

Reflection

“Fear is cast out by the Spirit of God no other way than by the prevailing of love; nor is fear ever maintained but when love is asleep. At such a time, in vain is all the saint’s self-examinations, and poring on past experience, in order to establish his peace and get assurance. For it is contrary to the nature of things, as God hath constituted them, that he should have assurance at such a time.” – Jonathan Edwards, Religious Affections

Musical Reflection

Spirit, Strength of All the Weak (sung by musicians)

Spirit strength of all the weak,
giving courage to the meek,
teaching falt’ring tongues to speak;
hear us, Holy Spirit

Spirit, aiding all who yearn
more of truth divine to learn,
and with deeper love to burn;
hear us, Holy Spirit

Source of love and light divine,
with that hall’wing grace of thine,
more and more upon us shine;
hear us, Holy Spirit

ENTERING GOD’S PRESENCE

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.*

Call to Worship

from Psalm 103

Minister (v. 13): As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

People (v. 20): Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

Minister (v. 21): Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

All (v. 22): Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

Hymns of Praise

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven #76
Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)

*1. You made the starry hosts
You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening sky with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne
From desert to the sea
All nature testifies Your splendor.*

Chorus:
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Sing His greatness, all creation
Praise the Lord, raise your voice
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord*

*2. You reached into the dust
In love, Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works
To tell Your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting chorus. Chorus*

*3. Let symphonies resound
Let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal.
Final Chorus*

Final Chorus:
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Sing His greatness, all creation
Praise the Lord, raise your voice
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
You distant burning stars
All creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore
Sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord*

Words and Music by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Prayer of Confession and Pastoral Prayer

Words of Comfort and Promise

1 John 3:1a

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

Hymn of Response

Out of My Bondage, Sorrow, and Night #503
(alt. tune by Greg Thompson)

RENEWING OUR FAITH

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism #34, 36

Q. 34 What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of God’s free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.

Q. 36 What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God’s love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Scripture Reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Mark 14:32-42

(Pew Bible p.851)

People: Amen!

Hymn of Preparation

Father, Father of All Things #106

At this time, children in pre-K through Kindergarten may be dismissed to the nursery classroom on the first floor.

Proclamation of God’s Word

Rev. Steve Light, Associate Minister

Romans 8:12-17 — The Spirit of Slavery and the Spirit of Adoption
(Pew Bible p. 944)

RESPONDING IN THANKS

Musical Reflection

The Tender Love a Father Has
(sung by musicians)

1. The tender love a father has
for all his children dear,
such love the Lord bestows on them
who worship him in fear.

2. The Lord remembers we are dust,
and all our frailty knows;
man's days are like the tender grass,
and as the flow'r he grows.

3. The flow'r is withered by the wind
that smites with blighting breath;
so man is quickly swept away
before the blast of death.

4. Unchanging is the love of God,
from age to age the same,
displayed to all who do his will
and reverence his name.

5. Those who his gracious cov'nant keep
the Lord will ever bless;
their children's children shall rejoice
to see his righteousness.

Collection of Offering

Closing Hymn

Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine #333

Benediction

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evening Activities — Reminder that we will have our regular Sunday Evening Worship & Prayer **tonight**. Our abbreviated worship service will be held 6:00-6:30 pm at which point Covenant Kids will be dismissed (see below), and adults will remain in the Sanctuary for a time of prayer in small groups.

NOTE: Middle and high school students will meet from 5:45-7:15 pm at the home of Carl & Alyssa Fisher for youth group.

Covenant Kids Choir — In lieu of catechism, the children will have their first Christmas Choir practice **tonight** from 6:30-7:00 pm.

Thanksgiving Service and Dinner — We have much to be thankful for as the blood-bought people of God. Join us **NEXT Sunday, November 21st at 5:00 pm** for a worship service during which we will set aside time for individuals and families to share reasons for thanksgiving this past year. Please prayerfully consider what you would like to share. We will conclude our time with a special meal together in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP using **today’s bulletin insert** or in the Courtyard **today**.

No Thanksgiving Meal Plans? Individuals and families in our church would love to host you. **Sign up today in the Courtyard** or contact Leslie Hall if you would like to join folks in our congregation on Thanksgiving day for a meal and fellowship.

Christmas Dessert Fellowship — We’ll gather in our Courtyard the evening of **Friday, December 3rd** for fellowship, dessert, and a time to hear testimonies of God’s grace from two individuals in our congregation. Feel free to invite others. You may RSVP **today in the Courtyard** or via the church website.

Neighborhood Outreach Dinner — Please note that the homeless ministry will not serve meals on the following dates: November 25th, December 23rd, and December 30th. We will, however, have special holiday meals **this coming Thursday, November 18th** and December 16th; please join us!

Outreach Opportunities — We desire to be outward-facing this holiday season; **sign-ups are located in the Courtyard today** for the following outreach opportunities; please contact the church office with questions.

- Host folks in our church who will not be with family for Thanksgiving day.
- Host students from the **University of Tampa** in your home for Thanksgiving via *Friends of Internationals*, a Christian ministry that connects international students with local churches. In order to participate, you must be a member in good standing of Holy Trinity.
- Bake treats to send with members of our congregation who work at **Tampa General Hospital** November 18th, December 2nd, and December 16th.

Small Groups — The Elders will gather their groups for fellowship and devotion twice before the end of the year. See the **bulletin insert today** for details.



Romans 8:12-17

The Spirit of Slavery and the Spirit of Adoption

I. The Spirit of Slavery:

A. The use of the word "spirit" implies an internal and invisible ethos. A controlling _____.

B. This is enslavement to _____.

C. This spirit of slavery is defined by _____.

II. The Spirit of Adoption

A. The "Spirit of Adoption" means a controlling _____
But also a _____.

B. This adoption means liberation from slavery becoming sons
of _____ the _____.

C. The mark of this adoption is the _____ of a
_____.

III. By the Spirit, have the fullness of Assurance as Sons

First, founded upon the certainty of the _____
_____.

Second, founded upon the witness of the _____ with
our _____.

What must follow: _____ of _____:

WELCOME

HOLY TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our theological standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, all of which are subordinate to our only ultimate rule of faith and practice, God's Word (the Old and New Testament Scriptures).

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We invite you to join us for refreshments in the courtyard immediately following the morning worship service.

Let us know how we may pray for you. Fill out a prayer request card, found in the pews, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. The officers of the church will confidentially pray for these requests.

We welcome the participation of children in our worship service. This is their time to hear from God's Word and praise him. Childcare is also available downstairs:

- Age 0-3: childcare available during the entire service (bottom floor)
- Pre-K-K5 Grade: dismissed to the nursery before the sermon

MEETING TIMES

Sundays: 9:15 am.....Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 am.....Morning Worship Service
 6:00 pmEvening Worship and Prayer, Covenant
 Kids class, High School & Middle School studies

Nursery and childcare are provide for all above Sunday activities

Small Groups meet at various times for prayer and fellowship in members' homes. See our website for details, htpctampa.org.

Thursdays @ 5:30 pm. Neighborhood Outreach Dinner. We prepare and serve a meal for those in need from the community. More details on website.

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