

November 9, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship



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Prelude and Procession *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*
By Gregg Sewell

Nicki Kerns

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

Discernment begins when we pause long enough to notice what is stirring—in our hearts, in our community, and in the world around us. The Spirit often speaks through what brings peace, energy, or compassion. As we listen for those movements, we learn to recognize God’s quiet invitation and to walk in step with it.

Introit

Dona Nobis Pacem

Choir

Call to Worship

Marta Narus

Come, people of God — we gather not because we have all the answers, but because we long to listen.

**The Spirit of God is still speaking — in our hearts,
in our community, in the world’s need.**

We come from different paths, with different questions and convictions.

Yet we are one body, seeking the same breath of life.

Let us open our hearts to the Spirit’s movement — not rushing, not resisting, but ready to be led.

**Come, Holy Spirit — teach us to notice, to trust, and to follow.
We are here to worship and to listen.**

***Hymn PH #461**

God is Here! vs. 1, 2, 3

Call to Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing

Marta

Friends, we come before God not to defend ourselves but to open our hearts. At times we have turned from the Spirit's leading or resisted the call to love. Yet God's mercy is new every morning. Let us pray together for forgiveness and healing

Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing (*unison*)

Marta

Merciful God, you call us to listen for Your voice, yet we often turn away. You invite us to trust your Spirit, yet we cling to what is safe and familiar. Forgive our fear and our stubborn hearts. Heal what is wounded in us, and renew our courage to follow where you lead. Make us one people—humble, listening, and ready to serve in your name. Amen.

(Time for silent prayer.)

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsive*)

Marta

Hear the good news: God's love is deeper than our sin, wider than our divisions, stronger than death itself. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gloria PH 576**

Gloria, Gloria

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

***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: Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church, San Jose, and the Rev. Deborah Troester.

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.**

Moment for Mission Time, Talents and Treasure Michael Christie

Anthem: *A Celtic Prayer* (from *Welcome, Prayer and Blessing*)
by Mark Patterson

*You are the peace of all things calm. You are the place to hide from harm.
You are the light that shines in the dark. You are the heart's eternal spark.
You are my love; keep me from ill. You are my Lord and with me still.
You are the Light, the truth, the way; You are my Savior this very day. Amen.*

Prayer for Illumination (*responsive*) Marta

Spirit of the Living God, quiet the noise within us and around us. Open our minds to your wisdom, our hearts to your nudging, and our lives to your transforming grace. As we listen to your Word, help us to recognize your voice and to follow where you lead. **Amen.**

Readings	Galatians 5:22-25	Marta
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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

The apostles and elders met to consider this question. After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: “Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.”

[The Jerusalem council then sent the following letter.] To the Gentile believers in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia: Greetings. It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements: You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Call to Offering

Offertory

Watermark
by Enya

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 (*unison*)

Diane

Holy One, all we have and all we are come from you. Receive these gifts, our lives, and our intentions for good. Guide us to use them with courage and compassion, so that your will may be done among us and through us. Keep us attuned to the whisper of your Spirit in our choices, our service, and our shared life together. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn PH 429** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*, vs. 1 & 4

***Blessing and Charge**

***Amen**

A Celtic Blessing - David Barton

Choir

***Postlude**

Sing to the Lord a Bright New Song! – David Paxton

Nicki

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

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal; GH - Gather Hymnal;

GTG - Glory to God Hymna

Special Thanks to Our “Sunday Saints”

Pastor: Rev. Diane Ford Music Director: Nicki Kerns

Lector: Marta Narus Usher: Pete Halper

Greeter: Michael Christie Coffee Hour: Barb Christie

Audio/Video/Zoom Techs, Rosie Bell, Chad Bell and 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 coffee/refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. We're glad you're here!



Upcoming Events at Trinity

- November 30: First Sunday in Advent.
- December 4, 11, and 18: Thursday Advent Dinner and Taizé at 5:30.
- December 7: All-parish caroling after the 10:30 service.
- December 14: Cantata Sunday, 10:30 am.
- December 21: Longest Night Service of Hope 5:30 pm. Not everyone feels merry in December. The Longest Night Service offers a gentle, peaceful time to pause—especially for those carrying sadness, loss, or weariness during the holidays. Through candlelight, quiet music, and prayer, we'll honor the darkness and remember that light still finds us. Come as you are; all are welcome.
- December 24: Our Christmas Eve Service will take place at 5:30 pm.

Library: Visit today after worship! The Hazel Nutt Library was founded in 1939, on November 11th. You are invited to a celebration of this event featuring free Hazelnut treats on this Thursday the 13th during library hours, 10-2PM. Special Edition bookmarks in honor of this anniversary will be available today!

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

- Darrell Yeane's Family: mourning his passing, and dealing with the logistics of returning his body to California from Amsterdam.
- The Coberys: gratitude for 36 years together with their blended families.
- Chad's mom's dog has been diagnosed with cancer
- Linda: seeking healing of the relationship with her sister.
- Those depending on food through the federal SNAP program.
- Those with large family gatherings during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays: patience and fortitude.
- Those dealing with Covid and flu: healing and recovery.
- Sandy: grateful for the opportunity to participate in the weekend retreat and becoming better acquainted with her church family.
- Great parents: thankful for their guidance and support.
- Kathleen and Nicki: gratitude for their leadership of worship in the sanctuary.
- The son of Keith, a visitor during worship: healing from alcoholism.
- Nicki's sister Geraldine: healing from ongoing health issues.



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