

The **Children's** **Worship Bulletin**

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Just a word from Mr. Mac

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Dear Children,

Do you know what the word “*lament*” means?

Let me help you by listing some words that have similar meaning:

- Crying
- Weeping
- Grieving
- Mourning

It is another word for “expressing your sadness.” In other words, telling someone else (like God) that you are sad and why you are sad. Something has made you sad, and you *lament* ~ you show your sadness.

As hard as it is to think about lament, we all do it. We might even do it every day.

This is the last Sunday in 2020. This will be the last week of 2020. When I think back over this year, I have a lot of things I want to *lament*: Miss Betsy’s mom and dad died; the virus made a lot of people sick; there were times when we did not feel safe; the year 2020 had a lot of loneliness; older people had the hardest time. So, I *lament* that. It makes me sad, and I want to tell God about it.

That is what we are going to do today: remember the things that made us sad in 2020, and then we are going to give it all up to Jesus, our Great Shepherd. We are going to remember the good: that God is in control; that His Spirit is a Wonderful Counselor; that Jesus heals us; that God never leaves us; that He loves us; that He heals us; that He takes care of us ... and on and on it goes because our God is SO GOOD.

But first, it’s okay to tell Him the things that made you sad.

He wants to hear from you. He always listens to you. He is always there for you.

So, all the Scriptures and prayers and sermon will have to with this idea of lamenting but remembering that ***God is good, and He can be counted upon to heal and restore.***

I will pray for you now about anything that makes you sad.

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

December 28 - January 2

Suggested Questions for Mom and Dad to Use this Week:

1. What an opportunity to teach your child that it is okay to lament! Explain lamenting (see Mr. Mac's letter), and tell them of the love of God for them.
2. Are there specific things in your family that you would like to express to God together about which you lament in 2020?
3. What does "casting your lament" at the foot of the cross look like? Who takes those laments from you and carries those burdens? Do you trust Him?
4. In Whom does our assurance rest as we enter 2021? What would you like to ask Him? In what ways can you praise Him for 2020 and 2021?
5. Ponder: Jesus is the Great Shepherd. He is yours; you are His. Nothing can snatch His sheep from His hand. He loves His sheep, and the sheep hear His voice ... and follow.

THE SIMPLEST OUTLINE FOR FAMILY TIME EVER!!! 10 EASY STEPS

- #1 Just make sure you gather once a day as a family.
- #2 Try really hard to make the same time every day.
- #3 It does not have to be long; it does not have to be perfect.
- #4 Read a Bible verse. Maybe a devotional.
- #5 Sing a song or two together.
- #6 Take prayer requests.
- #7 Pray. (Daddy, your children NEED to hear you pray.) Pray for the children; pray for missionaries; pray for Trinity Church; give thanks
- #8 Everyone tell one thing they are thankful for.
- #9 Have a Leader of the Day: they get to read and/or pray and/or tell everyone to come gather and/or put out the Bibles/hymnals and/or tell something that happened to them that day
- #10 Dad, pray this over your children: 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

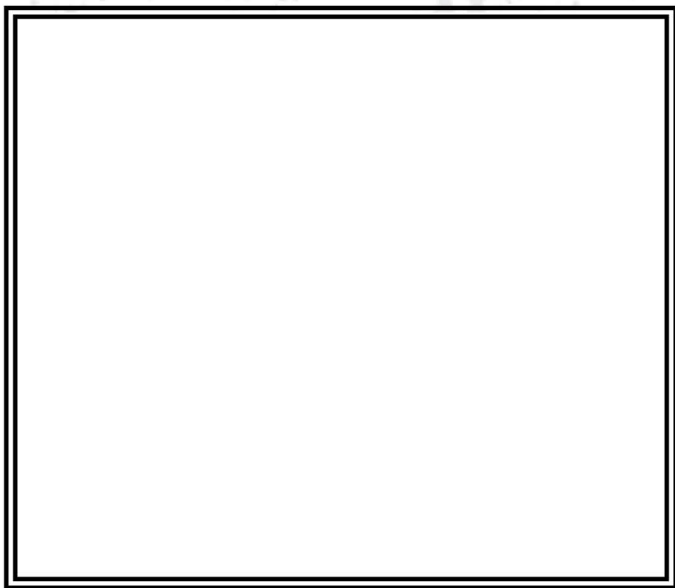
Use this page to illustrate something that Mr. Mac preaches on during the sermon this morning!

This week's lesson is on

Isaiah 9:6

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: _____

Age: _____

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

Meet Our Missionaries!



Hous and Tami Waring Officers' Christian Fellowship

OCF's Vision is the military community positively impacted through Christ-like leaders. Its Mission is to engage military leaders in Biblical fellowship and growth to equip them for Christ-like service at the intersection of faith, family, and profession. Hous and Tami became involved with Officers' Christian Fellowship while they were cadets at the Air Force Academy, and both entered military service in the USAF. Hous' specialty was as a pilot in the F-15E Strike Eagle while Tami's specialty changed from Space System Analyst to mother and teacher as they began having children. In 2013, when Hous retired from the Air Force as a Colonel and fighter pilot, they moved to Montgomery because the Air University mission at Maxwell AFB makes this a strategic location to impact officers of all ranks across the Air Force and sister military services. After serving as the Maxwell/Gunter OCF leader for six years, Hous was named to be the OCF Director of Operations. He oversees OCF's field work wherever Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard and Air Force members serve. They continue seeking to grow the church by spiritually developing uniformed Christian leaders through biblical fellowship so that these leaders mature as Christ-like servants during their time in the military. Trinity Church began supporting the Warings in 2016.

Music and Hymns

218 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

The angels proclaimed His birth, the shepherds witnessed Him, the wise men followed a star to come and see Him- to worship the King! Could you imagine such a tiny, innocent baby being praised? They praised Him, because they knew who He was and who He would grow up to be. Verse 4 says "saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear." Angels will also proclaim Jesus' second coming, the one we are waiting for now. One day Jesus will return and gather all of His people, those who believe in Him. Praise the King for His loving-kindness!

#226 "As With Gladness Men of Old"

This hymn tells the story of the wise men who followed the Christmas star to bring gifts and praise to Jesus Christ, King of the Jews. They left their homes and their country to find Jesus. If you are a follower of Jesus, you will one day leave your country too. One day we will be united with Christ in a new country! Verse 5 says "In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light; thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down; there forever may we sing alleluias to our King." This is a reference to Revelation 22:5, which states, "And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever." Praise Jesus Christ, the Light of the world!

"When they saw the star, they were overjoyed."

Matthew 2:10



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