

# Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship, February 17, 2008

## Quiet Preparation for Worship

*Please take time before the service to compose your heart for worship. You have come into the house of God, a harbor from storms, a safe haven from conflict, a place of rest for weary souls. Cast aside the concerns of your everyday life, and find relief here.*

## Welcome and Announcements

Mr. Cal Beisner

## Musical Prelude

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, #529*

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. —1 John 3:1-3

## \*God Calls His People to Worship

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise in the assembly of saints. Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. —Psalm 149:1-2

## \*Prayer of Invocation

Mr. Cal Beisner

## God's People Respond in Worship

## \*Hymn

Come, We That Love the Lord, #700

## \*Prayer of Adoration

Mr. Cal Beisner

## \*Responsive Reading

Psalm 5, *Trinity Hymnal*, p. 786

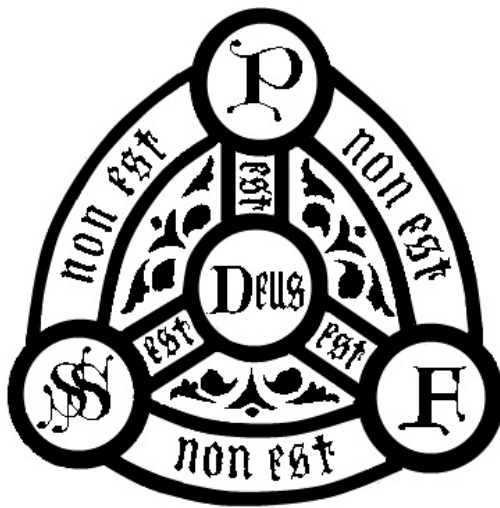
## God Declares His Law and Calls His People to Repentance

The Sixth Commandment:

You shall not murder.

—Exodus 20:13

In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, not as Cain who was of the



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“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.  
Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me,  
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11:28-29

wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. —1 John 3:10-15

### **God's People Respond by Confessing Their Sins**

#### **Corporate Confession**

Lord Jesus, Prince of Life, You are the perfection of love, You who gave Your life for us when we were still dead in trespasses and sins. In Your death You gave us life, and called us to love You and give our lives to You by living in love for all those for whom You died. Yet every day we fail to obey Your commandment and calling. We are loveless people, self-willed and self-serving, quick to anger and slow to forgive, even in the face of all that You have done for us. We murder in our hearts and we kill with our tongues, and our actions show how little we esteem Your love and the price You paid on our behalf. But we thank You, for though we have nothing to deserve or lay claim on Your love, You have laid claim on us, and deserve our love. Forgive our sins and transform our hearts, make us daily more and more aware of our debt of gratitude, and teach us to live, not in murderous passion, but in gentle humility. Help us to reflect our Lord, that men may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven. Help us to take up our cross and follow You in laying down our lives for the brethren, that we on earth may show, by our love, how much we owe.

#### **Private Confession**

### **God Assures His People of Their Pardon**

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. —1 John 3:16-21

### **God's People Respond in Praise**

**Hymn** What Wondrous Love Is This, #261

### **God Declares His Word**

**Old Testament Reading** Genesis 15

**New Testament Reading** Matthew 11:20-30

### **God's People Respond by Confessing Their Faith**

**\*The Apostles' Creed** *Trinity Hymnal*, p. 845

**\*Hymn** The Church's One Foundation, #347

### **God Calls His People to Prayer**

And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

—1 John 3:22-23

### **God's People Respond by Presenting Their Petitions to Him**

**Pastoral Prayer** Mr. Cal Beisner

### **God Instructs His People Through His Word**

**\*Reading of the Scriptures** 1 Peter 2:1-10

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** You Are God's People Rev. Doug Watson

### **God's People Respond in Thanksgiving**

#### **with Tithes, Offerings, and Praises**

**\*Hymn** We Are God's People, #355

**Offertory** *Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand*, #351

**\*Gloria Patri** *Trinity Hymnal*, #735

### **God Exhorts His People**

But prove yourselves doers of the word,

and not merely hearers who delude themselves. (James 1:22)

**\*Benediction**

**Silent Prayer**

**Musical Postlude** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, #529