

Reflection

“One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.”
-Psalm 27:4

ENTERING GOD’S PRESENCE

Doxology

*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.*

Call to Worship

Psalm 28:8

The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Let us gaze upon his beauty and worship him in holiness.

Kids: Isn't it amazing that the God who made the whole world invites us to enter into his presence and share in his love as we worship him today!

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

O God Beyond All Praising #660

Responsive Praise

Isaiah 40

Leader: Behold your God!

People: Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;

Leader: behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

People: He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Leader: Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales;

People: To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

Leader: The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

ALL: Amen!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go #708 (Alternate Tune)

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise

Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Amen

Song of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast

*1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold - through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

*2. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

*3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

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RENEWING OUR FAITH

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 112

Leader: What is God's will for us in the ninth commandment?

People: That I never give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone rashly or without a hearing. Rather, in court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind; these are the very devices the devil uses, and they would call down on me God's intense wrath. I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it. And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor's good name. Amen.

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2:18-25

Pete Sullivan, Deacon
Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Amen!

Psalm of Lament

Psalm 120 (Tune: Amazing Grace)

*1. I cried in trouble to the Lord,
And He has answered me.
From lying lips and crafty
tongue,
O Lord, my soul set free.*

*2. What shall be given you, False
tongue?
What added to your doom?
Sharp arrows of a mighty man,
And redhot coals of broom.*

*3. Alas for me, that I sojourn
So long in Meshech's land,
That I have made my dwelling
where
The tents of Kedar stand!*

*4. Too long my soul has made its
home
With those who peace abhor.
I am for peace, but when I speak
They ready are for war*

Children in K5 through 1st grade may be dismissed for Children's Worship at this time. This is optional. Children are welcome to remain with their parents during the sermon. The children will study the same passage as the sermon, so your family can to discuss the passage together after church if you wish.
Please pick up your children in the classrooms downstairs promptly after service.

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Stephen J. Casselli, Ph.D., Senior Minister

Psalm 120 ~ They Are For War
(Pew Bible p. 516)

RESPONDING IN THANKS

Collection of Offering

Closing Hymn

From the Breaking of the Dawn (Every Promise)

*1. From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure,
And on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.*

*2. When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Guilt to innocence restored,
You remember sins no more—
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.*

*3. When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice,
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with Your hand
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
And You've promised to complete
Ev'ry work begun in me—
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.*

*4. Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
Grace for all who will believe—
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.*

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Benediction

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our Visitors! We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Please help us greet you by completing the Welcome Card (located in the pew pockets) and placing it in the offering plate. We would love to have you join us in the Courtyard for coffee and donuts after the service.

Middle school & High school Small Group-Meets tonight at 5:45 pm at the Wilsons' home (4318 W. Azelee St., 33609) for dinner and sermon discussion. All are welcome!

Guest Speaker at Evening Prayer Meeting-TONIGHT at 6 pm Dr. G. Wright Doyle, noted China scholar, author, missionary, seminary professor, and founder/director of The Global China Center will be sharing with us about the current state of Christianity and work of the church in China. You will not want to miss this! All are encouraged to attend.

Women's Bible Study-resumes **THIS Tuesday, January 16th!**

Morning class begins at **10 am in the prayer room** (childcare provided).

Evening class begins at **7 pm at Gretchen Hall's house** (3614 W. Jetton Ave., Tampa, FL 33629). Note the church website for more details.

Children's Gasparilla Parade & Cookout-NEXT Saturday, January 20th at Rosemary Henderson's house (2001 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa 33606) starting at **3:30 pm**. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity so **please invite friends** and come spend a fun afternoon with your church family **regardless of your age!** It **takes a lot of volunteers** to help put the event on so please consider helping with food, setup, cleanup, grilling or serving on our outreach team. Please direct **questions to David Kronenfeld** davidkronenfeld@gmail.com.

Wedding Shower for Allison Wise-All ladies are invited to join us for a wedding shower as we rejoice with Allison on her recent marriage to Jeff Lau—mark you calendars for Saturday, Feb. 3rd at 10:30 am in the Annex and please rsvp to Ginny Parsley (ginnyparsley@gmail.com). Allison is registered at Crate & Barrel.

SAVE the Date! -Third Annual Church-wide Picnic-Sunday, February 18th at Picnic Island Park. Fun for all ages!



What new portion of Scripture are we going to be studying together?

I. What is the "distress" of the Psalmist here?

Can you give an example from your own life?

II. What is the first thing he does with his distress? see v. 1

III. What is the second thing he does with his distress? see v. 3,4

IV. What is the last thing he does in his distress?

WELCOME

HOLY TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and exists to proclaim the gospel and make disciples to the glory of the triune God.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. We invite you to join us for coffee, juice, and donuts in the courtyard, or in the fellowship hall, immediately following the morning worship service.

Let us know how we may pray for you. Fill out a prayer request card, found in the pews, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. The officers of the church and a small prayer group will confidentially pray for these requests.

We welcome the participation of children in our worship service. This is their time to hear from God's Word and praise him. Childcare is also available downstairs:

- Age 0-4: childcare available during the entire service (bottom floor)
- K5-1st Grade: dismissed to Children's Worship before the sermon

MEETING TIMES

Sundays: 9:15 am.....Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 am.....Morning Worship Service
 6:00 pmEvening Prayer, Covenant Kids class,
 High School & Middle School studies

Nursery and childcare are provide for all above Sunday activities

Small Groups meet at various times for prayer and fellowship in members' homes. See our website for details, hollytrinitypca.org.

Thursdays @ 5:30 pm. Neighborhood Outreach Dinner. We prepare and serve a meal for those in need from the community. More details on website.

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