

**\*Response to Grace No. 579** *Gloria Patri*  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Gospel Lesson** – Joshua 3:7-17

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 and Children’s Bulletin from the Ushers.)

**Anthem** Now With One Accord We Sing Our Song of Praise Arr. James McKelvy

**New Testament Lesson** – 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon** Gather, Grow, Go Pastor Dees

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Hymn No. 514** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ *Linstead*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical) Hymnal p.15

**Stewardship 2017-18** “Gathering, Growing, Going” Mr. Paul Guilbeau  
 Our Congregational Ministries Dr. Ruth Stonestreet

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** Variation 5 - from Symphonic Etudes Robert Schumann

**\*Doxology No. 592** *Old Hundredth*  
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**The Invitation**

As thankful people we approach this table. As invited people we come to share in the feast that is prepared for us but does not belong to us.

**We come as Christ’s own at His invitation, for this table is not for the worthy but for the hungry.**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Gracious God, we give You thanks for all Your blessings,  
**but even in this season of thankfulness we struggle to be thankful people**  
 We are thankful that the angel of death passed over our ancestors in Egypt,  
**but we quickly forget Your blessings when we become fearful in our own desert.**

We are thankful for clean water to drink and healthy food to eat,

**but we forget that You will provide and we demand more than manna.**

We are grateful for strong leaders like Moses and the judges,

**but we forget to follow them and wander our own ways.**

**THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY’S SERVICE**  
 have been given to the glory of God  
 by Bill and Ruth Stonestreet  
 in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

**Assisting In Worship Today**

Anghaarad Teague Dees.....Minister  
 Richard Hart.....Minister  
 John-Alan Gourdine.....Conductor  
 Edward Neeman.....Pianist  
 Frank Kilgard.....Lay Reader  
 David Armond.....Usher Team  
 Zane Dees, Melissa Mittelstadt  
 Lisa Pearce, Billy Ryan  
 Brian Preyna.....Greeters  
 Renae Preyna, Barbara Bradley  
 Lee Bradley  
 Connor Bickers.....Acolyte

**TRINITY ELDERS**

<b>Class of 2017</b>	<b>Class of 2018</b>	<b>Class of 2019</b>
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. Renae Preyna.....Director of Christian Education  
 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

**Soup Kitchen Meal Preparation**

On the first Sunday of each month Trinity prepares a meal for the Community Soup Kitchen. This Sunday, **November 5**, immediately following worship the meal will be prepared in the kitchen. Glennie Wicks will be heading up the effort this Sunday. If you are available to help, see her Sunday to offer your assistance.

**Stated Session Meeting**

The Stated Session meeting is scheduled for this afternoon, **Sunday, November 5**, at 4:30 p.m. Please contact Pastor Dees, or Pastor Hart if you cannot attend.

**Stewardship Season Kicks Off This Sunday**

Looking to the future we shall spend a few weeks being reminded of the vital ministries of our congregation that need our continued support in 2018. Stewardship Season begins today, November 5, 2017 and will conclude with our Stewardship Dedication Sunday on **November 19, 2017**. Pledges of support in 2018 will be presented during worship on Dedication Sunday and we will gather for a Thanksgiving Meal after worship that day to celebrate. Please be present in Worship and at Wednesday Night Suppers during this season to hear testimonials and receive information about our future mission plans. Members and regular participants will receive information in the mail, including a pledge card for 2018. Be on the lookout for these materials and prayerfully consider your commitment to God and your church for next year. Sincere thanks to all for your generosity in the past, now, and into our promising future.

**Noisy Offering**

The children will be collecting the “Noisy Offering” during the Children’s Message Sunday, **November 12**. Please remember to bring your spare change to help with our Food Pantry ministry.

**Habitat for Humanity Building on Faith**

There will be three important ways we may support our local Valdosta/Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity affiliate next month during the annual Building on Faith week. **November 11-18, 2017**, has been set aside for congregations of our community to provide support to build one house in a week. We may help as follows:

- ~ **Pray** for the success of the project and for the Habitat Partner Family that will be working to complete construction of their own new home.
- ~ **Volunteer** to help one or more days during the week. Framing day will be Saturday, November 11. Construction will resume on Tuesday, November 14, and continue through Saturday, November 18. Volunteers may work a half day or a full day. Lunch is provided at the work site. A signup sheet will be posted at Trinity.
- ~ **Give** financially to support the project. Freewill offerings over-and-above one's pledge can be made by check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and marked for HFH BOF. Our Missions Committee challenges the congregation to raise \$1,000 or more for this effort.

**Trinity's Advent Devotional Tradition**

Once again we will be preparing our own “in house” devotional guide book for the season of Advent. Church members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to write a brief devotional to be printed in the daily guide book. Tell a story, share a favorite Christmas memory, or write about what faith in Christ means to you. There is a sign up calendar at church. We have 18 people signed up, **but still need 4 more**. We need your devotionals by **November 12**. Please consider helping with this meaningful Trinity tradition.

We are thankful for the voices of the prophets, then and now, calling us to be better, to repent, to pray, and to follow Your commands –

**but we wonder in our thankfulness, do they have to be SOO persistent?**

We are thankful for Jesus. Who wouldn't be thankful for a cute little baby savior?

**But we forget that we don't get to create him in our image.**

We are grateful for the teachings of Jesus. Except for the ones that are confusing, frustrating, or hard to follow. We are thankful for the night that Jesus shared a meal with His friends and how He took the bread, blessed, and broke it and gave it to them telling them to "take and eat and do this in remembrance of me." And we are thankful that Jesus took a cup and poured wine into it saying, "this is the cup of my covenant, poured out in my blood for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink of it, remember me." Yes, we are thankful. But did He really have to die? It is hard to be thankful for death. But we are grateful that death is not the end. With the women we stare open-mouthed at the empty tomb.

**With confused understanding we are grateful for resurrection.**

Lord, send Your Spirit to lift us above our lukewarm thankfulness. Turn our desire to be grateful into true gratitude. Take these simple gifts of bread and wine and use them to transform us. Mold us into people who are truly thankful for Your blessings as we participate in Your very body and blood. With Christ, in Christ, through Christ, in communion with the Creator and the Spirit we are thankful. Amen.

### Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion will be served by the ancient practice of *intinction*. When invited by the Ushers please come forward down the center aisle to the Communion Table.

Receive a napkin and bread. Dip the bread in the cup and eat, returning to your seat by the side aisle.

### Prayer after Communion

**Choral Dismissal**                      A Parting Blessing                      John Leavitt

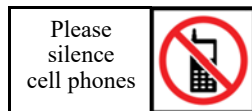
**\*Recessional Hymn No. 543**                      Abide with Me                      *Eventide*

### \*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 Beckett  
Jane Gore  
Larry Henderson  
Marie Hill  
Bryan Singer  
Frank Stoddard  
Nellie Stoddard  
Karen Whelihan

### 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*  
Ruth Duss, *mother of Sherry Stranahan*  
Scott Ferguson, *brother-in-law of Kathy Roe*

**Leon Fox**, *father of Debbie Hart*

George Larimore, *brother of Janet Wright*  
Adams McGhin, *nephew of Lyle McGhin*  
Bobby Miller, *nephew of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh*

Robert Earl Pennington, *relative of Beverly Peters*

Steve Pierson, *brother-in-law of Guy Oliver*  
Russell Popham, *uncle of Nita Cross*  
John Radabaugh, *brother of Bob Radabaugh*

David & Susan Reid, *brother & sister-in-law of Beth Reid*

Liz Ferguson Ross, *daughter of Mark & Karen Ferguson*

Alex Schwiesow, *son of Karen Whelihan*  
Tom Speck, *brother of Beverly Peters*

Vicky Thomas, *niece of Jane Gore*  
Gino Vecchio, *nephew of Melissa Johnson*  
Logan Gabriel Wakefield, *grandson of Bob & Candy Wakefield*

Dorothy Whelihan, *aunt of Karen Whelihan*

### Friends (contact person)

Ronnie Alligood (Jackie Wright)  
**Susan Butenschon** (Nita Cross)  
Kathy Butterbaugh (Debbie Radabaugh)  
Michael Capece (Jeff Bickers)  
Sara Chang (Kathy Roe)  
Rebecca Christopholi (Sherry Stranahan)  
Jessica Clark (Kathy Roe)  
Nikolas Conley (Libby Bickers)  
Tom Conner (Libby Bickers)  
Ben Davis (Catherine Loveday)  
Larry Devane (Catherine Loveday)  
Tommy Hagy (Sonja Guilbeau)  
Erika Harding (Christal Dudley)  
Betty Hardy (Nita Cross)  
Carol Herndon & family (Lyle McGhin)  
Shannon Hobbs (Mark Micklon)  
Tim Huff (Sonja Guilbeau)  
Bubba Hundley (Brooke Webb)  
Leilani Jones (Lisa Pearce)  
Aidan Legg (Judy Bickers)  
Becky Mantz (Debbie Hart)  
Deanna Morris (Brian Preyna)  
Victoria Osteen (Libby Bickers)  
**Bitsy Paige** (Catherine Loveday)

Bud Perry (Eddie Webb)  
**Debbie Pippin** (Catherine Loveday)  
Carolyn Poe (Jackie Wright)  
Mary Price (Kathy Roe)  
Deborah Richardson (Bernie Preyna)  
**Sarah Singletary** (Catherine Loveday)  
Randall Smith (John & Chris Roan)  
Jeani Spencer (Mili Collins)  
Mark & Mary Spoeneman (Bernie Preyna)  
Lizbeth Stevens (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)  
Betty Tillman (Mili Collins)  
**Dan White** (David Armond)  
Hazel Williams (Linda Brown)  
Kirsty Yearsley (Sherry Stranahan)

### Long Term Prayer List

#### Members

Mae Baker  
Marvin & Margaret Bruch  
Dorothy Parker  
Barbara Sanders

#### Relatives

Mary Brady, *mother of Kathy Roe*  
Sue Braswell, *aunt of Judy Bickers*  
James Dees, *father of Zane Dees*  
Greg Fox, *brother of Debbie Hart*  
James & Johnnie Kinchen, *parents 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)  
Ann Embry (Margie Vollenweider)  
Mary Marshall (Margaret Bruch)  
Chet Dreschel (Anghaarad Teague Dees)

### Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Don Thieme and Hanae Kanno  
Erica

Joy Trulock

Our Military Personnel

Missionaries

All Refugees

Victims of Terrorism

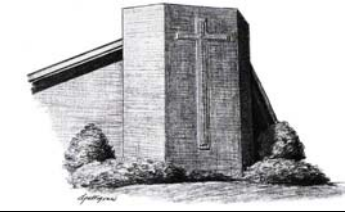
Those suffering the effects of recent hurricanes and wildfires

### We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .

to the family and friends of  
Matt Mashburn,  
who died recently,  
*requested by Debbie Hart.*

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**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
*Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**Communion Sunday**  
**5 November 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:

"Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wonderful works to humankind. For He satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry He fills with good things."  
~ Psalm 107:8-9

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**                                      Gondoliera                                      Franz Liszt

### The Lighting of the Candles

**Choral Introit**                                      Glory to God                                      David Paxton

**\*Processional Hymn No. 364**    I Sing a Song of the Saints of God    *Grand Isle*

### \*Call to Worship

We gather this morning to sing and pray as the family of God.

**Welcome to the house of the Lord!**

We gather to grow in God's Word and to share in God's Meal.

**Welcome to the house of the Lord!**

We gather as unique individuals, carrying joys and burdens we don't know how to share.

**Welcome to the house of the Lord!**

We gather, young and old, rich and poor, tired and full of energy.

**Welcome to the house of the Lord!**

We gather, not to stay here, but to go. To be sent with inspiration to serve all of God's world!

**Welcome to the house of the Lord! Let us Worship God together!**

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**You, O Lord, are the one who calls us to come and follow. Forgive our blindness to Your people in need, our deafness to Your creation groaning for relief, our hearts hardened against the new thing You are doing. Teach us to pray, teach us to listen, teach us to serve, teach us to follow You wherever You are going. Loving God, remind us that You already forgave our sin, and now call us to sin no more. Replace our fear with boldness and our anxiety with conviction. Help us be light in a world that has chosen darkness for too long.**

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

### Assurance of Forgiveness