

**Prayer of Confession**

**Creator of all, Lord of all, Owner of all;**  
**We confess to being more shrewd in getting ahead with earthly things than we are in handling heavenly things.**  
**We seek, for example, every opportunity to avoid taxes, but not every opportunity to avoid temptation.**  
**We eagerly pursue temporal happiness, but reluctantly engage spiritual discipline.**  
**We chase after personal ease, but shy away from personal sacrifice.**  
**Forgive us for the inordinate amount of time we spend on ourselves, and the relative pittance we devote to love of God and neighbor.**  
**We appeal for Your pardon in the name of Christ our savior.**

**Congregational Response No. 574** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us *Kyrie*  
(Silence for personal prayer)

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*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**

**New Testament Lesson** - I Thessalonians 5:1-11  
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** Sing Praise To God Lloyd Pfautsch

**Gospel Lesson** - Matthew 25:1-13  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon** Celebrating Gifts Pastor Hart

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Hymn No. 551** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come *St. George’s Windsor*

**Presentation of Stewardship Commitments for 2018**  
(Those who will may bring their 2018 Pledge Cards to lay on the Communion Table during the singing of this hymn)

**\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)** Apostles’ Creed (Traditional) Hymnal p.14

**Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors we thank You, God.  
**For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying we thank You, God.**  
For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement we thank You, God.  
**For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love we thank You, God.**

**THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY’S SERVICE**  
have been given to the glory of God  
by Linda Brown in loving memory of her husband, Millard,  
and in appreciation of Pastors Richard Hart, and Anghaarad Dees.

**Assisting In Worship Today**  
Richard Hart.....Minister  
Anghaarad Teague Dees.....Minister  
Paul Guilbeau.....Guest Conductor  
Edward Neeman..... Pianist  
Jan Hobson.....Lay Reader  
Kelly Wicks.....Usher Team  
Noelle Collins, Tyler Cross, Charlie Oliver  
  
Ruth Stonestreet.....Greeters  
Zane Dees  
  
Mickeala Mittelstadt.....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. 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

**Congregational Meeting This Sunday**  
The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** this **Sunday, November 19, 2017**, to be held in the Sanctuary at **12:00 noon** immediately after worship for the purpose of electing elders to serve on the Session in the Class of 2020.

**Session Committee Night**  
The Committees of the Session will meet this **Sunday, November 19**, at 6:00 p.m. *Please note this is one week earlier than usual.*

**Our Wednesday Schedule:**  
There **will not** be any Wednesday night activities due to the Thanksgiving Holiday on November 23, 2017

**Thursday Morning Bible Study**  
There will be **no** Thursday Bible Study on November 23, Thanksgiving Day. Enjoy your blessings.

**Pines Family Center Angel Christmas Tree**  
As is our custom, we are again “adopting” the families at the Pines Family Center to provide Christmas presents for the children and a gift card for the mothers. The display at the church is coming soon and you will have the opportunity to pick up one or more “angels” with the names and ages of the children. A limit of \$35.00 is suggested for each “angel.” The deadline for returning the gifts will be December 17, if you need more information please contact, Cathy Hoover.

**Handel’s “Messiah”**  
The Festival Chorus of Valdosta will present “Messiah” (Part 1) at First United Methodist Church in Valdosta on Sunday, **November 26, at 5:00 p.m.** Choir members from Trinity Presbyterian Church and other local congregations will participate in the performance. Trinity’s choir director, John Alan Gourdine, will conduct the singers, soloists, and members of the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra in this annual Advent presentation.

**Greening of the Church**  
It is time, once again, to Deck the Halls with boughs of holly. **November 26**, immediately following worship, we will need lots of helpers to get the Advent and Christmas decorations down from the attic, hands to fluff garland and bows, and decorators to help trim the Chrismon Tree. The children will decorate the tree in the Fellowship Hall and are encouraged to bring a new ornament, to add to our growing collection. It is lots of fun getting our building ready for the holiday season...don’t miss out!

**It’s Time To Ring The Bells**  
The time is here for us to help the Salvation Army. Trinity is signed up to ring the bell at the Food Court Entrance of the Valdosta Mall for the four Tuesdays before Christmas. **November 28, December 5, 12, and 19**, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are posted on the office windows. Please help us fill these one-hour slots as soon as possible!

**Poinsettias for Sale**  
This holiday season, Trinity Youth and Children will be offering the opportunity to place poinsettias in the church, to honor or remember loved ones and to spread Christmas cheer. Three color options are available - red, white, and red/white varigated. This is a fund-raiser for youth ministry. Flowers may be taken home on Christmas Eve.  
Plants are \$15.00 each. Initial orders are due by November 21, but plants may be available until December 13. Checks should be made payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and marked “poinsettia project.” For more information please ask Annalee Bickers, Linda Brown, or Pastor Dees.

For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures we thank You, God.

**For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies we thank You, God.**

For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows we thank You, God.

**For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing we thank You, God.**

For Your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger we thank You, God.

**For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord we praise You, God.**

For Your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship we praise You, God.

**Above all, O God, for Your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him, we thank and praise You, Eternal God for all Your goodness to us.**

Great God, our Father, You hear our prayers before we speak and answer even before we know our need. Hear the prayers of Your people in intercession for others.

**We pray for the whole creation; may all thing work together for good, until, by Your design, the meek inherit the earth. Let the whole creation praise You, O Lord.**

We pray for the Church of Jesus Christ; that, begun, maintained, and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it may be true, engaging, joyful, and active doing Your will. Let the Church always be faithful, O God.

**We pray for peace in the world, that old and smoldering hate may be quenched, and goodwill may prevail among all nations. Bring peace on earth, O God.**

We pray for men and women who must go to war. Give them courage, alertness and comfort. Guard well those who would be brave, O Lord.

**We pray for those who are poor and hungry, homeless and friendless. May they find the resources they need for a good life, O God.**

We pray for the sick and suffering who cry out silently for healing; may they be patient, trusting in Your power to save, O Lord.

**O God, having received Your abundant and gracious gifts, grant that we may be a blessing to many. In the name of Christ, who prays with us and for us, and who teaches us still to pray, Our Father...**

### Call to Offering

**Offertory** Theme from Etude in E minor Frédéric Chopin

**\*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

**\*Choral Dismissal** A Parting Blessing John Leavitt

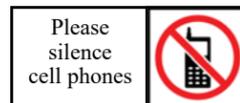
**\*Recessional Hymn No. 155** Rejoice, the Lord Is King Darwall's 148th

### \*Benediction

**\*Passing The Peace of Christ**

**\*Postlude** Barcarolle (part 3) Frédéric Chopin

\*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  
Marie Hill  
Bryan Singer  
Frank Stoddard  
Nellie Stoddard

### 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)

Susan Butenschon (Nita Cross)  
Kathy Butterbaugh (Debbie Radabaugh)  
Michael Capece (Jeff Bickers)  
**Frank Chandler** (Mili Collins)  
Sara Chang (Kathy Roe)  
Rebecca Christopholi (Sherry Stranahan)  
Jessica Clark (Kathy Roe)  
Nikolas Conley (Libby Bickers)  
Tom Conner (Libby Bickers)  
**Dawn Curtis** (Debbie Hart)  
Ben Davis (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)  
**Darius Nelson Family** (Leonard Mittelstadt)  
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)  
Markeida Williams (Richard Hart)

### Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Bob and Candy Wakefield  
Eddie and Brooke Webb  
J. T.

### Our Military Personnel

Missionaries  
All Refugees  
Victims of Terrorism  
Those suffering the effects of recent hurricanes and wildfires  
Those who are suffering and grieving in Sutherland Springs, Texas

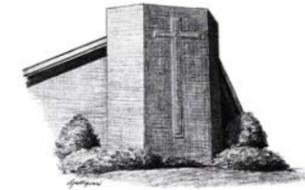
### We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .

to the family and friends of Ronnie Alligood, who died recently, *requested by Jackie Wright,*  
and to the family and friends of Bobbie Godwin, who died recently, *requested by Frank Kilgard*

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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

*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Stewardship Dedication Sunday*

*19 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 the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. ~ Colossians 3:15-17

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** Awake, the Voice Commands Arr. Ferruccio Busoni

### The Lighting of the Candles

**Choral Introit** Glory to God David Paxton

**\*Processional Hymn No. 554** Let All Things Now Living Ash Grove

**\*Call to Worship** – from Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God. It is He that made us and not we ourselves.

We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

**Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.**

Give thanks to Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good.

**His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Let us worship God!

**The Lord's name be praised!**

### Call to Confession