



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

"Open Up the Heavens"

"This is Jesus"

"Goodness of God"

Pastoral Prayer

Bless & Release Kids (Pre-K – 6th)

"How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art"

Sermon – 3rd John

"Build My Life"

SERMON NOTES – "Who to IMITATE... Gaius or Diotrephes?" – 3rd John (ESV)

¹The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.²Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.³For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth.⁴I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

⁵Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are,⁶ who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God.⁷For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles.⁸Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

⁹I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority.¹⁰So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church.

¹¹Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God.¹²Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself. We also add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true.¹³I had much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink.¹⁴I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.¹⁵Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends, each by name.

GAIUS... (vv.1-8)

Walks in the _____

_____ the Christian Missionaries

Practices _____ (Strangers)

_____ them on their Mission

DIOTREPHESES... (vv.9-10)

_____ to be First in the Church

_____ Godly Authority

_____ & Slanders Authority

_____ Hospitality

Kicks Out those who _____

JESUS... (Philippians 2:1-8)

Loved us Truly (Even when His _____!)

_____ Himself (Becoming Human)

_____ Himself (Dying on the Cross)

NEWAYGO CAMPUS NEWS

WELCOME BOX FOR YOU! – If you're a guest with us today, we're so glad you're here! **Please fill out a Connect Card, drop it in the Offering Box, and take a Welcome Box before you go, our gift to you!**

2024 FAMILY PRAYER CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE! – We want to help equip your family to grow in praying daily in the new year, so our gift to all is a 2024 Prayer Calendar. Please pick yours up today!

EXPLORING TRINITY CLASSES (January 4, 11, and 18; 6:30-8:30pm) – If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity or just want to know more about our story, our beliefs, and our ministries, **please contact Patrick to let him know you'd like to sign up! The first class starts this Thursday!**

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE FOR EDITH STROHMER (Saturday, Jan. 13) – The church family is invited to a Celebration of Life service for Edith Strohmer on Saturday, January 13, 11 AM, at Trinity|NWG Campus. There will be a visitation starting at 10 AM, and a light luncheon following the service.

TRINITY|NEWAYGO FAMILY BABY SHOWER – (Sunday, Jan. 14, After Service) – Please join us in celebrating with the Doremus, Pladziewicz, and Reed families! A light potluck lunch will be served. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk to let us know what dish you plan to bring, thanks! The gift list has been emailed out, so if you did not receive it, please let Karen Dalton know. If you have questions, please contact Missy Hug at 269-303-0864.

COMMITTED FOR LIFE MARRIAGE EVENT @ Grant Fine Arts Center (Feb. 10) – This will be a fun date night, focused on fortifying and enriching your marriage. Dan Seaborn will be presenting his book, Marriage on Purpose. We'll also be serving an amazing charcuterie spread at intermission. So, dress up, bring your spouse (or come even if you're single and looking to get ahead of the game! It's never too early to learn how you can enrich your marriage!) and enjoy a date night that could renew your marriage! Register and get your tickets (\$20/person) at committedforlife.net!

TWO HEARTS, ONE FLAME MARRIAGE RETREAT @NWG Campus (March 21-23) – This weekend will be packed full of sessions designed with couples in mind – to send them home with practical heart tools on how to listen and care for their spouse's heart. The cost for the retreat is \$250/couple, which includes speaker costs, meals, snacks, and materials. However, **Trinity Fellowship is subsidizing the cost for all... \$95/couple!** This is an amazing opportunity to invest in your marriage, so register soon before it opens to the public in mid-January. There is only room for 40 couples, so use the QR code to register today!



JOIN THE CHURCH FAMILY IN SERVING! – Have you found your place to serve at NWG Campus yet? **Please fill out the Volunteer Assessment Form on our website or app!** There are many places to serve: Trinity Kids, Youth, Connections, Hospitality, Building & Grounds, VBS, Worship Team, Worship Tech, Administration, Missions, or Outreach. Simply go to www.trinityinfo.org/serve. **As we continue to grow, we are especially looking for help in our TRINITY KIDS and WORSHIP ministries. If you would like to know more about these opportunities, contact Karen Dalton about Trinity Kids or Rachel Faber about Worship. Thanks!**

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY RESULTS – We have received the results from the congregational survey that was recently conducted. The results were very positive! The specific results will be shared with the congregation on Sunday, January 7, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Landstra via the church office at elders@trinityinfo.org.