



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Canon
Theodore Dubois

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord! Praise God in the Sanctuary; praise God in the mighty heavens!
Many: Praise God for mighty deeds; praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!
One: Praise God with the sound of the trumpet, with lute and harp, with tambourine and dance!
Many: Praise God with strings and pipe, with clanging cymbals and joyful song!
One: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Many: Praise the Lord!

†GATHERING HYMN

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 33

[Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show](#)
LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, you call to rest in your presence, yet, we confess that we are often consumed by the demands of our daily lives. Though you call us to be still, we struggle to pause. Though you surround us with signs of your goodness, we neglect to give thanks. Though you invite us to listen for your voice, we are too often distracted by the screens and the noise around us. Forgive us, O Lord. Quiet our restless hearts, renew our weary spirits, and draw us once more into the fellowship of your grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

A TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

At this time, you are invited to silently offer your personal prayers of forgiveness to God.

KYRIE ELEISON (*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 575*)

[Lord, Have Mercy upon Us](#)

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

†WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: The one who calls us into worship is also the one who welcomes us with mercy and steadfast love.

Many: Even in our restlessness, God remains faithful, renewing us through the grace of Jesus Christ.

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God!

†THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you –

And also with you!

†GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 582

[Glory to God](#)

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 95:1-7

ANTHEM

Stay with Us
Egot Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening, and night is falling. Jesus Christ the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it! Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.
(Adapted from Luke 24:29)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 84

SERMON

The Maintenance of Divine Worship
Rev. Nick Cheek

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH & COMMITMENT

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 402

[How Lovely, Lord](#)

MERLE'S TUNE

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Brief Statement of Faith, 1991

We trust in Jesus Christ, who proclaimed the reign of God, preached good news to the poor, brought freedom to the oppressed, welcomed the outcast, forgave sinners, and called all people to follow in the way of God. We trust in the Holy Spirit, who gathers us into the one body of Christ, the Church, speaks to us through Scripture and the Word proclaimed, meets us in the waters of baptism and at the table of grace, and calls us into the ministry of Christ. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to proclaim the good news, to hear voices long silenced, to seek justice, freedom, and peace, and to love and serve our neighbors. We believe God is still at work, reconciling, healing, restoring, and making all things new. This is our faith. This is our calling. By the grace of God, this is the Church we are called to be. Amen.

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.

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Walter Reid
Stewardship Chair

A MOMENT FOR OFFERING

To make an offering by text, text TPCGIVE to 73256.

For online offering click [HERE](#) or scan QR code to the right.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

† [DOXOLOGY](#)

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

†PRAYER FOR OFFERING

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS & SERVE

†SENDING HYMN

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 295

[Go to the World!](#)

SINE NOMINE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in e minor (the “Wedge”)
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Nick Cheek, preacher; Rev. Hillary Cheek, Dr. Eric Robinson, Director of Children, Youth and Families, liturgists; Dr. Justin Smith, Director of Music and Cultural Events; Mark Swicegood, organist; and the Trinity Choir.

WELCOME TO TRINITY

You are welcome and there is a place for you here at Trinity! We strive to be an open and inclusive community, acknowledging and embracing the rich diversity of God's creation so we embody our calling to, "grow together and welcome all." We love having children, and their wiggles, worship with us at Trinity. If you choose, childcare is provided for ages four and under. We are happy your family is here! Whatever in your life brought you to worship with us today, you are welcome, and we hope you feel at home.

NAME TAGS - As an intergenerational church, we value welcome and belonging. Name tags help us learn one another's names and build connections across generations. If you are new or have been visiting and would like a name tag, an usher will be happy to help you.

INTERESTED IN ENGAGING IN THE LIFE OF TRINITY? - Are you interested in learning more about Trinity or exploring the next steps in your faith journey here? Whether that means getting involved, joining the church, or simply asking questions, we would love to connect with you. Please reach out to Rev. Nick, Rev. Rebecca, or the church office, and we will be glad to help you find your place at Trinity. You can also fill out a Welcome Card by asking a greeter before worship.

CHILDCARE - Childcare for ages 0-4 is available, in **Room 116**, during Sunday morning activities, beginning at **9:30 a.m.** (or **10:30 a.m.** if Sunday School is not held). Our nursery care providers are two Weekday School teachers, Paris Barnette and Nidia Estrada. Children, aged five and older, are invited to join Worship, but younger children are also welcome. We offer a "Prayground" where children can engage and play during the service.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN WORSHIP - Each week, children and youth can build their own worship bags with activities and supplies provided in the Narthex.