

## Message Notes

Today: *Meaning Filled Life*

Introduction

### I. Meaning Eludes Us

Eccl. 1-2

### II. (You are) Found in the Kingdom of God

Luke 15:31-32

### III. Experienced in Christ and His Church

John 17:20-21



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You've been invited! Long ago God invited us into a relationship with Himself through His son Jesus Christ. When we gather to worship, we have the opportunity to experience God's presence, hear His word, and respond to this invitation. That's why we're glad you're here!

#### Kids are Welcome too!

Kids of all ages are welcome in the sanctuary. We also offer Nursery for newborn through 3-year-old. Four-year-old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children will be invited to participate in children's worship most Sundays September through May.

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### Upcoming Advent Message Series



#### Word Became Flesh

While the other three gospels begin with the life of Jesus as an event in time, John's gospel begins with an eternal perspective.

However, John quickly brings Jesus to us on earth with the powerful and poetic phrase "the Word became flesh and lived among us." We'll never grasp the full meaning of the eternal power of God present among us. Still we're compelled to ask, "What does it mean that God was with us?"

#### Something Special for your Children

Children & Worship was created to make a special place where Children can come to encounter God, to be still with God, and to listen to God. It is a place where Children come to nurture their spiritual life. Children & Worship is a spiritual formation approach that presents a joyful way for children to worship God.





All Generations. One Family.

Compelled by Christ's love, our mission is to:  
**Invite all generations into God's family.**

We do this by

- Worship: Experiencing life-giving presence of God
- Discipleship: Making passionate disciples of Jesus transformed by God's Word.
- Mission: Showing God's love and telling the gospel.
- Community: Encouraging followers to practice their faith.

## Next Steps



If you're new to Trinity or to being part of a church family, you may be wondering, "What do I do after today?" Let us extend a few invitations to you:

1. Let us take you out for breakfast, lunch, or coffee. No big agenda. Who's us? Good question. That would be Pastor Randy or Elder Mike.
2. Visit a small group. We've got friendly groups that meet to talk about the Bible and life, pray for each other and encourage on another. Find out about all our small groups at: [trc-gh.org/kids-youth-and-small-groups/](http://trc-gh.org/kids-youth-and-small-groups/)
3. Take the Next Steps Christian Growth Survey. Discover personal, practical, and proven ways to grow in Christian faith. You can take it on-line at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BasicNextSteps>
4. Make a decision to follow Jesus and become part of God's family. Just check the box below, we'll contact you.

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**My Next Step** - I'm interested in: (Check all that apply)

- Information on becoming a member
- Having coffee, breakfast or lunch
- Starting a relationship with God
- Pastoral visit
- Joining a Small Group

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Tear off & put in offering plate

## Today in Worship



### **TODAY: Meaning Filled Life**

Have you ever wondered: "What's the meaning of my life?" If so you're not alone. Come Sunday for brunch and family style worship. Scripture will guide us into an understanding of meaning and life that might be different than the way we normally think of it. We may discover too, that being a member of Christ's church relates directly to meaning.

As an added bonus, breakfast will be served! Pumpkin waffles, bacon and other tasty breakfast will be served.

After brunch and worship members will gather for our annual congregational meeting.

### **We Gather in God's Presence**

Welcome  
 Invitation to Worship  
 Songs of Praise  
 Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer  
**Blessing of the Boxes**  
 Children 4 yrs-2nd grade dismissed for C&W

### **God Revealed in Word and Sacrament**

Scripture: Various Scripture Passages  
 Message: **Meaning Filled Life**  
 Prayer for Blessing

### **Our Response to God**

Offering (**Please sign Friendship Pad**)  
 Closing Song  
 Benediction

### **What's Next?**

Coffee and Conversation after worship. Take a left out of the Sanctuary right after worship. Step up to the coffee bar. Meet some new people.



**Roots Small Group**  
 A six-week small group experience with other newly arrived friends. Get to know them, the good things God intends for all of us and how they're happening at Trinity Church. Watch the bulletin for the next Roots Small Group.