



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING WATCH

MEDITATION

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
David Cherwien

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this morning, as every morning, we are surrounded by God's grace.
Many: In these moments, as every moment, we are called to discipleship by Jesus.
One: Throughout this day, as every day, we are taught peace and hope by the Spirit.
Many: Let us live in the light of God's love.
All: Let us walk in the hope of God's promise!

✠ GATHERING HYMN

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 662

[Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies](#)

RATISBON

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of tender mercies, if we're honest we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and contemplate great vengeance upon those who have wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Invite us into the embrace of your love which grounds us all and provides a peace that passes all understanding. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord Have Mercy



† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Be reminded, then, of this surpassing grace:

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

† THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you –
And also with you!

† GLORIA PATRI

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 581

[Glory Be to the Father](#)

GLORIA PATRI

GOD SPEAKS TO US

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 116: 1-2, 8-19

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8: 27-36

SERMON

Believing Is Just the Beginning
Dr. Steve Lindsley

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH & COMMITMENT

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 718

[Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said](#)

BOURBON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ. We believe that God in Jesus Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world. The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life. The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down. The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

A MOMENT FOR OFFERING AND MEDITATION

To make an offering, click [HERE](#).

OFFERTORY

Psalm 42:1

As a heart longs for the flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God.

Sicut Cervus
G.P. da Palestrina

† [DOXOLOGY](#)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

† PRAYER FOR OFFERING

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS & SERVE

† SENDING HYMN

Glory to God, Hymnal No. 702

[Christ Be Beside Me](#)
BUNESSAN

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lord Jesus, We Give Thanks to You
W.F. Bach

† *All who are able are invited to stand.*

WORSHIP LEADERS: Dr. Steve Lindsley, preacher; Rev. Rebecca Heilman and Rev. Jodi Martin, liturgists; Dr. Chris Gilliam, director of music; Michael Rowland, organist; and Trinity Choir.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Our church family actively seeks to welcome all and to acknowledge and embrace the rich diversity of God's human creation. Come as you are. We do not seek to change you; rather, to provide space for you to grow in your unique faith journey. We believe that it is impossible to live out Christ's purpose, as individuals and as the church, without being fully open and inclusive, following the example Christ set for us. At Trinity Presbyterian Church, we believe in: Growing Together. Welcoming All. Please fill out our digital [Connect Card](#) to learn more about our church!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW LOOP SYSTEM - Trinity is proud to announce our new loop system for worshippers in need of assisted hearing! Thanks to the generosity of donors who gave above and beyond their normal pledged giving, we were able to include this new technology as part of our A/V upgrades in the Sanctuary. Read more about the new system by clicking [HERE](#)

LITTLE FREE PANTRY DONATION SUNDAY - Every third Sunday of the month, bring donations to Worship for our Little Free Pantry, located on Providence Road. There will be a basket in the Narthex and in worship for donated items. Check out our [Little Free Pantry website](#) and [Amazon Wishlist](#) for more information!

THE WELL IS BACK - The Well Class will be meeting over Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. We'll also have a class in person on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Heritage Room. Our Christian Education Intern for the Fall, Marcy Doak, will be leading both classes and she is excited to get started! Email Rebecca at reheilmann@trinitypreschurch.org if you're interested in joining the email list.

FALL GARDENERS NEEDED - We've got carrots, turnips and pumpkins! Now that the weather is cooling off, help us in the garden! There will be planting, harvesting, and yes, weeding, but that's what it means to have a garden! Sign your family up or reach out to a friend and care for the garden for a week by clicking [HERE](#) or go to <https://bit.ly/3lmu1dh>.

COLLEGE OF ELDERS GATHERING- Join us for a College of Elders gathering on Sunday, September 26, at 6:00 p.m. in front of the Fellowship Hall. This year's theme is "Pandemic Parables: Stories of Challenge and Hope" and will feature three speakers, all Trinity members. Anyone who has ever been elected as an elder in our church or any Presbyterian church is encouraged to attend.

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