

## VISION

*Trinity Grace Church is a family of neighborhood churches we call parishes. The motivation for our founding was a longing to see the fame and deeds of God renewed and known in our time (Habakkuk 3:2).*

*Our vision is one of joining God in the renewal of all things. We exist to see New Yorkers transformed into passionately engaged followers of Jesus.*

## VALUES

Ephesians 3 says the church is the manifold wisdom of God on display to the principalities and powers. Its people, its life, its culture, its service and its sacrifice are telling a story about the God we serve. Therefore our church doesn't just exist for itself, it exists to declare the glory and heart of God to the world.

At our best, each of our neighborhood churches express the following seven cultural values, giving the world a tangible encounter of what it feels like to be loved by Jesus:

### A CULTURE OF *Pursuit*

People in this city are known for having passion for their education, for their career, for their start ups, for their weekends. Few people are passionate about their souls. But we have come to know there is a God of love who meets the deepest longings of our hearts and he wants us to pursue Him above all else.

### A CULTURE OF *Grace*

In a harsh and often unforgiving world, we believe the church should always be the place where people can find grace. One of our greatest pleasures is seeing the resurrection joy on a person's face as they move from death to life in Jesus, coming out from under a lifetime of shame to embrace their new identity as a member of God's own household.

### A CULTURE OF *Family*

One of the primary metaphors for the church is that of a family. And in a city defined by personal ambition and radical individualism, our people actively live against the trend, opening their hearts and lives to one another so it can increasingly be said, there are no needy among them.

## A CULTURE OF *Empowerment*

It has been said that the church is the only institution left in society where all of the other spheres of culture overlap. Our church does not exist for itself, but to equip people with a theological vision to join God in his great redemptive work and then send them into the world to do just that. From fashion to education, marketing to international relations, our people see themselves primarily as agents of God's Kingdom and work, not just for the bottom line, but for the common good.

## A CULTURE OF *Renewal*

We have a conviction that the Creator God is at work to heal and renew the whole world. To follow Jesus and join Him in His mission is to become agents of renewal in our neighborhoods, industries and our city as a whole. We have realize the privilege we enjoy — even though most of us would not consider ourselves to be wealthy — and are committed to stewarding our privilege on behalf of others.

## A CULTURE OF *Sacrifice*

It's not easy to get to the city, live in the city, or stay in the city. Yet our people are committed to living beyond convenience, to the point of often great personal sacrifice, to build a loving community centered on Jesus in New York City no matter what it takes.

## A CULTURE OF *Presence*

There is no greater delight than experiencing the manifest Presence of Jesus and the life, peace, freedom and joy that come when He draws near. In all we do, our prayer is that of Moses, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here."

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***“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”***

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

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