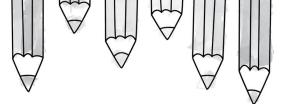


# Trinity Presbyterian Church

August 1, 2021



Name: Charlotte Smith Age: 9



## Just a word from Mr. Mac

#### Claude E. McRoberts III • Senior Minister

Dear Children,

Imagine you are at a football game, and one of the players does something that is not evil, but it upsets the stadium of fans, and they all get up and leave.

Imagine you are at a school play, and everyone is loving it, and then one of the actors does not do anything wrong, but it upsets the audience, and they all get up and leave.

Imagine you are with all your best buddies, and you don't say anything wrong or mean or bad, but all your friends are upset by you, and they all walked away and left you. How would you feel? Sad? Alone?

Imagine you are sitting in church this morning, and I am preaching, and I don't say anything wrong, but someone is upset, so they get up and leave ... then everyone gets up and leaves. How would that make me feel?

Well, this really happened: Jesus was preaching/teaching. And He was teaching truth just like He always did. But things He was saying in truth made some people upset. All these people had been so interested in Him. They had loved the miracles and wanted to see more. But when He started teaching about how God saves people and that He Himself was the Bread of Heaven and that if you wanted to follow Him, you had to really, really commit ... people started to leave. One. Then two. Then five. Then fifty. Then one hundred. By the end of the story, everyone has left but His disciples and some true believers.

Jesus, in His sadness and loneliness and broken heart (in my opinion), turns to the disciples and asks: Will you leave as well?

And loyal Peter asks, Jesus, where else would we go. You alone have the truth. And we believe in You. We believe you are Who You say You are. We are sticking by You.

Would you do that? Would you stick it out with Jesus, and stay by His side if everyone else turned away?

So much of our world turns away from Jesus; they walk away when it gets too hard, or He demands too much, or they love the world more than Him. But as a true believer in Him, you will stick by Him, stand up for Him, defend His name and honor. In fact, some of you may even become preachers or missionaries and go out into the world to tell people about Him.

It is a wonderful story today in John 6. Try hard to follow me as I preach.

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,	
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#### A Guide to Family Worship August 2 - August 7

Suggested questions for mom and dad to use this week:

- 1. Mom and Dad, one idea might be to take the five points of the sermon and the correlating verses, and simply take one a night (or morning) this week, and walk through it. (The point on eating His flesh and drinking His blood might be a bit much for some of our young ones, but you could at least impress upon them that believing in Jesus takes commitment.)
- 2. The children are never too young to bring them up believing that God chose them; He set His love on them before the foundation of the world. Go ahead and talk about it; don't be afraid to do that. He has always loved them, elected them, and sent His Son to die for them.
- 3. Talk about a Christian's behavior. When they become communing members of the church, and they take the vows, they will promise by the grace of the Holy Spirit to walk in a manner worthy of a Christian. Talk about that.
- 4. If you will read Mr. Mac's letter, you'll be giving them illustrations about what it might feel like if everyone walked away from you. And of course, this happens to Jesus in the passage. Talk about Jesus' feelings. Talk about His' compassion and patience. Talk about how He does demand a commitment, but that the Holy Spirit helps them; and Jesus always forgives.

#### 5. Discuss:

28 Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." ~ Matthew 11

#### 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!

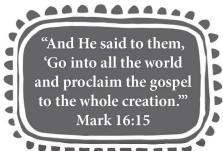
# This week's lesson is on

John 6:30-71

# 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:



## Meet Our Missionaries!



# Life on Wheels Montgomery, AL

Life on Wheels operates from a mobile ultrasound van to provide free scans and crisis pregnancy counseling to abortion minded women. They work in partnership with fixed site crisis pregnancy centers such as First Choice Women's Medical Center. Their purpose is to assist pregnant women in making an informed and life-affirming decision for their child, and to assist the pro-life community and churches in promoting the sanctity of human life. They endeavor to help pregnant women by fostering loving relationships and serving as a resource to refer them for ongoing support and care. Dr. Matt Phillips was instrumental in shaping the vision for this ministry and serves as the President of the Board of Directors. Trinity member, Price Bishop, has been part of the ministry since its inception and serves as the Vice President of the Board.

# Music and Hymns

### #457 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

This hymn talks about the way all believers stray from God at times in their life and how God is faithful to draw us back to Him. His mercy never ceases and He continues to invite us back into His arms when we wander away from Him. In fact, Jesus pursued us when we were yet sinners. Verse 2 says "Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God: He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood." To interpose means to come between. Jesus has come between you and your sin by cleansing you through the blood He shed on the cross. Isn't that amazing? We did nothing to deserve it and even though we may try, we continue to do wrong, yet He continues to love us! What a wondrous blessing!

#### #455 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

This hymn is very poetic and beautiful. The writer speaks of the wonder and mystery of Christ's death for our sins. Verse 4 says "long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night...I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; my chains fell off." This is a wonderful picture of how we are imprisoned by our sins, but Jesus' death and resurrection saved us and covered our sin with His light, releasing us from the chains of sin. We are now free in His salvation!

"...Thus far has the Lord helped us."
I Samuel 7:12



# children's ministry

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