

October 12, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship



*I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content.
(Psalm 131:2)*

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Prelude and Procession

Quiet Prelude #2
by Gilbert M. Martin

Nicki Kerns

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

There's so much happening in our world right now — the news cycle alone can make your heart race. We care deeply, and that's good. But sometimes it's just... too much. Too many difficult and complex matters, too “wonderful” for us, as the psalmist says. Psalm 131 meets us right there — not with more information, but with a change of posture.

Introit

Dona Nobis Pacem
-Anonymous

Trinity Choir

Call to Worship

Ron Weaver

The world feels heavy, Lord—

So much beyond our understanding or control.

Yet You call us to steady our anxious hearts.

You are the One who holds all things together.

We release what we cannot carry.

Come, rest in the heart of God.

We put our hope in the Lord, now and forevermore.

***Hymn PH #420 God of Grace and God of Glory, vs. 1-3**

Call to Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing

Ron

Christ emptied himself to bring us life. We are invited now to empty our hearts of pride, fear, and striving, and open ourselves to grace. In humility and hope, let us turn to God for forgiveness and healing.

Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing (Unison)

Ron

Merciful God, you know how anxious and restless our hearts can be. We hold tightly to things we cannot control. Forgive us when pride or fear keeps us from trusting You. Teach us the grace of release – to rest in your presence and breathe deeply of Your peace. Quiet the noise within us and heal what is wounded. Steady us for the work of compassion in the world. Through Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. Amen.

(Take time to offer silent prayers.)

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsively)

Ron

Friends, hear the good news: God's mercy is wider than our worry. Deeper than our fear. Like a loving parent, God gathers us close, quiets our hearts, and renews our strength. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria**

Clapping Gloria

Nicki

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

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***Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

Message for the Children

(Children are invited to go to Sunday School after the Message for the Children.)

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

Presbytery's Unity Candle: St. Philips Presbyterian Church, Salinas – Elder Ric Sabillo.

*Hymn PH #282 If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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

Glory and Praise To Our God
by Dan Schutte

Nicki

REFRAIN:

*Gloria and praise to our God who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings He bears to those who trust in His ways.*

*We, the daughters and sons of Him who built the valleys and plains,
Praise the wonders our God has done in ev'ry heart that sings. REFRAIN*

*In His wisdom He strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save. REFRAIN*

*Ev'ry moment of ev're day our God is waiting to save,
Always ready to seek the lost, to answer those who pray. REFRAIN*

*God has watered our barren land and spent His merciful rain,
Now the rivers of life run full for anyone to drink. REFRAIN*

Prayer for Illumination

Diane

Loving God, you meet us where we are, yet you call us to grow in faith and maturity. Quiet our restless thoughts, open our hearts to your Word, and shape us by your Spirit's wisdom. May we listen deeply and be renewed in Christ, our teacher and our guide. **Amen.**

Reading

Psalm 131

Diane

My heart is not proud, LORD, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me. But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content. Israel, put your hope in the LORD both now and forevermore.

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Call to Offering

Offertory

Lyric Piece – Edvard Grieg

Nicki

*Doxology #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 (Responsively)

Diane

Having heard your Word and opened ourselves to your Spirit, we offer our gifts and our lives in trust. Quiet our anxious hearts, deepen our faith, and fill us with the courage that comes from peace. As we go out to serve, steady us for the work of compassion and justice in an unsettled world. May all we do reflect your steadfast love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn GTG #43 On Eagle's Wings (Refrain, verse, Refrain)

Refrain: **And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,**

Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.
(final time) And hold you in the palm of his hand.

Verse:

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for
life, Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!" (*Refrain*)

***Blessing and Charge**

***Amen**

Choir

***Postlude**

Amazing Grace – Ben Dockery

Nicki

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

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal; GH - Gather Hymnal;

GTG - Glory to God Hymnal

Special Thanks to Our "Sunday Saints"

Pastor, Rev. Diane Ford; Music Director, Nicki Kerns

Lector, Ron Weaver; Usher, Pete Halper

Greeter, Jolynn Carrington-Khoury; Flowers, Karen Wichelmann;

Coffee Hour, Pete Halper

Audio/Video/Zoom Tech, Rosie Bell, Chad Bell & Chuck Cobery

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 refreshments in the Magnolia Courtyard (or Fellowship Hall if rainy/cold). We're glad you're here!



Reminder for Announcements

Please turn in your announcements for the Sunday bulletin and/or weekly newsletter by **10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays**. Thank you.

It's Registration Time for two special events:

- *The Last Things We Talk About*, Saturday, October 25, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Guided by author Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Boatwright. A light lunch will follow. This is a free event; books will be available for purchase. Register with Diana Dean, the Office, or on our Website.
- All-Church Retreat, Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 1-2. Register with Ellen Bauerle.

Third Thursday Happy Hour, October 16

Come for Happy Hour at Johnny's Harborside Restaurant this Thursday, for a time of fellowship. We begin gathering at 4 p.m. Bring a friend!

Third Monday Book Club, Monday, October 20

Hi Bookies! Our October 20 book club meeting will be in the **Fireside Room** at **10 a.m.** We'll be discussing *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey. Whether you're a regular attendee or a newcomer, all are welcome to join the conversation! For folks wishing to read ahead, November's book is *The Frozen River*.

Church Hike at Big Basin, Friday, October 24, 9:30 a.m. at Visitor Center

Join Kathy Willott for an interpretive walk and see how the forest is recovering and changing. Allow one hour to drive from Santa Cruz. Carpooling recommended. Entry fee: \$10 per car, \$8 with reservation, (<https://www.cognitofrms.com/FSCSP1/bigbasingparking>), free with State Park pass. Easy 2–3 miles with limited elevation gain. **YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN WATER!** Contact Kathy for questions.

Library: Visit today after Worship!

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

- Ed, for physical and spiritual strength when undergoing radiation.
- Diana, for healing of a friend with a broken femur.
- Sandy, for healing of sister-in-law with a fractured wrist and strength for Sandy as she visits.
- Jerry, for safe traveling for friends visiting.
- Dan, thanksgiving for the uplifting music of the Santa Cruz Symphony.
- Debbie, safety for daughter-in-law in her library job and hope for a transfer.
- Nicki, healing for her sister, who was in hospital for heart failure, and joy that her cousin was present for the birth of the cousin's first grandchild– in the same hospital.
- Chad, joy that his mother Cindy is visiting.
- Ron, for a diagnosis for his daughter, currently in hospital.
- Kathleen, strength for Syrian villages during violence.



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