5TH SUNDAY IN LENT
APRIL 7, 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 Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross, BWV 622*

*CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: To whom alone should we cleave?
All: It is God alone to whom we should cleave.
One: Whom alone should we serve?
All: It is God alone whom we should serve.
One: Whom alone should we worship?
All: It is God alone whom we should worship.
One: In whom alone should we put our trust?
All: It is God alone in whom we should put our trust.
One: Let us worship God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #65*                     CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

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

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  WINCHESTER NEW
The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.

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

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

LITANY OF PARTING
For grades K and 1st as they leave for worship enrichment
Congregation:  May God be with you there.
Children:  May God be with you here.

SERMON  George Stroup
Giving Up God in the Wilderness
When You’re Insecure

*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.

"After being baptized by John in the River Jordan, Jesus went off alone into the wilderness where he spent forty days asking himself the question of what it meant to be Jesus. During Lent, Christians are supposed to ask one way or another what it means to be themselves... to answer questions like this is to begin to hear something not only of who you are but of both what you are becoming and what you are failing to become.

It can be pretty depressing business all in all, but if sackcloth and ashes are at the start of it, something like Easter may be at the end."

-Frederick Buechner

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.
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

When we are tempted to barter our souls, trading the truth for the power to control, teach us to worship and praise only you, seeking your will in the work that we do.

(may be found as stanza 3 of Hymn #783)

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY  Schaffe in mir, Gott  Johannes Brahms

Translation: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

*DOXOLOGY #606  OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Congregational responses during prayer (sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

This morning’s offertory is the first movement of an a cappella choral motet by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) of the same name, written in 1860. The text is taken from Psalm 51. Although better known for his symphonic output, this work shows Brahms complete mastery of contrapuntal choral writing and his fascination for and study of early choral works of Palestrina, Schütz, Praetorius and Hassler.
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.

COMMUNION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
The elements used in the Lord’s Supper are wine and gluten-free bread. For those who do not wish to drink wine, grape juice is in the outer rim of the trays. When passing the bread to your neighbor, say, “This is the Bread of Life.” When passing the wine or juice to your neighbor, say, “This is the Cup of Salvation.”

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #463 How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen John Stainer

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY Prelude in A Minor Johannes Brahms

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins; we depart to be the church in the world.

When we share the Lord’s Supper, the Spirit unites us with the Church in every time and place. We join with all the faithful in offering thanksgiving and recommitting ourselves to love and serve God, one another, and our neighbors in the world. – adapted from the PCUSA Book of Order
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 6

Having interpreted God as “with” and “for” us, in Chapter 6 Bell describes God as “ahead of us, pulling us forward.” He also acknowledges it is possible “for religious people who see themselves as God’s people to resist the forward-calling of God to such a degree that the larger culture around them is actually ahead of them in a particular area . . ” (p. 169). Can you think of some examples of when the larger culture was ahead of the church in perceiving the new thing that God was doing in the world? Why did the church fail to perceive “the forward-calling of God?”
FLOWERS
The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Lucinda A. Gibson to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Carl L. Gibson and grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. J.F. Chadwick.

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...

TWO-YEAR-OLDS........D102
THREE-YEAR-OLDS ........D106
PRE-K ..................D119
KINDERWORSHIP ........D110

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching
Rev. Dr. George Stroup
Theologian In Residence

Liturgist
Rev. Pam Driesell
Senior Pastor

The Chancel Choir
of Trinity Presbyterian Church

Norman Mackenzie
Organist & Director of Music and Fine Arts

Acolyte
Andrew Keller

Banner Bearer
James McGilvray

GIVING UP GOD IN THE WILDERNESS
THE SEASON OF LENT

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

APRIL 14
Rev. Pam Driesell
Rev. Dr. Richard Floyd
Palm/Passion Sunday
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<td>11:20 AM Worship Enrichment</td>
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<td>7:30 AM Men's Breakfast</td>
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<td>6:45 PM Young Adult Women's Group</td>
<td>6:30 PM Easter Fun/ Mission Night and Flashlight Egg Hunt (Grades 2-5)</td>
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WELCOME INTENTIONALLY

STARTING POINT
May 12
Interested in learning more about Trinity? Want a chance to meet Pastor Pam Driesell? Curious about the membership process? Join us for breakfast on May 12. Pam will introduce herself, talk about Trinity, and provide information about our Discover Trinity series in the fall.
For more information contact:
Gay Gunter, gayhgunter@gmail.com or Betsy Lyles Swetenburg, blswetenburg@trinityatlanta.org

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 4 – May 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS
GATHER JOYFULLY

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH
Today
12:00 pm, Williams Hall
Following 11 am worship, join friends and family in Williams Hall for lunch. No reservations required. Cost: $8 per adult, $5 per child; $25 max per family.

MEN’S BREAKFAST
Friday, April 12
7:27 am, Williams Hall
John Fenton will speak about his recent trip to East Africa “My Love Affair with East Africa . . . despite the mosquitoes, rutted dirt roads, lack of drinkable water, and (some) deadly animals.” 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
Today
1:00 pm, Williams Hall
Novel Ideas will be discussing the book, An American Marriage, by Tayari Jones following the all-church luncheon. Jones’s story isn’t the one we are expecting, 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 start shopping!

TELC MILES FOR SMILES
Saturday, April 27
The Trinity Early Learning Center’s Miles for Smiles 5K road race will be held on Saturday, April 27, at 8:00 am. Kids races will follow at 10:00 am. Proceeds from the race benefit the scholarship fund and special projects.
Registration is $25. Register online at telcatlanta.org.
Celebrate

at Trinity Church

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 | Sanctuary
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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