

**Trinity Presbyterian Church** 

# **September 25, 2022**



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Dear Children.

Have you ever been in the car when your parent got pulled over by the police for speeding? Or maybe you have had the police at your home. Or maybe even a fire truck!

When my daughter was just a bit older than you, I was dropping her off with her sister at Chappy's Deli to eat breakfast with some friends. If you know the Chappy's I'm talking about across from Montgomery Academy Lower School by "The Fresh Market," you might know there is a fire station right there. As I was dropping my daughters off, the fire engines starting turning on ... the sirens started blaring ... and they started rolling out. Well, one of them (Nan) said, "Oh Daddy. I think maybe they are going to our house." And I asked, "Why?" And she said, "Because when we left and I set the alarm, I accidentally set the alarm off for FIRE."

THAT is very typical of that child of mine. And as much as I was horrified the firemen were coming to my house for no reason at all, we still laugh to this day that Nan did that; and that she did not tell me until we were at Chappy's, and she saw them leaving in their big red trucks.

We are so thankful for our police, firemen, ambulance drivers and others like them. But when we are in the wrong – like speeding or setting something on fire – we get scared. If I see a policeman behind me with his blue lights flashing, my heart drops in fear.

Well, on the night of Jesus' arrest, imagine the scene: middle of the night; in a garden that had olive trees; the moon was shining through the trees. And three of the disciples had fallen asleep! But then here comes the sound of voices, footsteps, sword clanging, and torches flickering. They were coming for Jesus!!

Peter gets so hyped up he even takes out his dagger and cuts off the ear of the servant, Malchus! Some say Peter was trying to kill Malchus but missed. Of course, Jesus healed Malchus right there. I sometimes wonder if Malchus believed in Jesus after that miracle. I hope so.

Jesus was not afraid. He walked toward "the police" who had come to arrest Him. When He said His name, they all fell back to the ground. Jesus is that powerful! And He is so kind that even when they were arresting Him, He told the men who had come to take Him (probably more than 600 men) to leave his friends (the disciples) alone.

Jesus is powerful and can take care of you. Jesus is kind, and He loves you. I hope you have a wonderful day at your church today!

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

September 7 - September 12

Suggested Questions for Mom and Dad to Use this Week:

- 1. Mom and Dad, talk to your children about times when you've been scared of the dark. I think I am going to share a few stories about camping out and being scared. You may not want to go that direction with them, but my point is to try to explain that the Garden of Gethsemane was a bit scary the night Jesus was arrested. At least let your children's imagination run wild thinking of what it would have been like that night in garden with Jesus.
- 2. How did Jesus react to the men who had come to take Him?
- 3. What part did Judas play?
- 4. How did Peter react? And how did Jesus react to Peter?
- 5. Explain to your children that Jesus willingly gave Himself up to be arrested, tried, convicted, punished and crucified for them. Try to explain just how much He has done for us.

# 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 18:1-11

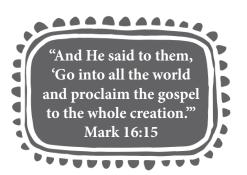
# Want to see your artwork on the FRONT PAGE?

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

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# Meet Our Missionaries!



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Onward is a campus ministry whose mission is to engage students by being a faithful presence through Gospel-focused relationships. The Ministry Philosophy within Onward is Precision, Purpose, Presence, and Persistence. Onward helps students understand the Gospel, understand how to apply it to their lives, and lead others, all by being present in the student's life. Onward values the simplicity of being with people and spending the largest percentage of time building relationships and getting to know students face-to-face. Persistence is the goal for friendships. When people ask how the ministry is going, our Campus Minister Bill Boldt, always responds with "Ask us in 20 years. If our young friends are still walking with God and leading others to do the same, we would say we are having a successful ministry." The relationships built here are Gospel-centered, gospel-focused, and relational.

# Music and Hymns

# "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!

# "Worship Christ the Risen King"

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"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8



# children's ministry

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