4TH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 31, 2019 11:00 AM WORSHIP
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Welcome to all who are worshipping with us.  
We believe worship is the heart of our life together.  
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.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
Johann Sebastian Bach
O God, Have Mercy

CALL TO WORSHIP
One: In this Lenten season God calls us
All: To follow Jesus into the wilderness and to open our lives to a holy mystery.
One: Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #166
ST. FLAVIAN
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
One: Eternal God,
All: We confess that it is hard to let go of our small ideas about you. We would rather cling to certainty than explore the mystery that is you.

moment of silence
for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession.

One: God beyond our knowing,
All: Give us the courage to give up our illusions and to seek you, the God who is greater than our imaginations, wiser than our wisdom, more dazzling than the universe, as present as the air we breathe and utterly beyond our comprehension or control. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Those who are able, please stand.
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Then grant that we like him be true, consumed in fast and prayer with you; our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.
(tune may be found as Hymn #96)

CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Wondrous Love arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
(Westminster Ringers)

LITANY OF PARTING

For grades 1 & 2 as they leave for worship enrichment

Congregation: May God be with you there.
Children: May God be with you here.

SERMON

Pam Driesell
Giving Up God in the Wilderness
When You’re Down 3 with 5 Seconds

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We acknowledge that God is sovereign love, a mystery beyond the reach of human minds. Even so, in Jesus Christ, God reveals love in surprising ways: by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving broken people. The power of God’s love in Christ transforms the world and gives us a glimpse of the God who made all things to serve the purpose of love.

*HYMN #783

When We Are Tested

ANGELS OF HEALING

The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Confession of 1967.

The Confession of 1967, the first document in the PCUSA Book of Confessions by North Americans, was written in the midst of the social and political turmoil during the 1960s (civil rights and the war in Vietnam). Its central theme, based on II Corinthians 5:19, is God’s reconciliation of the world in Jesus Christ and God’s calling of the church to engage in the ministry of reconciliation in society.
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Cast Thy Burden Felix Mendelssohn
Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee. He never will suffer the righteous to fall; he is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord is great and far above the heav’ns; Let none be made ashamed that wait upon thee.

*DOXOLOGY #606 OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #785 In Deepest Night ROSE MARY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Gaelic Blessing John Rutter

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY Carillon Sortie Henri Mulet

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins; we depart to be the church in the world.
LENTEN BOOK DISCUSSION
What We Talk About When We Talk About God

Our Lenten Small Groups are reading What We Talk About When We Talk About God by Rob Bell. We are inviting everyone to read the book “together,” even those who are not participating in a small group!

Each week, there will be discussion questions for the small groups that can also be used for personal reflection or for just starting up a conversation anytime with another Trinity friend, who may or may not be reading the book.

Chapter 5
Chapter 5 of Bell’s book is a meditation on the gospel at its most elemental and most challenging: God is for us.

“Gospel is the shocking, provocative, revolutionary, subversive, counterintuitive good news that in your moments of greatest despair, failure, sin, weakness, losing, failing, frustration, inability, helplessness, wandering, and falling short, God meets you there – right there – right exactly there – in that place, and announces, I am on your side” (135-136).

1. Bell emphasizes that God being for us is unconditional, that is, God is not for us because of what we have done or failed to do, because of our faith or our good deeds or anything else. God is with us because it is the nature of God to be with us. We see this hinted at in the Christmas story: Emmanuel, God-with-us. How do you react to this idea of unconditional grace?

2. Bell also emphasizes that while it’s one thing to know this, it’s another thing to experience it, to live out of its truth. Here he emphasizes the importance of confession, admitting, being honest about our need. Why is it so hard for us to be honest about this?
FLOWERS
The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Caroline Knight to the glory of God and gratitude for the strong women in her life. This morning’s arrangement was created by the Trinity Presbyterian Flower Guild.

CHILD CARE
Although children are always welcome in the sanctuary, child care is available for children, birth through pre-K. Kinderworship is a worship education program for kindergartners.

Infants and Toddlers........... D102
Two-Year-Olds............... D104
Three-Year-Olds............ D106
Pre-K ......................... D119
Kinderworship .............. D110

PREACHING
Rev. Pam Driesell
Senior Pastor

Rev. Betsy Lyles Swetenburg
Associate Pastor for Emerging Ministries

Rev. Dr. Richard Floyd
Senior Associate Pastor for Engagement

MUSIC
The Chancel Choir of Trinity Presbyterian Church
Norman Mackenzie
Organist & Director of Music and Fine Arts

The Westminster Ringers of Trinity Presbyterian Church
Scott Morris
Westminster Ringers Director

WORSHIP LEADERS
Acolyte
Lenox Herman

Banner Bearer
Harper d’Amecourt

SUNDAY WORSHIP

GIVING UP GOD IN THE WILDERNESS
THE SEASON OF LENT

9:00 AM | THE LOFT
11:00 AM | SANCTUARY

APRIL 7
Giving up God in the Wilderness
When You’re Insecure
Rev. Dr. George Stroup preaching

APRIL 14
Rev. Pam Driesell
Rev. Dr. Richard Floyd
Palm/Passion Sunday
### Sunday, March 31
- **9:00 AM** Westminster Ringers
- **9:00 AM** Worship
- **10:00 AM** Adult Church School
- **10:00 AM** Messy Church
- **10:00 AM** Youth Church School
- **11:00 AM** Kinderworship
- **11:00 AM** Worship
- **11:20 AM** Worship Enrichment
- **5:00 PM** Youth Choir
- **6:00 PM** Youth Supper
- **6:30 PM** Youth Group

### Monday, April 1
- **9:00 AM** Women’s Circle
  - Coordinating Meeting
- **10:00 AM** Women’s Circle
  - Bible Study Tutorial
- **6:00 PM** Spaces of Intentional Welcome Presentation to Property Committee

### Tuesday, April 2
- **7:30 AM** Personnel
- **7:30 AM** Theology Reading Group
- **7:00 PM** Men in Transition B (NABS)
- **8:00 PM** Men’s Basketball

### Wednesday, April 3
- **8:00 AM** Property Committee
- **10:00 AM** The Tent
- **12:45 PM** Silent Meditation
- **4:00 PM** CFM Pre-K Recreation
- **6:00 PM** Mission Council Meeting
- **6:30 PM** Chancel Choir Dinner
- **7:00 PM** Men in Transition 4
- **7:30 PM** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **8:00 PM** AA Meeting
- **8:00 PM** Men’s Basketball

### Thursday, April 4
- **7:30 AM** Trinity Women’s Breakfast
- **9:00 AM** Women of the Bible
- **10:00 AM** Writing as a Spiritual Practice
- **3:00 PM** Trinity Women’s Bridge
- **4:00 PM** CFM Open Gym Time
- **4:45 PM** CFM Arts and Crafts
- **6:30 PM** Stephen Ministry Training
- **7:00 PM** Elder Training (Class of 2022)

### Friday, April 5
- **7:30 AM** Awakening
- **7:30 AM** Men’s Breakfast

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## Envisioning Trinity's Future
Learn More About Trinity’s Proposed Capital Campaign

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WELCOME INTENTIONALLY

DISCOVERING TRINITY
If you are interested in learning more about Trinity Church, hearing about the new member process, or finding ways to get engaged, please contact Gay Gunter.

Contact: Gay Gunter, 404-316-8228 gayhgunter@gmail.com.

CARE COMPASSIONATELY

PASTORAL CARE
If you have an illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, please contact Veronica Ridenhour at 404-495-8440 or vridenhour@trinityatlanta.org.

COUNSELING
Mary Lisa Henry, Ph.D., LCSW 404-869-3707

STEPHEN MINISTERS
Galatians 6:2: “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” If you are experiencing a difficult life circumstance and want to speak with someone, a Stephen Minister, chosen just for you, will be a confidential listener.

Contact: Meredith Daniel, 404-869-0025, msdaniel@bellsouth.net
Paul Marston, 404-493-3644 paul.marston@richmondsterling.com

LEARN PURPOSEFULLY

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL
Session V: April 7, 14, May 5, 12, 19 10:00-10:50 am

BIBLE & THEOLOGY
Biography as Theology
Speaker: Rev. Dr. George Stroup
Room B-104/106

CHRISTIAN LIVING & SPIRITUAL PRACTICES
Climate of Violence: The Church Confronts Wars in a Warming World
Speakers: Rev. Dr. Richard Floyd, Rev. Dr. Mark Douglas
Room B-110

PERSPECTIVES: LITERATURE, ART, SCIENCE AND HISTORY
The Short Stories of George Saunders
Speaker: Nancy Purdon
Room B-112

ONGOING CLASSES
Faith and Life
Led by Trinity Member, Juanita Watson
Room A-116

Coffee & Connections
April 7 and 14 in Williams Hall
Speaker: Rev. Andrew Esqueda

For more information about these classes, visit trinityatlanta.org/learn
WOMEN’S BREAKFAST
Thursday, April 4
7:30 am, Williams Hall
Trinity member Margaret Reiser will be speaking on Trinity’s proposed capital campaign. Join the women this Thursday for breakfast and fellowship. Reservations are required. RSVP: trinityatlanta.org/events

MEN’S BREAKFAST
Friday, April 5
7:27 am, Williams Hall
Trinity member Jim Blitch will be speaking on Trinity’s proposed capital campaign. Join the men this Friday for breakfast and fellowship. Reservations not required; $7 per person.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:
ANNUAL REPORT AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONVERSATION
Sunday, April 28
10:00 am, Williams Hall
If you are unable to attend one of the breakfasts on April 4 or 5, we will be having a congregational breakfast and discussion on Sunday, April 28.

MAKE DINNER PLANS WITH AGAPE THIS SPRING
Bring your friends, family, or small group members to help purchase or prepare, deliver, and serve dinner to middle school students at the Agape Center this spring.

Questions? Contact Sarah Wikle at the church office, swikle@trinityatlanta.org
Sign up: trinityatlanta.org/events

NOVEL IDEAS
Sunday, April 7
1:00 pm, Williams Hall
Novel Ideas will be discussing the book An American Marriage by Tayari Jones on Sunday, April 7, following the all-church luncheon. The novel tells us a story we think we know. Roy, a young black man, is tried and wrongly convicted of rape while his wife, Celestial, waits for his return. But Jones’s story isn’t the one we are expecting - a courtroom drama or an examination of the prison-industrial complex. Instead, it is a clear vision of the quiet devastation of a family. Please join us for the discussion of this wise and compassionate book.

FOOD DRIVE FOR BUCKHEAD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY
April 1-30
Buckhead Christian Ministry provides compassionate emergency assistance to individuals and families facing hardship, and offers meaningful opportunities to serve the Atlanta community. BCM distributes approximately 320 bags of groceries to families in need each week.

For the month of April, Trinity Families With Children, Families With Youth, and Adults will be engaged in a competition for the most bags of groceries for BCM’s Food Pantry. Each group has a specific shopping list based on BCM’s needs. Look for shopping lists in Trinity hallways. Let’s feed families in need in our community.
Celebrate the season with us!

maundy thursday
APRIL 18
7:30 pm | Dobbs Chapel
Including communion and hand-washing ritual

good friday
APRIL 19
7:30 pm | Dobbs Chapel
Tenebrae: A service of darkness and contemplation featuring seasonal music by the full Chancel Choir

easter sunrise
APRIL 21
7:00 am | Sanctuary Porch
Rev. Betsy Lyles Swetenburg preaching
A casual outdoor service with Easter hymns

easter celebration of the resurrection
APRIL 21
9:00 & 11:00 am | Sanctuary
The Rev. Pam Driesell preaching
A festive celebration with Easter hymns and other music by the Chancel Choir with Brass.
A fellowship hour follows each service on Easter Sunday.

CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE AT ALL HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES.
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