## The

Worship Bulletin

## Trinity Presbyterian Church

May 29, 2022



## Just a word from Mr. Mac

## Claude E. McRoberts III • Senior Minister

Dear Children,
Everyone loves comfort.
I'm not talking about comforts in life like a soft bed or great food or a big TV.
Those are "comforts in life" that you can live with or without.
What I mean is: comfort we receive from a loving mother or father; comfort when we are hurting or tired or have had a bad day; comfort when our parents are putting us to bed at night, and we feel safe and loved. That is comforting.

Jesus had days in which He needed to be comforted. At one time we are told that ministering angels came to comfort Him. He knew trials, exhaustion, beatings, hunger, sleepless nights. I am sure when He was your age, He enjoyed the comfort His mother, Mary, gave Him like any son would his mother.

In fact, when Jesus speaks to His disciples in our passage this morning, He is hurting, but so are His disciples. In the Upper Room Jesus has just told them that one of them would betray Him (Judas); another would deny Him (Peter); and that all of them would scatter and run away when it got tough.

That is when Jesus says, Let not your heart be troubled. And He goes on to tell them why they should not be troubled. Some of those reasons include: they believed in God; they trusted God; He was going away to prepare a place for them; He would come back and get them; He would take them to be with Him forever; that He and the Father were one ... If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father.

And He also encourages them by telling them He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Only He could do all this for them. Only He could take them to the Father. And with the Father and the Son, they would find their greatest comfort. If you are hurting, ask Jesus to comfort you. Pray to Him. Read your Bible. Ask your mom and dad what they think Jesus would say to you in your pain and hurt.

I want you to feel much, much comfort in your life today.
I love you,

## "And we are writing

 these things so that our joy may be complete!" John 1:4Do 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.

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## A Guide to Family Worship May 30 - June 4, 2022

Suggested questions for Mom and Dad to use this week:

1. Mom and Dad, you can use Mr. Mac's letter with the children to spark some conversations this week about what it means to be comforted and from Whom we can receive comfort.
2. Mr. Mac opened his sermon with a story about a young man who gave his life for Christ simply because He was reading a Bible in the English language (1555). Talk about that young man. Would you have that kind of courage? God would give us grace if that happened to us. We would be brave.
3. In what ways have you seen and felt God's comfort in the last week? In your life?
4. What is heaven. Heaven is a glorious and happy place where the righteous live forever with the Lord. Talk about heaven. We receive comfort when we talk about heaven.
5. What did Jesus mean when He said He was the Way?

The Truth? The Life?
6. Read the ten points at the end of Mr. Mac's sermon on reasons why we should not lose heart and be troubled.

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 14:1-11
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).
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Name: $\qquad$ Age: $\qquad$


## Dan and Dale Faber IXO Global

Dan Faber is the Founder and President of International Xchange Organization, IXO. He and his wife Dale, a daughter of Trinity, started IXO in 1996 in order to address a need for evangelism and pastor training in China.

- IXO now has twenty-five years of experience in faith-based innovation, mission entrepreneurship and non-profit care and management.
- IXO leads seven of her own subsidiary missions and provides care for over a dozen smaller mission agencies.
- They give national pastors and non-profit Christian leaders the support, freedom, trust, counsel and encouragement for them to bring their unique ministry vision to life.
- Recently Dan and Dale moved to North Carolina in order to host missionaries with the IXO ministry REST \& RENEWAL MINISTRY.
- Please read a few of the short ministry stories found on their IXO website: www.IXOglobal.org
- The Fabers appreciate Trinity's faithful support and prayers. When you invest in their ministry, you are making it possible for them to serve and care for over sixty-five missionaries and national pastors.


## Music and Hymns

"It Is Well with My Soul"

When Horatio Spafford wrote this hymn in 1873 he had just experienced a great loss in his family. He had already lost his son to scarlet fever and lost his wealth in the Great Chicago Fire, and in 1873 he lost his 4 daughters in a shipwreck. As he was on his way to meet his grieving wife he wrote this hymn, "It Is Well with My Soul." How do you react in times of trouble and sadness? Is your soul well in any circumstance? We should rest in the fact that the Holy Spirit is always with us and Jesus is always there to hear our prayers. This hymn is a great example of how, as Christians, we can
have peace no matter what happens in our lives.

## "Christ. Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

This hymn uses the words 'light' and 'dark' to talk about God's work in our hearts. There is a battle in our hearts every day, between sin and the Holy Spirit, and this hymn is a prayer for Jesus to come and fight for us. Without Jesus, when we don't have His light, our hearts
and our minds are dark and confused. It is even possible to do all the right things, but still have a dark heart. God looks first at our hearts, even if we're doing the 'right things'. The last verse asks Him to 'scatter all my unbelief' - in all of our hearts, there are parts where
we don't trust God, where we wonder "is He really good? Can I really trust Him? Can I really believe Him?"

The good news is that God has saved you. $H e$ is perfect and patient with us, even when we have a hard time in our hearts.
"The rising sun will come to us from Heaven to shine on those living in darkness"

Luke 1:78, 79

