  
Diane Rodgers (Paul & Sonja Guilbeau)  
Judy Simpson (Richard Hart)  
Harry & Sandi Skoropat (Jane Gore)  
Randall Smith (John & Chris Roan)  
Lizbeth Stevens (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)  
Yolanda Surry (Nita Cross)  
Robby Walker (David Armond)  
Karen Whelihan (Anghaarad Dees)  
Kirsty Yearsley (Sherry Stranahan)

## Long Term Prayer List

### Members

Mae Baker  
Margaret Bruch  
Marvin Bruch  
Dorothy Parker  
Barbara Sanders

### Relatives

Mary Brady, *mother of Kathy Roe*  
Sue Braswell, *aunt of Judy Bickers*  
James Dees, *father of Zane Dees*  
Ruth Doss, *mother of Sherry Stranahan*  
Greg Fox, *brother of Debbie Hart*  
James Kinchen, *father of Jackie Wright*  
Edna McElroy, *sister-in law of Martha Bennett*  
J. W. & Delores Oorlog, *parents of Linda Reinhard*  
Herb Reinhard II, *father of Herb Reinhard III*  
Kim Roe, *mother of John Roe*  
John & Gwen Seanor, *grandparents of Paul Guilbeau*  
Rachael Speck, *niece of Beverly Peters*  
Richard Zulauf, *brother of Cathy Hoover*

### Friends

Rachele Davis (Charlie Oliver)  
Bobby Dugger (Richard Hart)  
Ann Embry (Margie Vollenweider)  
Mary Marshall (Margaret Bruch)  
Chet Dreschel (Anghaarad Teague Dees)

## Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Herb and Linda Reinhard  
Mary Margaret Richardson

Our Military Personnel

Missionaries

All Refugees

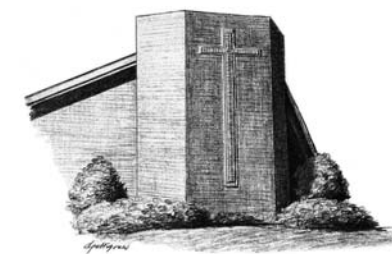
Victims of Terrorism

Those suffering the effects of  
Hurricane Harvey

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## Mission Statement

*As Believers, we will worship God by . . .  
Praising, praying, responding to His Holy Word.*

*As Disciples, we will follow God by . . .  
Studying, learning, living His Holy Word.*

*As Stewards, we will honor God by . . .  
Caring, serving, sharing His Holy Word.*

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*3 September 2017*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The acolyte in today's worship brings the light of Christ into the sanctuary at the beginning of the service. At the end of worship, as we are called into service in our church, across our city, and beyond, the light of Christ leads us out into the world.

## Silent Meditation:

The Apostle Paul: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."  
~ Romans 12:20-21

## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** Song Without Words, Op. 67 No. 2 Felix Mendelssohn

## The Lighting of the Candles

**Choral Introit** Praise to the Lord! Dale Wood

**\*Processional Hymn No. 272** God of the Sparrow *Roeder*

## \*Call to Worship – from Psalm 105

O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name;  
**Make known His deeds among the peoples.**  
Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonderful works.  
**Glory in His name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**  
Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually.  
**Remember the wonderful works He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.**  
Let us worship God!  
**The Lord's name be praised!**

## Call to Confession