

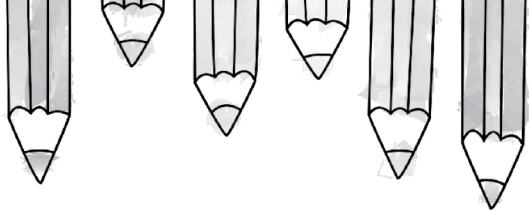
The Children's Worship Bulletin

Trinity Presbyterian Church

July 16, 2017



Name: Garland Thomas Age: 6



Just a word from Mr. Mac!

Claude E. McRoberts III • Senior Minister

Dear Children,

Wow! I have so much to tell you about today!!! I'm so excited!

First of all, tonight we get to hear stories about China from one of our missionaries who is a member of Trinity Church. William Stabler went to Trinity School where he played football, basketball and baseball; then William went to the University of Alabama. He's been serving as a missionary in China for a year, and he is home getting ready to go back to China for another year! He will speak tonight for a few minutes.

Speaking of Sunday evenings at Trinity Church ... I hope you like coming back to church on Sunday nights. Isn't it fun and peaceful! Your parents are enjoying a series on great things that happen to Christians, and you get to play games, learn the catechism (like I did when I was your age), and eat supper together!

This morning, I will be preaching on how much God loves us. Did you know that God loves you so much, He brings suffering into your life to make you a better person! Ha. That doesn't sound much like love, does it? It's like my saying to you, "I love you so much, I am going to make you feel pain." But that's not exactly how this works with God. He is saying, "I love you so much, I want you to be more like my Son; I want you to want heaven; I want you to have hope; I want you to be able to endure; I want you to have strong character and influence others; I want you to be able to handle all the pressures in this life ... sooooo, I'll bring things into your life that make you able to do that!"

God DOES love us so much! Have you ever thought if someone asked you, "Why do I have so much pain in my life," you could answer, "Because God loves you."

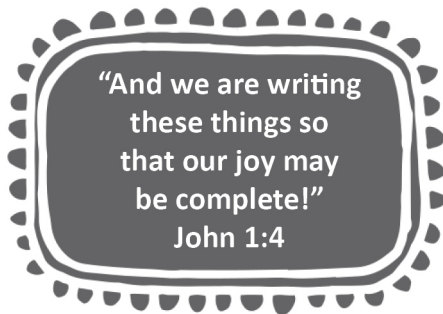
One more thing about suffering and God's love that ties in with China and William Stabler – a story I plan to tell the church this morning. You can read this with your mom and dad and talk about it:

The church in China grew really large during terrible suffering under the Communists. An American student was going to Hong Kong to study the Chinese church. Before he left the United States, a friend had asked him, "If God loves the Chinese church so much, why did he allow so much suffering to come upon it?" The student had no answer.

But after he had traveled to China and had talked in depth with many Chinese Christians, he decided to go back to America and ask his friend this question: **"If God loves the American church so much, why hasn't He allowed us to suffer like the church in China?"**

Love you,

Mr. Mac



Do you have a:

Prayer Request? Is there something you need prayer for?

Praise Report? Has God answered a prayer?

Is there anything else you would like Mr. Mac to know?

Mr. Mac wants to know!!

Please write to him here and place your message in his box.

Dear Mr. Mac,

Name: _____ Age: _____

A Guide to Family Worship

July 16-22, 2017

Each Morning or Evening Begin “Family Time” by reading Psalm 47
[or a portion each day]

Head of the Home, Open in Prayer

Scripture Reading

See Bulletin Insert with Outline to Sermon

There are many, many great Scriptures from which to choose.

Read Mr. Mac’s Letter in This Issue of the Children’s Bulletin; Discuss.

Suggested Questions from the Morning Sermon

1. What does “sovereign” mean? We ended worship this morning with the hymn, *O Father, You are Sovereign*. Read or sing this hymn together as a family. Such good words!
2. What makes Christians different from others in the world? Mr. Mac said Christians are strange or weird. Why would he say that? Why does the world think that about us Christians? Why should they think that about us?
3. “God poured His love out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit.” Discuss.
4. How does God show us He loves us? Did anyone say, by suffering? If so, in what ways can we know God loves us when we suffer?
5. Many Scriptures are provided in the sermon outline under “Introduction” that address how Christians respond to suffering.
6. What does this mean: “God is FOR me?” What proof is their Jesus’ heavenly body on this very day that God loves me?

Spend Time Singing Together

Spend Time in Prayer: Requests, Praise, Prayer

The Head of the Home

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

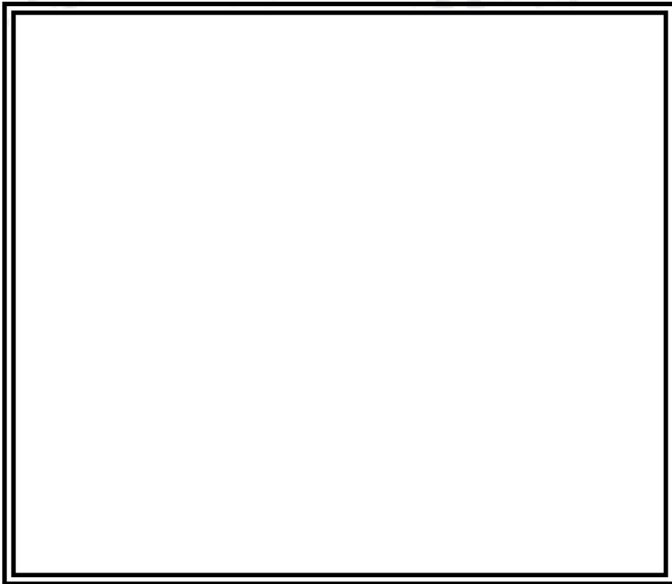
Sermon Art

Use this page to illustrate something that Mr. Mac preaches on during the sermon this morning!

**This weeks lesson is on
Romans 5:3-5**

Want to see your artwork on
the FRONT PAGE?

Put your artwork in the Sermon Art mailbox in the church office (bottom left hand side).



Name: _____

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“And He said to them,
‘Go into all the world
and proclaim the gospel
to the whole creation.’”
Mark 16:15

Meet Our Missionaries!



The Petrou Family **Argyris, Dina,** **Mark, Erik, & Erastos** **Serving in** **Athens, Greece** **with** **Advancing Ministries** **of the Gospel**

Dr. Petrou and his family are missionaries in their own country. They have visited Trinity Church several times, and some of our members have visited them. He teaches in the Greek Bible College where he trains people to be pastors and teachers. Dr. Petrou also preaches in several other churches in their Presbyterian denomination. He is starting a new church near the college. Dina helps women who live in downtown Athens.

Mark and Erik recently graduated from the college where their father teaches. Now they are serving in ministry, too. Erastos is a teenager. He was born with a serious heart weakness, but he had surgery two years ago and is fully recovered.

Write a letter to our missionaries!

Would you like to write a letter encouraging our missionaries or thanking them for the work they do for God? A letter from you would make their day! If you would like to write a letter to the missionary or family shown this week, please write in the space provided below and put it in Mr. Tom's box. He will make sure they receive it!

Dear Petrou Family,

A world map is centered in the background of the writing area. Three location pins are placed on the map: one in North America (USA), one in Europe (Russia), and one in Asia (Japan). The map is light gray and serves as a guide for where to write the letter. The writing area is filled with horizontal lines.

Name _____

Age _____

Music and Hymns

#94 "How Firm a Foundation"

The foundation mentioned in this hymn is referring to the bible. As long as you are in His Word, you will not stray far. His Word guides us and teaches us. Verse 2 says :“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed, For I am your God and will still give you aid; I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.” One thing you may not know is that the Bible actually refers to Jesus as “the Word.” To learn more, read John chapter 1, which is entitled “The Word Became Flesh.”

#699 "Like a River Glorious"

This song proclaims “they who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.” Do you wholly trust God? When you trust God you can rest in Him and know that He is going to handle every worry you may have. Verse 2 says that there is a peace God can give where there is “not a surge of worry, not a shade of care.” When you are worried about something, put your trust in God and ask Him to help you. Keep your eyes on God and He will give you peace!

“I will extend peace to her like a river.”

Isaiah 66:12

Let the word of Christ dwell in
you richly, teaching and
admonishing one another in all
wisdom, singing psalms and
hymns and spiritual songs, with
thankfulness in your hearts to God.
Colossians 3:16

Hymn Word Unscramble

Try to unscramble these words from this week's hymn:

#699 "Like A River Glorious"

VRREI _____

CEAPE _____

UTRST _____

FCERPTE _____

ITISPR _____

RTSE _____

VELO _____

YJO _____

LTIAR _____



Learning Together!

GOD IS SOVEREIGN!

To be sovereign means to be the supreme ruler, the top authority, the highest rank. God Is indeed all of those things! He Is sovereign!

1 Timothy 6:15-16

...He Who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, Whom no one has ever seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

Psalm 103:19

*The Lord has established His throne in the heavens,
And His sovereignty rules over all.*

Daniel 7:27

Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.

2 Samuel 7:22, 28

“How great you are, O Sovereign Lord! There is no one like You. We have never even heard of another God like You! For You are God, O Sovereign Lord. Your words are truth, and You have promised these good things to Your servant.

O FATHER YOU ARE SOVEREIGN

O Father, you are sovereign
in all the worlds you made;
your mighty word was spoken
and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons
and bounds the ocean's shore,
sets stars within their courses
and stills the tempests' roar.

O Father, you are sovereign
in all affairs of man;
no pow'rs of death or darkness
can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending,
supreme in time and space,
you hold your trusting children
secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign
the Lord of human pain,
transmuting earthly sorrows
to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil over-ruling,
as none but Conqu'ror could,
your love pursues its purpose —
our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign!
We see you dimly now,
but soon before your triumph
earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us
our faith springs up anew:
our sovereign Lord and Savior,
we trust and worship you!



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