
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 15, 2024 + 11:00 am Worship

As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation and preparation for worship.

*+ Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in bold.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Aria

Flor Peters

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebekah LeMon

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Proverbs 1)

One: Wisdom cries out in the streets.

All: We hear, but often struggle to understand.

One: Come and listen to the words of life and love.

All: We hear, and we proclaim again our faith in the one who gives us life.

One: Let us worship the God of wisdom and love together.

+OPENING HYMN

#12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

+CALL TO CONFESSION

Emily Beaver

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, in our day-to-day lives, we are trying pretty hard. We deal with difficult relationships and situations, we try to move past the mundane disappointments we face, and we try to start each day with gratitude and goodwill toward others. But we fall short, again and again. We often feel that we are missing the right answers, yet we seldom seek your wisdom or change our behavior because of your Word. We just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Forgive us for being governed by what is fast and easy. Forgive us for allowing our mistakes to become habits, for being unkind in big and small ways. Forgive our tongues for their harsh words, their thoughtless words, and their hypocrisy. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace.

(silence for personal prayers of confession)

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with forgiveness and renewed blessing. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

SLANE

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

(tune may be found as Hymn #450)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 1:20-22, 29-32

(pew Bible, OT p. 584-585)

ANTHEM

K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee. And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me know thy truth to see, I would be like thee. And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear, and, with actions sisterly, speak Christ's sincerity. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee. 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 3:1-12

(pew Bible, NT p. 230)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon

*The Book of James:
Holding Our Tongues*

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Confession of 1967*)

Tom Farmer

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

+AFFIRMATION RESPONSE

O WALY WALY

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass and hopeless gain.

(may be found as stanza 1 of Hymn #693)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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 GIVE

OFFERTORY

Malcolm Archer

Eternal Light

Eternal light, shine into our hearts, eternal goodness, deliver us from evil, eternal power, be our support, eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal pity, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us; that with all our heart and mind and strength we may seek thy face, and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+CLOSING HYMN

#722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

John Stanley

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in G, BWV 541

Johann Sebastian Bach

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon
Senior Pastor

Rev. Emily Beaver
*Associate Pastor for
Family Ministries*

Rev. Tom Farmer
*Parish Associate for Pastoral
Care & Senior Adult Ministries*

Emma & Juliette Baker
Acolytes

MUSICIANS

Anne-Marie Spalinger, *soprano*

The Chancel Choir of Trinity Church

Norman Mackenzie, *Organist and
Director of Music and Arts*

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Kip Lynch and Sally Mefford to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Ken and Peggy Lynch.

WELCOME

Welcome to Trinity. We are glad you are here.

Children and Worship

Children are always welcome in worship at Trinity! There are activity bags and children's books available at each entrance for children to use during worship, and there are children's Bibles in each pew. If you would prefer to have childcare, it is available for children from birth through pre-K in the following rooms:

Infants and One-Year-Olds D102

Two-Year-Olds – Pre-K (4 year olds) D106

Prayer Requests

If you are going through a difficult time, we would like to know how best to support you. To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, or if you need pastoral care after hours, reach out to any pastor at the addresses on the back of the bulletin or call 404-237-6491.

Counseling

Trinity has affiliate relationships with the following for private counseling: Morgan DiOrio, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Children, Adolescents and Families (678-935-6472), Christi Bartolomucci, Clinical Director of Atlanta Innovative Counseling Center, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Adults (770-293-1950 ext. 210), Elizabeth Earhart, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Adults (404-631-7934). Contact a pastor for more information and referral assistance.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are laity, trained and committed to providing fully confidential, one-to-one, Christian caregiving and support to those experiencing difficult times. To make an inquiry for, or about Stephen Ministry, please contact one of the pastors or email us at: stephenminister@trinityatlanta.org; Cindy Stancil at cindy.stancil@comcast.net or Scott Calhoun at sdc@hpsslaw.com.

Livestream

We livestream our worship services and provide online playback on demand. We also take videos and photos from time to time in the church (interior and exterior). With your presence, you grant Trinity Presbyterian Church unrestricted rights to use and publish, transmit or telecast your image or likeness in communications related to the church. If you prefer to sit outside camera range during the service, please speak with an usher.

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