

Worship Spotlight

Why do we have three scripture readings?

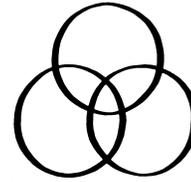
The Scriptures abound with commands for God's people to read His Word out loud when they gather (Ex. 24:7; Deut. 31:11; Josh. 8:34; 2 Kings 23:2; Neh. 8,9,13; etc). The Jews of Jesus' day devoted much of their synagogue service to the systematic reading of the Law and the Prophets (Acts 13:15, 27). Jesus announced the beginning of his ministry while participating in such a reading (Luke 4:16). The Apostle Paul commanded the churches to read his letters aloud (Col. 4:16) and he exhorted Timothy: "devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture," (1 Tim. 4:13).

Since most people in the ancient world were illiterate and manuscripts were costly and rare, if God's people were to know his Word, it would have to be read aloud at their assemblies. The Bible was written with that reality in mind. The Spirit-inspired authors employed techniques and structures designed to make their writing pleasing to the ear and easier to follow as it was read. Though we have unprecedented access to the Scriptures now, if we are not also reading them aloud in Church we are not fully hearing them as intended.

For these reasons, Christians have historically followed Israel's example by reading aloud from multiple portions of Scripture during gathered worship. Most often portions from the Old Testament, the Epistles, and the Gospels are read. At Trinity we choose three readings that correspond to one another. For example: the Old Testament reading may be a prophecy whose fulfillment is shown in the Gospel, the meaning of which is expounded upon in the Epistle.

There are many benefits to this discipline. We are learning to interpret Scripture with Scripture. We are showing that the whole Bible tells one grand story, fulfilled in Jesus. By devoting our time and attention to its reading, we acknowledge the authority and centrality of the Bible for our faith.

The week's scripture readings are made available in advance (website and e-mail). Take time to read and meditate upon them before Sunday morning. You will reap great rewards for your understanding of, and participation in the Lord's Service on Sunday.



TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 16th, 2019

The Holy Trinity

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 148:1-6

†Congregational Singing

#262 "Holy, Holy, Holy" (1,3,4)

†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!

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

the whole earth is filled with his glory.

†Collect

Father, we praise you; through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Greeting

†Congregational Singing

"My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

1 John 2:1-2

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may

perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing

“Be Unto Your Name”

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament

Epistle Reading

†Gospel Reading

†Profession of Faith

Sermon

Genesis 25:19-34

Romans 9:6-13

John 8:48-59

The Philippian Hymn

Pastor Chad Anderson

“Jacob and the Birthright”

Offertory

†Doxology

†Prayer of Dedication

#625 (*a cappella*)

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

“Holy Father, Great Creator”

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response

Postlude

#628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer

Nursery Volunteers: Julie LeFeber, Carley Riley

❖ **Summer Women's Group.** Come as you are able for a time of prayer, encouragement and light study. Mondays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Rene's house - 5523 Parklane Drive. Contact Rene at (308) 708-3303.

❖ 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

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| June 16 | Aria | Goodbrake | 2016 |
| 17 | Floyd | Butterfield | |
| 24 | Margaret | Hajda | 1998 |
| 25 | Mimi | Frerichs | |
| 26 | Nora | Hooton | 2010 |
| 26 | Kelsi | Bradley | |

FINANCIAL REPORT

| | Last Week | Year to Date |
|---------------|------------|--------------|
| Budgeted Need | \$3,461.15 | \$79,606.45 |
| Received | \$3,862.25 | \$78,721.59 |

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

❖ That God would bless our church with many children and give us grace to nurture them in the faith.

❖ 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

Today

Deacons' Meeting

Monday, June 17th

Chess Club

After service

4:00 p.m.