

**October 11, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome to Worship**



What do you need for the living of these days?

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## Prelude and Procession

Nicki Kerns

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, by Erik Satie, arr. Craig Courtney

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

## Preparation for Worship

### Introit

*Be Still and Know*, arr. Winkler

Choir

### Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Sandy Thormann

We come with what this week has given us: grief and gratitude,  
sorrow and hope, fear and faith.

**We come because we belong to one another.**

The Lord is near.

### \*Opening Hymn PH #276 *Great is thy faithfulness*, vs. 1 & 2

### Prayer for Forgiveness, Healing, and Reconciliation (*responsively*)

Sandy

God of all people, the pain of the world can change us. Fear can make us hard. Anger can become contempt. Our need to be right can become more important than our desire to understand.

**Forgive us when we add to the wounds around us.**

Heal what is broken in us.

Heal what is broken between us.

**Give us courage to speak truth without cruelty, conviction without contempt, and gentleness without surrendering what is good and just.**

Remind us that we do not carry this work alone.

**The Lord is near.**

*Time for silent prayer*

## **Words of Grace and New Life** (*responsively*)

Sandy

based on Psalm 23

Speak the good news with me:

**Even when we walk through a valley, we do not walk alone.**

**God is near. God leads us toward still waters and restores our souls.**

**Goodness and mercy accompany us, even here.**

So receive God's forgiveness. Receive God's peace. And trust that the Lord is near.

### **\*Gloria**

*Clapping Gloria*

*Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

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### **\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

Diane

"The Peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

*Let us share a sign of that peace with one another.*

## **Word with Children**

*Children are invited to go to Sunday School*

## **Prayers of the People** - God of Life and Hope, **Hear our Prayer**

*Presbytery's Unity Candle: We pray for Somos, Watsvonville.*

## **Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer** (*unison*)

Diane

**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.**

## Anthem

### *A Joyful Song to the Lord* by Karen Crane & Jennifer Klein

Choir

Let ev'ry creature great and small proclaim God's holy name.  
The mountains sing and the rocks cry out a jubilant refrain.  
Sing to the Lord (sing allelu), sing to the Lord (sing allelu).  
All of creation join and sing to the Lord.  
Sing to the Lord (sing allelu), sing to the Lord (sing allelu).  
All of creation join and sing to the Lord.

In joyful song, let the chorus sound, creation's anthem raise.  
The melody of the universe rings out in glorious praise.  
Sing to the Lord...

O sing the mighty pow'r of God that fills the earth and skies.  
With heart and soul lift up your voice and let your praise arise!  
Sing to the Lord...

O sing the mighty, sing the mighty,  
Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord,  
Sing to the Lord!

## Prayers for Ears that Hear

Sandy

God of wisdom and peace, in the midst of all we are carrying, quiet  
our hearts enough to hear you.

**Your word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.**

Spirit of God, when we do not know which way to turn, help us hear  
your voice: "This is the way; walk in it."

**Amen.**

## Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

Sandy

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my  
joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!  
I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind  
in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women  
since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along

with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

Rev. Diane Ford

**Offering Our Lives to God**

Diane

**Offertory**     *Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet*, by Amy Grant

Nicki

**\*Doxology** PH #591

**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 of Dedication

Diane

God of life, receive these gifts, and receive our lives with them. In a world that can weary us, help us nurture what is good, attend to what gives life, and share our joy with others. Amen

## Hymn PH #464

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

## \*Blessing and Charge

Diane

## \*Amen

Choir

## Postlude

*Toccata: Rejoice Always*, by Richard Williamson

Nicki

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\*We invite all to stand in body or in spirit.

*PH - Presbyterian Hymnal; GH – Gather Hymnal; GtG - Glory to God*

## Special Thanks to Our “Sunday Saints”

Pastor: The Rev. Diane Ford

Music Director: Nicki Kerns

Lector: Sandy Thormann

Flowers: Debbie Bates

Usher: Pete Halper

Greeters: Sandy and Jerry Thormann

Coffee Hour: Ellen Bauerle

Audio/Video/Zoom Techs: Chad Bell, Chuck Cobery, Rosie Bell

## Announcements

**Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church!** Are you new today? We look forward to getting to know you. Please fill out a visitor welcome card and place it in the offering plate during the Call to Offering. After worship, join us for coffee/refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. We're glad you're here!



**All-Church Retreat Saturday, October 17, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 9850 Monroe Ave., Aptos. Join us for this time of joyful **fellowship, fun, food, and faith** as we gather to strengthen our relationships, discover more about the gifts God has given us, and explore what those gifts might mean for our life and ministry together. Register today with Pastor Diane in the sanctuary after worship, or with Ellen Bauerle at Coffee Hour in the courtyard. There is no charge for the retreat, though donations are welcome. Coffee and light goodies will be provided in the morning, and lunch will come from *Erik's Deli*.

**Trinity book club** will be reading "The Next Fifty Things That Made The Modern Economy" by Tim Harford. October's conversation will take place Monday, October 19 in the fireside room at 10:00 am. 📖 Joanne

**Happy Hour** will take place Thursday, October 15 from 4-6pm at the Back 9 in Pasatiempo. Come for fellowship, deepen friendships, and bring someone new.

**To schedule a visit with Pastor Diane**, please email her directly at [TrinitySCPastorDiane@gmail.com](mailto:TrinitySCPastorDiane@gmail.com), or bring your calendar on Sunday morning and she will set a time with you.

**Please continue to remember these people and situations in your prayers.**

- Jacob, Deb O'Connell's son: healing from current health issues.
- Jim Atwood's friends: grieving his death.
- Tim Vincent: grateful for the sale of his mother's home.
- The Christie Family: grieving the death of their son and brother John.
- Mayre Vincent: anticipating successful surgery and recovery.
- St. Andrew Presbyterian Church and Pastor Anne McAnelly in Aptos: gratitude for their effective ministries and partnership in Santa Cruz al Salvador.
- Family and friends of Anne Carle: mourning the passing of the "world's best Sunday School teacher"
- St. Francis of Assisi: Commemorating his death 800 years ago on October 4 by honoring his teachings to protect all living creatures throughout the world and here at home.

Since 1938, as a congregation in the Presbyterian Church, USA, Trinity has carried on a ministry of worship and service in the Santa Cruz community and has extended itself into the world through participation in regional, national, and international mission programs. You are warmly invited to join us in the challenge of Christian faith and ministry. Should you have questions about church activities, pastoral services or membership at Trinity, please speak with the Pastor.

### **Trinity Presbyterian Church Supports**

Presbyterian Missionaries in Congo, Indonesia, and on the Mexico/US border ♦ Shower the People ♦ Association of Faith Communities ♦ Urban Works ♦ Welcoming Network ♦ Hospice of S.C. County ♦ Rebele Family Shelter ♦ Habitat For Humanity ♦ Friends Outside ♦ Immanuel House ♦ Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. General Mission ♦ Sweet Pea Project ♦ Alcoholics Anonymous ♦ Santa Cruz al Salvador ♦ Santa Cruz Pride Parade ♦ Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) ♦ Scout Troop #604 ♦ Scout Troop #618

### **Session Elders**

| <b>Class of 2027</b>          | <b>Class of 2028</b>                 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Chad Bell (2 <sup>nd</sup> T) | Michael Christie (2 <sup>nd</sup> T) |
| Chuck Cobery                  | Ron Weaver                           |
| Mayre Vincent                 |                                      |

### **Deacons**

| <b>Class of 2026</b> | <b>Class of 2027</b>             | <b>Class of 2028</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Nancy Cobery         | Barbara Christie                 | Gigi Giannini        |
| Kim Johnston         | Peter Halper (2 <sup>nd</sup> T) |                      |
|                      | Marta Narus                      |                      |

### **Staff**

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| Pastor: Rev. Diane Ford      | Music Director: Nicki Kerns   |
| Office Admin: Nicole Donovan | Custodian: Hortencia Martinez |

### **Committee Leads**

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Clerk of Session</b> , Ellen   | <b>Outreach</b> , Larry                  |
| <b>Admin/Finance</b> , Chad       | <b>Personnel</b> , Lee                   |
| <b>Mission</b> , Chuck            | <b>Worship &amp; Christian Education</b> |
| <b>Nominating</b> , Ron           | <b>(WCE)</b> , Ellen and Michael         |
| <b>Treasurer</b> : Sandy Thormann |                                          |

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