

April, 2010

Holy Week Schedule at TPC

Holy Week is the last week of Lent, when we follow Jesus from Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion, to his death on Good Friday in preparation for his rising from the dead on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday: Accompanied by his disciples, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt, while crowds of people covered the streets ahead of him with their cloaks and with palm branches.

Monday: Jesus chased the money-changers out of the temple.

Tuesday and Wednesday: Jesus preached and taught in Jerusalem.

Thursday: After washing the feet of the disciples, Jesus celebrated Passover, instituting the Sacrament of Holy Communion. (This has commonly become known as the Last Supper.) He went to Gethsemane to pray, where he was arrested by the Temple guards and taken to an illegal night session of the Jewish court, the Sanhedrin.

Good Friday: Jesus was taken into Roman courts, before Pontius Pilate and Herod Antipas, who sent him back to the Jewish court. Roman soldiers took him to Golgotha, the place of the skull, where he was crucified.

Saturday: Jesus rested in the tomb while his disciples observed the Sabbath.

Easter Sunday: An angel met Mary and Mary Magdalene at the tomb to tell them that Jesus was risen from the dead.

Palm Sunday, March 28th

Service at 10:30am

Maundy Thursday, April 1st 7:00pm

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE - On the occasion of his last Passover meal with the disciples, Jesus commanded his followers to share a meal of bread and wine in his memory. "Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Corinthians 11:24) On this night, Jesus also gave a new commandment to his disciples, to "love one another."

At the Service of Tenebrae (shadows), the gradual extinguishing of candles and Sanctuary lights during the liturgy accentuates the Biblical narrative of Christ's journey to the cross. The service ends in silence as the narrative is arrested with Jesus' death and his last words on the cross. Yet, the Christ Candle, even when temporarily shrouded, does not yield completely to the darkness, This candle symbolizing Christ, who is our Hope and Light, leads us from darkness to light.

Good Friday, April 2nd

6:00pm – 6:30pm a light meal

6:30pm watching the movie "The Passion of the Christ"

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Easter Celebration Service at 10:30a.m.

The Easter cantata "Exalted" will be performed by the Sanctuary Choir

Worship Schedule

9:00 AM
Bible Study for
All Ages

10:00 AM
Fellowship
Coffee & Doughnuts

10:30 AM
Combined Worship Service
Traditional and
Contemporary

*(Check your calendar for
special Sunday events
and time changes.)*



Financial Status For 2009 Budget Year

Giving for

Week ending 3/14/10: \$5,887.00

Year to date: \$60,190.50

Needed weekly: \$5,447.69

Needed year to date: \$59,924.90

Important Dates

Birthdays

4/1 Jennifer Smith
4/4 Ruth & Charlie Horton
4/12 Janet & Ron Ohlig
4/19 Rose & Charles Eicke

Anniversaries



Ushers

4/4 Ruth Horton
Charlie Horton
Daniel Bauer
Harvey Wright
4/11 Terri Decker
Brad Decker
Greg Ward
Debi Ward
4/18 Gloria Parsons
Nancy Hearon
Joy Koch
Marilyn Schilling
4/25 Nancy Fiedler
John Fiedler
Frank Dimino
Pat Dimino



We are currently looking for anyone who is interested in serving as an usher. If you are the friendly type and would like to help out, please contact Wendy Wilson.

Please Note!

If your name is missing from the anniversary or birthday list, please let the church office know. Thanks!

Note to

New Members: You need to give your information to the church office if you haven't already done so. We would like to be able to acknowledge your special days!



PULSE Student News

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 1 John 4:7, 8 (New Living Translation)

**PULSE meets on Wednesday nights from 6-8pm.
Contact Lyndalee Smith or George Hopkins
on how you can be a part of this fun.**

Join Casey Frey's Sunday School Class Sunday Mornings at 9am.



Remember to recycle! Boxes are in the youth room by the door to collect old cell phones and used ink cartridges. We can turn these items into a little extra cash and help the environment at the same time!

PULSE

- Pursue — We will reach out to teens who do not know Christ.
- Unite — We will fellowship as a body of believers.
- Love — We will show God how much we love Him by our wholehearted worship.
- Serve — We will touch others around us by ministering to them as Christ would.
- Equip — We will hold fast to scripture as authority and live our lives according to



Summary of the Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting
Trinity Presbyterian Church, The Colony, TX
Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 7:00p.m.

Moderator's Items:

- The Level Two document was distributed. For page 2.09, David Fletcher will be the moderator. The Clerk will contact Sheryl Taylor for a softcopy of the documents.

Clerk's Items:

- Session approved the minutes of the Called Session meeting of 01-19-10.
- Session approved the minutes of the Congregational meeting of 02-07-10 with corrections to the spelling of Barbara Stiefer's last name and the spelling of Lynda Smith's first name.
- The Statistical Worksheet was approved for entry to the Presbytery with a question as to where the money from the sale of the land for the widening of Main Street went.
- The Annual Session Minutes Review was held at Nor'Kirk Presbyterian Church on 02/14/2010. The minutes were approved for 2009 with only one exception noted and that concerns Session Elder training.
- Correspondence: Reminder of Presbytery meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Denton, TX (this was given to John Smith, the church's representative at the meeting), Grace Presbyterian Village announced a new director, and the Presbyterian Foundation asks to be remembered at estate planning.

Session Action Requested through Boards and Executive Director Roly Rice:

- Management Board: Request was made to approve three fundraisers for the Youth: Snacking in USA during the month of March, Carwash at the 7-11 at North Colony and Main St. on June 5, and Chic-fil-A Calendar sales starting October 6. Session approved all three of the fund-raisers.
- Facilitating Board: There will be a meeting for ministry leaders and Session elders to code the budget items and a leadership training will be held by Lydia Gober; 04-10-2010 from 1PM through 4PM.
- Roly Rice mentioned that the Post Office wants Trinity to continue with its bulk mailing program. It was determined that this will not be done as most of the Church's communications are now done electronically.
- Children's Church is getting volunteers to help so, by general consensus, the program will continue.
- Preaching Schedule: 2-21-2010 John Fowler, 2-28-2010 Steve Thomas, and 3-7-2010 Steve Shin (to be confirmed). Two possible preachers are Mrs. Fletcher (wife of our moderator) and Kim Warner. Cindy Thomas will serve for the Ash Wednesday service on 2-17-2010 at 7:00 PM. Debra Sweeney sees to the Elders of the Month.

Other Business:

- It was proposed to publicly thank Becky Howard for her service as the church secretary.

*Longer Versions of the Stated Meeting Minutes, once approved by Session, are available upon request to the Clerk of Session.
All Session Meetings are open meetings and may be attended by members of the congregation
with the exception of those times when elders must go into Executive Session.*

Permission to address the Session should be made in advance by contacting the Clerk for placement on the stated meeting agenda.

Be All That You Can Be

John R. Fowler

(John is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Prosper)

Be all you can be is an excellent idea and a good philosophy for life. Not so long ago the Army thought it was a good idea as well and used it in their recruiting efforts.

I enjoyed watching the bobsledding competition at the recent Olympic games and thanks to a combination of favorable scheduling, and my TIVO, I was able to see much of the competition.

Watching the competition reminded me of a movie called, "Cool Running's." The movie is a 1993 comedy that is loosely based on the true story of the Jamaica national bobsled team's debut at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta.



Cool Running's is the story of four Jamaican men who dreamed of becoming Olympic athletes; and through a convergence of unlikely circumstances decided to enter the next Olympics as bobsledders. As you may well imagine there is not a lot of snow in Jamaica and next to no opportunities for bobsledding. It was a case of the old we've never done that before and therefore it must be impossible. They didn't listen to the laughter and they didn't give up and they went to the Olympics.

Once they got to the Olympics they looked around at the other bobsledders and were very impressed by the German team. Their leader was so impressed with the Germans that he tried to copy their style. It was a complete DISASTER and they soon became the laughing stock of the bobsledding community.

Eventually the Jamaican Bobsled team realized that they had to find their own style. They abandoned their quest to be a Jamaican version of a German Bobsled team and became the Jamaican Bobsled team. The moral of the story being that if we are ever to reach our full potential and be all that we can be then we have to first be who and what God has created us to be.

In 1968 singer Sammy Davis, Jr. recorded a song called, "I've Gotta Be Me." In the first verse the singer proclaims, "*Whether I'm right or whether I'm wrong. Whether I find a place in this world or never belong. I gotta be me, I've gotta be me. What else can I be but what I am.*"

Long before Sammy Davis Jr. sang his song or the Army started encouraging young recruits to be all they could be; God had been whispering that same thing into our hearts.

1 Corinthians 12:27-28 (*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues.*)(NIV)

Not only has God been encouraging us to become all that we can be, that has been God's vision, hope, and plan for us from the very first moments of creation. Now go be all you can be; God's rooting for you.

Trinity Organization

Trinity Presbyterian Church Staff

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Organizational Structure

Congregation

Session

Robin Dilger, Al Gober, John Smith, Paul Leddy

Executive Director

Roly Rice

Management Board

Pastor

Session Elder Al Gober

Senior Leaders:

Pam Hampson, Adult Ministries
 Lyndalee Smith, Youth Ministries
 TBD, Children's Ministries
 Debra Sweeney, Worship
 Joy Koch, Trinity Tots

Facilitating Board

Pastor TBD

Session Elder John Smith

Senior Leaders:

Steve Thomas, Services
 Dennis Yates, Facilities
 Larry Johnson, Finance

Facilitating Ministries Team

Finance	Larry Johnson	214-618-0942
Facilities	Dennis Yates	
Services	Steve Thomas	469-384-1966

Program Ministries Team

Adult Ministries

Small Groups
 Sunday Adult Studies
 Women
 Men
 Member Involvement
 Member Care

Fellowship

Visitors
 Mission/Outreach
 Evangelism

Youth Ministries

Education/Missions
 Fellowship

Children's Ministries

Education
 Children's Church
 Nursery
 VBS

Worship

Traditional Service
 Choir
 Contemporary Service
 Christian Music

Pam Hampson

Cissi Bauer

Open

Lynda Rice

Dennis Yates

Open

Mimi Montgomery

Camille Marchelletta

Larry Johnson

Priscilla Hounam

Open

Open

TBD

Lyndalee Smith, George Hopkins

TBD

Ruth Horton

Amy Olson

Lyn Gray

TBD

Debra Seeeney

Ellen Fowler

Jack Montgomery

Steve/Wendy Wilson

Steve Shin

Grace Chung

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