The Children's Worship Bulletin

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Just a word from Mr. Mac

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Dear Children,

Have you ever thought much about the two thieves that were crucified on either side of Jesus? Honestly, sometimes I forget about them. And I forget to think hard about who WAS there: the soldiers; the women, one of them being Jesus' mother, Mary; John but he was the only disciple; and other people who were looking on.

You know what the thieves had in common? They were both guilty of crimes.

We call them "thieves." They were robbers. They were criminals.

The difference between them is what happens while they are dying. One is cursing at Jesus; mocking Him; "hating on Him." He makes fun of Jesus by saying things like, "If you are the Son of God, save us and yourself!"

But the other thief ... the one we will get to meet in heaven one day, got mad at the other thief and rebuked him: *Don't you know anything?! Don't you see that we are guilty, and this man is not?! Don't you have any fear of God?!*

And then he speaks to Jesus ~ no doubt in a voice that is begging for mercy. And he says something like, Jesus, I believe in You. I know Who you are. I know you are the Son of God; the Messiah. Will you please save me, and let me go to heaven.

And Jesus says something interesting: *Today, you will be with Me ... you will be with Me*. How comforting is that!!!

Jesus promises us that no matter what we are going through, no matter our sin, no matter our bad attitudes and lack of trust in Him, ONE DAY we will be WITH HIM!! That's what heaven is: *being with Jesus! Forever.*

Nothing is better than that; and, Jesus gave that gift to that man in his final breath. He lived his entire life without Jesus; he had even turned to a life of crime; but in his last hour of life, he became a Christian, and he is with Jesus to this very day.

We all need to turn to Jesus TODAY. We should not wait until we are older, out of college, married and have a job. As a child, you need to tell Jesus that you know Who He is, and that you believe in Him, and that you will trust Him to take away your sin, so that you can live forever with Him. (The opposite is true for the unbeliever: they are without Jesus forever in a place called hell.)

I am so thankful for your belief in Jesus, the Man on the middle cross.

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

October 24 - November 5

Suggested Questions for Mom and Dad to Use this Week:

- 1. Mom and dad, in the sermon I read part of a sermon by Alistair Begg. You can find that clip on YouTube at "The Man on the Middle Cross said I could come/Alistair Begg." The address is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xk9wgJBoEd8.
- 2. Think about this quote and apply it to yourself and quite possibly explain this to your children: "There was one thief on the cross saved so that we'd never lose hope, but only one so we'd never become presumptuous." JC Ryle What a great discussion with some of your older children. And tell them: Today is the Day of Salvation!
- 3. How do you think the women felt at the foot of the cross? What emotions? What about their faith? What about Mary because Simon had warned her: A sword will pierce your soul Luke 2:35.
- 4. "This man said He was the King of the Jews." Do you believe what Jesus said? Is He your King? Is He your Lord?
- 5. Is the King your Friend?
- 6. In what ways do we honor mother and father? Are we ever too old to honor our mothers and fathers? How did Jesus honor His mother at the cross?
- 7. And how might YOU honor Jesus with your life today? Tomorrow? And WHY would you want to honor Jesus?

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 19:17-27

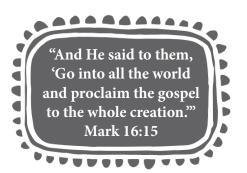
Want to see your artwork on the FRONT PAGE?

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

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Meet Our Missionaries!



Meg Randall Flores Isaiah 55 Reynosa, Mexico

Meg joined Isaiah 55 full-time in 2019 as cultural liaison, serving as the connection between the mission and other like-minded organizations in the Reynosa area. She also serves in administration, working with government offices and attorneys in Mexico, and as director of vocational programs. Meg loves being involved in community outreach programs with kids and youth in the Aquiles neighborhood! In July 2022, Meg married Rafa Flores and they live in Reynosa, where Rafa teaches at a private school.

Music and Hymns

"Lift High the Cross"

Here we find a reminder that we are to hold the cross of Christ ever before our eyes as we await that time when all the world will "adore His sacred name." One day, when Jesus returns to rule the world as King, there will be no more suffering, sadness, pain, evil, or even darkness. It is going to be better than anything you could ever dream of or imagine! The only reason we will be able to be with Jesus in this wonderful place is because He died on the cross for us, because He loves us!

"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

This hymn talks about the blood of Jesus that cleanses us from our sins. It is like a fountain, as it continuously flows and has the power to save the world. Jesus died to save us all from our sins. All we have to do is believe in Him. Do you believe?

"On that day, a fountain will be opened to te house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity." Zechariah 13:1



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