

**Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, we claim to love You and yet we have not loved others as we love ourselves. We hoard our resources and aren't good stewards of what You have given us. We are selfish and short-sighted, seeking our own gain over the needs around us. Our world languishes under the weight of our waste and pollution...we all share responsibility in caring for Your creation and yet we fall short. We need to work together to clean our oceans, reduce our emissions and work to prevent environmental calamity. Creator God, help us to be loving people who feed the hungry, fight for justice, and care for creation. Your love for us became known to us in a new way through Christ's resurrection. May that same love burn in us so bright that we give our lives to You in the ways we love one another and care for the earth. We pray in the name of Christ...

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

**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**

**Gospel Lesson** – John 10:11-18  
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** My Life Flows On In Endless Song Arr. Paul Guilbeau  
*Chancel Ringers - Gracee Myers, Oboe, - Chancel Choir*

**New Testament Lesson** – 1 John 3:16-24  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon** Love is a Verb Pastor Dees

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Hymn No. 387** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us *Bradbury*

**\*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."

**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.

**THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE**  
have been given to the glory of God  
by Jim and Julie Reffel and family,  
in loving memory of,  
Suzanne "Mim" Jewett.

**Assisting In Worship Today**  
Richard Hart.....Minister  
John-Alan Gourdine.....Director of Music  
Donna Farwell.....Guest Pianist  
Gracee Myers.....Oboe  
Bill Wicks.....Lay Reader  
Guy Oliver.....Usher Team  
Bill Bickers, Roberta Boyd  
John Roan, Ann Smith  
Bryan Wright.....Greeters  
Jackie Wright, Melanie George  
Mickeala Mittelstadt.....Acolyte

**Trinity Chancel Ringers**  
Paul Guilbeau - Director  
Martha Bennett John-Alan Gourdine  
Kendra Beasley Zackary Serrott  
Mili Collins Brooke Webb  
Winnie Dooly Kelly Wicks  
Denise Dupras Bryan Wright

**TRINITY ELDERS**

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Jeff Bickers	Bill Bickers	Charlie Oliver
Frank Kilgard	Nita Cross	Bernie Preyna
Marcie Swank	Brian Preyna	Beth Reid
Brooke Webb	Debbie Radabaugh	Kelly Wicks
Bryan Wright	Ruth Stonestreet	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

**Session Committees** meet this afternoon, **April 22** at 1:00 p.m. Elders will meet at 12:30 p.m. to prepare agendas for Committee Meetings. Committee members are encouraged to bring a lunch and eat together in the Fellowship Hall prior to the meetings.

**Our Wednesday Schedule:**  
For Wednesday, **April 25, 2018**  
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  
SMASH for Youth  
Supper will be provided by Lyle McGhin's cooking team. The menu will include baked spaghetti. 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.**

**Thursday Morning Bible Study**  
Thursday Morning Bible Study meets on **April 26, 2018**. We continue a study at 11:00 a.m. reading excerpts from the **Book of Job**, along with a book by **Rabbi Harold Kushner, When Bad Things Happen to Good People**. Copies of the book are available from Pastor Hart.

**First Presbyterian, Valdosta, Sponsors Day Retreat**  
"Turn Down the Volume" is the theme for a day retreat scheduled for Saturday, April 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Retreat leaders will help participants explore ways to thrive emotionally, financially, and spiritually in a frenetic, fast-paced world of ever-present communication. They are Ms. Sherry Tierney, Licensed Master Social Worker; Dr. Elvan Aktas, Professor of Finance at VSU; and Dr. Glenda Hollingshead, Pastor at First Presbyterian. Brochures with more information are available at Trinity, or you may call First Presbyterian at 242-8376.

**Care Share Committee Adopts Modified Procedures for "Take-Them-A-Meal"**  
We are encouraging teams of church members to go in together in providing a meal to those who have come home from a hospital stay or are otherwise experiencing some crisis. Voluntarily 2 to 4 folks could work together to provide a single meal. Those willing to help with Take-Them-A-Meal are encouraged to find one or more partners with whom to work and put your name on the list to be notified when a need arises. Individuals may also sign up if willing to do a meal by oneself.  
A sign-up sheet will be available at Trinity to indicate your willingness to help. You may also call the church office, 242-3468, or contact one of the Pastors.

**Trinity Chancel Choir to Present John Rutter's Requiem**  
On Communion Sunday, May 6, 2018, our Liturgy for the Lord's Supper will be led by the Chancel Choir presenting John Rutter's *Requiem*. It is a musical setting of parts of the Latin *Requiem* with added psalms and biblical verses in English. Texts include the Psalm 23, "The Lord is My Shepherd" and "Out of the Depths," Psalm 130. This will be an inspirational and deeply spiritual service of worship and celebration of communion. Mark your calendar and plan now to be in worship. Tell your friends and invite them to attend church with you that day.

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** He's Got the Whole World in His Hands J. D. Frizzell  
*Chancel Ringers*

**\*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**

**\*Choral Dismissal** God Be With You Until We Meet Again *Randolph*

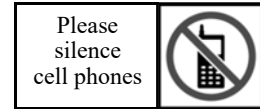
**\*Recessional Hymn No. 379** My Hope is Built on Nothing Less *Solid Rock*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Passing The Peace of Christ**

**\*Postlude** Ring A Them Bells Michael E. Akers  
*Chancel Ringers*

\*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  
Beverly Peters  
Bryan Singer  
Frank & Nellie Stoddard  
Bob and Candy Wakefield  
Barnes Walker

**Relatives**

Virginia Beckham, *mother of Libby Bickers*  
Margie Brown, *aunt of Eddie Webb*  
Dennis Dibble, *uncle of Leonard Mittelstadt*  
Chester Dubberley, *brother of Winnie Dooly*  
Billy Garrett, *cousin of Anna-Marie Schaer*  
Nancy Guilbeau, *mother of Paul Guilbeau*  
Bill Hayes, *brother of Barbara Bradley*  
Robert Earl Pennington, *relative of Beverly Peters*  
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)**

Joe Boyles (Debbie Hart)  
Darryl Brown (Charlie Oliver)  
Frank Chandler (Mili Collins)  
Sara Chang (Kathy Roe)  
Eric Clark (Grant Wright)  
Pat Coley (Marcie Swank)  
Jill Crace (Eddie Webb)  
Riley Davis & family (Annalee Bickers)  
Donna Delaney (Charlie Oliver)  
Helen Hastings (Mili Collins)  
Buddy House (Chris & John Roan)  
Brian Russell Johns (Bernie Preyna)  
Wendy Jowers (Catherine Loveday)

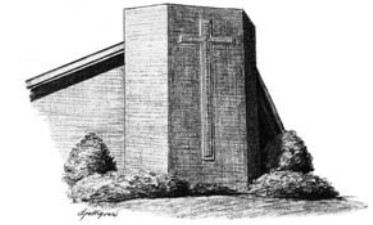
Riley Kendall (Leonard Mittelstadt)  
Connie Kendrick (Marcie Swank)  
Travis Leggett (Eddie Webb)  
Holly Lustfeldt (Libby Bickers)  
Diana Gardner McConnel (Jan Hobson)  
Wanda Morgan (Ray Josey)  
Darius Nelson Family (Leonard Mittelstadt)  
Jack Oliver (Zane Dees)  
Patricia Parrish (Paulette Butts)  
Sarah Penn (Andrea Micklon)  
Ward Porch (Anghaarad Dees)  
Fred Quinn (Chris Roan)  
Catherine Raynor (Beverly Peters)  
**Marcia Robbins** (Chris Roan)  
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)

**Members Remembered in Prayer This Week**  
Paul and Sonja Guilbeau  
Richard and Debbie Hart  
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Our Military Personnel  
Missionaries  
Victims of, and all those affected by, recent school shootings - Parkland, Florida and others.

**We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .**  
to  
the family and friends of  
Annie Jousma,  
who died recently,  
requested by Grant Wright,  
  
and to  
Janice Baker and Family  
on the death of her mother,  
Jo Ann Wiley Price.

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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**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**22 April 2018**

**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:**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. ~ Psalm 23:6

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** Joyful Praise Susan Geschke  
*Chancel Ringers*

**The Lighting of the Candles**

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

**\*Processional Hymn No. 171** *St. Columbia*  
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

**\*Call to Worship**

Come, O Spirit dwell among us  
**Give us words to praise the Triune God!**  
Come, O Spirit dwell among us  
**We raise our alleluias!**  
We are built upon a firm foundation  
**Jesus Christ the Cornerstone!**  
Come, O Spirit dwell among us  
**We are called to mission that God's love shall be made known! Alleluia!**

**Call to Confession**