

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Response to Grace No. 567**

*Gloria Patri*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**New Testament Lesson – Acts 10:34-43**

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 Bulletin from the Ushers.)

**Anthem**

Lift Your Voice and Sing

Arr. Mary McDonald

*Please join the Choir in singing the last verse of Hymn No. 150 when directed.*

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

**Gospel Lesson – Mark 16:1-8**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**

Tell the Story!

Pastor Dees

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Hymn No.** (see insert)

I Love to Tell the Story

*Hankey*

**\*Unison Easter Affirmation - from The Scot’s Confession**

We undoubtedly believe, since it was impossible that the sorrows of death should retain in bondage the Author of life, that our Lord Jesus crucified, dead, and buried, who descended into hell, did rise again for our justification, and the destruction of Him who was the author of death and its bondage. We know that His resurrection was confirmed by the testimony of His enemies, and by the resurrection of the dead, whose sepulchers did open, and they did rise and appear to many within the city of Jerusalem. It was also confirmed by the testimony of His angels, and by the senses and judgment of His apostles and of others, who had conversation, and did eat and drink with Him after His resurrection.

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

Sarabande

William Gillock

**\*Doxology**

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

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

**Invitation to the Table**

Luke wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples, took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

**In company with all believers in every time and place, and beyond all time and place, we come to this table, to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.**

**THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY’S SERVICE**

have been given to the glory of God,  
by Bryan and Jackie Wright,  
in celebration of the birthdays of  
their daughters, Danielle McKneely and Melanie George.

**Assisting In Worship Today**

- Anghaarad Teague Dees.....Minister
- Richard Hart.....Minister
- John-Alan Gourdine.....Director of Music
- Stephanie Neeman.....Guest Pianist
- Denise Dupras.....Lay Reader
- Eddie Webb.....Usher Team
- Brian Preyna, Ruth Stonestreet
- Marcie Swank.....Greeters
- Bob Wakefield, Candy Wakefield
- Sherry Stranahan
- Annalee Bickers.....Acolyte

**TRINITY ELDERS**

**Class of 2018**

- Jeff Bickers
- Frank Kilgard
- Marcie Swank
- Brooke Webb
- Bryan Wright

**Class of 2019**

- Bill Bickers
- Nita Cross
- Brian Preyna
- Debbie Radabaugh
- Ruth Stonestreet

**Class of 2020**

- Charlie Oliver
- Bernie Preyna
- Beth Reid
- Kelly Wicks
- Grant Wright

**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
- Mr. Paul Guilbeau.....Director of Chancel Handbells
- Mr. Bryan Wright.....Administrative Assistant
- Miss Kendra Beasley, Miss Makinsey Rosser.....Choir Interns
- Mr. Zackary Serrott

**These Days Devotional Booklets**

*These Days* Devotional Booklets are available in the atrium. These booklets are published by our denomination, The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and are provided at no charge by Trinity’s Worship Committee. This issue begins today, **April 1**. Be sure to pick up your copy.

The Church Office will be **closed Monday, April 2, 2018** in celebration of Easter. The Trinity Food Pantry will be open from 10:00 AM—Noon.

**Our Wednesday Schedule:**

For Wednesday, **April 4**

There **will not** be any Wednesday night activities on **April 4**, due to Lowndes and Valdosta School systems’ Spring Break. Join us when we resume on April 11, 2018.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Thursday Morning Bible resumes on **Thursday, April 5, 2018**. We begin a new study that day at 11:00 AM .The group will be reading excerpts from the **Book of Job**, along with a book by **Rabbi Harold Kushner, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People***. In preparation for April 5, participants are urged to read Job 1:1 -2:13 and 42:7-17. In addition, in Kushner's book, read “Introduction: Why I Wrote This Book,” and chapter 2 of the book, the title of which is “The Story of a Man Named Job.” Copies of the book are available from Pastor Hart.

**Noisy Offering**

**Next Sunday, April 8, 2018**, the children will be collecting the “Noisy Offering” during the Children’s Message. Please remember to bring your spare change to help with our Food Pantry purchases.

**Bridal Tea Party for Miranda Cross**

**Sunday, April 8, 2018, 2-4 PM**

RSVP to Kelly Wicks 229-269-5955 or [Kelly\\_wicks@yahoo.com](mailto:Kelly_wicks@yahoo.com)  
Registered at *Bed, Bath, & Beyond - Belk - Target*

**Stated Session Meeting**

The Stated Session meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, **April 8, 2018**, at 4:30 PM. Please contact one of the pastors, or Bryan Wright if you cannot attend.

**Care Share Committee Adopts Modified Procedures for**

**"Take-Them-A-Meal"**

The Care Share Committee would like to determine who in the congregation is willing to assist with meals for individuals and families of our church experiencing a crisis, especially serious illness or hospitalization. We are asking those willing to do so to let us know by signing up at Trinity or calling the Church Office to be put on the list. Once the list is generated, notification of the need for meals will be sent only to that group of willing individuals. Please sign up right away if you are willing to help. For more information please contact Care Share Elders Ruth Stonestreet or Bernie Preyna, any member of the Committee, or one of the Pastors.

## 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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God, Creator and Ruler of the universes. At Your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all Your creatures to love and serve You. When we were unfaithful, You kept faith with us, Your love remained steadfast. You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh You lived among us, manifesting Your glory.

**He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, whom You sent to save us. By Your power He broke free from the prison of death, and at His command the gates of hell were opened. The One who was dead now lives. The One who humbled Himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne. The One ascended on high is with us always, as He promised.

**Remembering all Your mighty and merciful acts we bless the bread that gives itself to us, with its terrible weight, an infinite grace. We bless the cup poured out for us with a love that drenches, and makes us anew.**

As we gather around these gifts simply given and deeply blessed, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. May we go bearing the bread, carrying the cup, laying the table within a hungry world, faithful in Your service until Christ comes in final victory. Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## The Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

### Prayer After Communion

**We are Your Easter people, Holy One. Doubters, saints, sinners, questioners, spiritual and religious, who skip, run, and stumble on the journey. We pray that whoever we are on this journey You might open our ears and our eyes to Your call, to be Your love wherever we are. We have rested in the depth of Your love; we have tasted Your nourishing presence and together at this table You have offered us life. Together, by Your grace, we accept the life You offer and we give You thanks. Amen.**

\***Recessional Hymn No. 118**      The Day of Resurrection      *Lancashire*

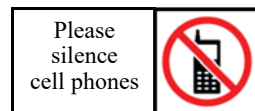
\***Benediction**

\***Choral Response**      Hallelujah Chorus - from Messiah      George F. Handel

\***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

**Barbara Aiken**

**Sonja Guilbeau**

Beverly Peters

Bryan Singer

Frank & Nellie Stoddard

**Bob and Candy Wakefield**

Barnes Walker

### Relatives

Virginia Beckham, *mother of Libby Bickers*

Dennis Dibble, *uncle of Leonard Mittelstadt*

Chester Dubberley, *brother of Winnie Dooly*

Nancy Guilbeau, *mother of Paul Guilbeau*

Bill Hayes, *brother of Barbara Bradley*

Lori Payne, *niece of Bernie Preyna*

Robert Earl Pennington, *relative of Beverly Peters*

Tammy Radabaugh, *niece of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh*

Annabell Roper, *niece of Anghaarad Dees*

Richard Ross, *son-in-law of Mark & Karen Ferguson*

Joann Thompson, *mother of Judy Bickers*

Denice Vickery, *daughter of Linda Brown*

Kay Ward, *mother of Jerri Radabaugh*

### Friends (contact person)

Crystal Anderson (Debbie Hart)

Joe Boyles (Debbie Hart)

Darryl Brown (Charlie Oliver)

Frank Chandler (Mili Collins)

Sara Chang (Kathy Roe)

Eric Clark (Grant Wright)

**Jill Crace** (Eddie Webb)

Jim Crawford (Debbie Hart)

Joseph Curl (Charlie Oliver)

Riley Davis & family (Annalee Bickers)

Helen Hastings (Mili Collins)

Buddy House (Chris & John Roan)

Brian Russell Johns (Bernie Preyna)

Wendy Jowers (Catherine Loveday)

Travis Leggette (Eddie Webb)

Barbara Lewis (Richard Hart)

Holly Lustfeldt (Libby Bickers)

Diana Gardner McConnel (Jan Hobson)

Wanda Morgan (Ray Josey)

Darius Nelson Family (Leonard Mittelstadt)

Jack Oliver (Zane Dees)

Patricia Parrish (Paulette Butts)

Sarah Penn (Andrea Micklon)

Ward Porch (Anghaarad Dees)

Fred Quinn (Chris Roan)

Catherine Raynor (Beverly Peters)

Leo Santos (Jan Hobson)

Ferrell & Penny Sellers (Judy Bickers)

Desiree Shields (Jansom Butts)

Jean Snyder (Linda Brown)

Kim Stokes (Winnie Dooly)

Beth Suber (Libby Bickers)

Tim Tart (Zane Dees)

Dean Winters (Kathy Roe)

Anita Woods (Jeff Bickers)

### Long Term Prayer List

#### Members

Mae Baker

Mary Beckett

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*

Janet Gulik, *sister of Debbie Radabaugh*

Diane Haines, *mother of Leonard Mittelstadt*

James & Johnnie Kinchen, *parents of Jackie Wright*

J. W. & Delores Oorlog, *parents of Linda Reinhard*

John Radabaugh, *brother of Bob Radabaugh*

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

Mark and Karen Ferguson

Molly and James Ferrier

Lucy

Our Military Personnel

Missionaries

Victims of, and all those affected by, recent school shootings - Parkland, Florida and others.

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## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Easter Sunday*

*1 April 2018*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### Silent Meditation

In the light of the cross, the alternative is anything but hopelessness. On the contrary! There is every scriptural indication that we are called to change who we are into the kingdom of God. Where change is possible, new resurrections loom!  
Ann Weems (Kneeling in Jerusalem)

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**    Von Freden Länden und Menschen Op 15 No. 1    Robert Schumann

#### The Lighting of the Candles

**Choral Introit**                      The Resurrection of Our Lord                      Jerry Blersch

\***Processional Hymn No. 123**      Jesus Christ Is Risen Today      *Easter Hymn*

#### \*Easter Proclamation

This is the good news which we proclaim:

**Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

May we walk in the light of His love.

**Live in the light of His teachings and healing mercies.**

Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

**Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord!**

Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!**

#### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Christ, we come to the empty tomb, we see our own death, we see our own tomb, we see our own emptiness. And we remember how we have treated other people—members of our family, friends, and neighbors.**

**We come to the empty tomb, we see a hungry world before us, the pain of starving children, the guilt of war on our hands and we know that collectively we share in these injustices.**

**We come to the empty tomb and we search within ourselves and we cannot escape what we are, people caught up in the pain of our own wrong doing.**

**We come to the empty tomb with a deep sense of frustration of what we would be, but are not and we lay before You our pain, our emptiness, and our hopeful longing.**

**Help us not to dwell on our wounds any longer, but in the assurance that Christ has risen to forgive us and free us from the pain of sin and death.**

**Congregational Response No. 573**      Lord, Have Mercy      *Kyrie*  
(Silence for personal prayer)