

Why do we confess our sins?

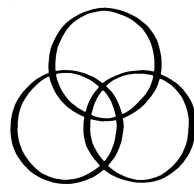
Being called into the presence of a perfectly righteous and holy God makes us painfully aware of our own sinfulness and guilt. We think of the prophet Isaiah who cried out: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" (Isaiah 6:5, compare Revelation 1:17).

God made a way for the people of Israel to approach Him through sacrifice. The first sacrifice was the *sin offering* or *purification offering* (Lev. 9:7,15; 2 Chr. 29:21). This sacrifice dealt with the sin in a worshipper's life at the very beginning of the service, so that he could continue to approach God knowing the penalty for his sin had been paid by the animal who died in his place. We still approach God on the basis of a sacrifice. But in our case that sacrifice was the crucifixion of Christ. His sacrifice on our behalf has dealt with our sin once and for all (Heb. 7:27, 9:12, 10:10).

The importance of confessing sins is taught throughout the Scriptures. Many of these passages appear in our worship service as the "Call to Confession," reminding us not only of the need to confess, but of God's promise to forgive us if we do. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (John 1:8).

We confess our individual sins silently to God. But because we are one body in Christ we also join our voices in a corporate confession of sin. These traditional prayers of confession are based on Biblical teaching. For example: "We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves." This is a prayer based on Jesus' summary of the Law (Matt. 22:36-40, etc.).

The other reason we confess our sins is because the Bible teaches us that repentance leads to joy (Psalm 51:8, 12; Luke 15:17)! Having been honest about our sin we have the joy of receiving God's forgiveness in the next portion of our service: The Assurance of Forgiveness.



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 19th, 2019

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

†Congregational Singing

#225 "Worship Christ the Risen King"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

†Collect

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Greeting

†Congregational Singing

"Every Promise"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Isaiah 1:18

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we

have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing

“Behold Our God”

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Epistle Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

†Gospel Reading

John 16:12-22

†Profession of Faith

The Apostle’s Creed

Sermon

Pastor David Salyer

“Making All Things New”

Offertory

†Doxology

625 *(a cappella)*

†Prayer of Dedication

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord’s Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders in accord with the practice of our denomination.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, and then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: “Peace be with you” (Jn. 14:27) or “Christ be with you” (Rom. 16:20).

Declaration of God’s Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response

628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor Chad Anderson

Nursery Volunteers: OPEN NURSERY

❖ We will be having a **fellowship meal** after church Today. This will be the all church birthday celebration, where you will sit together according to your birthday month. Team #2 will be serving. Please bring a main dish and a side or dessert to share.

❖ **Summer Women's Group** meeting at Rene's home, 5523 Parklane Drive. Contact Rene at (308) 708-3303. Come as you are able for a time of prayer, encouragement and light study. Sign up in the foyer for more information.

❖ Consider serving on the **communion prep rotation**. It involves buying the bread and coming early to prepare the elements on your assigned Sunday. To sign-up and be trained in this ministry, speak to Josh Goodbrake.

❖ **A/V help needed:** We are always looking for help with audio/visual technology during the service. Turning things up, turning things down, muting, reading, and clicking—if you can run your smart phone, you can handle A/V team! :) If this interests you, please speak with Pastor Dave.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 19	Anne	Lano		Last Week	Year to Date
21	Alyvia	Goodbrake	2014	Budgeted Need	\$3,461.15 \$65,761.85
23	Pat	Butterfield		Received	\$2,904.19 \$64,467.96
25	Kay	Johnson			
28	Jordan	Hughett			

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ❖ That God would keep us from legalism, making His Grace the source for all we do.
- ❖ For God’s protection and peace for our new and expecting mothers and their babies: Rachel Goodbrake (Ahren Paul born 10/29), Clara Williams (Myra Maud born 9/14).
- ❖ For our men serving in the armed forces: Joseph Barber III, Ryan Brock, and Ben Elliott.

If you would like to receive TPC announcements and prayer requests via e-mail, please speak with Pastor Dave or email your contact info to: tpc@tpckearney.org

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, May 19th

Fellowship Meal (Serving Team #2)

Today

Monday, May 20th

Trinity Chess Club

4:00 PM