

**February 1, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome to Worship  
Communion**



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## Preparation for Worship

**Introit**      *One World, One Communion*, by Pepper Choplin      Choir

Kim Johnston

those hungry for justice,  
those longing for mercy,  
those open to the kingdom of heaven.

not in power as the world defines it,  
but in grace that reshapes our lives.

## Great is Thy Faithfulness

Kim

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## Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing

Kim

**Creator God, we confess that we can be so drawn to comfort, certainty, and control. that we turn away from humility when it feels costly, from forgiveness when it feels undeserved, and from justice when it asks more of us than we expect. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us the faith and generosity to live by your wisdom rather than our own, and renew us in the way of Christ.**

*(Time for silent prayer)*

## **Assurance of Forgiveness and New Life** (responsive)

Kim

Hear the good news: God's mercy is deeper than our grandiosity, and God's grace is stronger than our fear. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **\*Gloria**

*Gloria Patri et Filio*

*Gloria, gloria, gloria, Spiritu et Sancto.*

*Gloria, gloria, gloria, Spiritu et Sancto.*

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

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

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

*Children are invited to go to Sunday School after Passing the Peace.*

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

*Presbytery Unity Candle: We pray for Daesung Korean Presbyterian Church, Sunnyvale.*

## 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

*Blest Are They*, by David Haas

Choir

*Blest are they, the poor in spirit,  
Theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow,  
They shall be consoled.*

### REFRAIN:

*Rejoice and be glad,  
Blessed are you, holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
Yours is the kingdom of God.*

*Blest are they, the lowly ones,  
They shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,  
They shall have their fill.*

### REFRAIN

*Blest are they who show mercy,  
Mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart,  
They shall see God.*

### REFRAIN

*Blest are they who seek peace,  
They are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith,*

*The glory of God is theirs.*

**REFRAIN**

*Blest are you who suffer hate*

*All because of me.*

*Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom,*

*Shine for all to see.*

**REFRAIN**

**Prayer for Illumination** *(responsive)*

Kim

**God of wisdom and grace, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, that as we hear your Word, we may recognize your truth, receive your blessing, and be shaped for lives of faithfulness and love. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**The First Reading:** Psalm 15:1-5

LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others; who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind; who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

**The Second Reading:** Matthew 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger

and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Diane Ford

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

*Antiphon*, by Gordon Young

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.***

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** A Brief Statement of Faith, section 11.4

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit**

**everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,**

**sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,**

**and binds us together with all believers**

**in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

## **The same Spirit**

**who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world**

**the Spirit gives us courage**

**to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,**

**even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

## **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **Invitation to the Table**

*The outer ring is wine; the inner rings are grape juice ~ Gluten-free bread is made available.*

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Lord be with you. And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

**Hymn PH #513**                      *Let Us Break Bread Together*

**Prayer after Communion**

**\*Closing Hymn PH 432**    *Song of Hope (sung twice)*

**\*Blessing and Charge**

**\*Amen**

Choir

**\*Postlude**                      *New Faith, New Life, by Franklin Ritter*

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

*PH - Presbyterian Hymnal*

**Special Thanks to Our “Sunday Saints”**

Pastor: The Rev. Diane Ford

Music Director: Nicki Kerns

Lector: Kim Johnston

Usher: Pete Halper

Greeters: Elizabeth and George Bunch

Flowers: Ed Sams

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!



**The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Chili Cook-Off** will take place on February 20, 2026 at Twin Lakes Church, Bldg. 7000, 2701 Cabrillo College Drive, Aptos. More info to come!

**The 2026 Per Capita** assessment for Trinity is due to the Presbytery on February 6. The total amount per person is \$45.50. If you would like to contribute to Trinity's payment, please note "Per Capita" in the memo of your check. Thank you!

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

- George Bunch: grateful for the congregation's care during his recovery with a cracked wrist.
- Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church and pastor Hardy Kim: thankful for their commitment to social justice.
- Leon Wong: in remembrance of him, gratitude from his daughter, Leonita, for the friendship and support extended to him by the congregation.
- Linda Weaver: thankful for positive steps toward reconciliation with her sister, Jean.

- Kim Johnston's cousin: patience and safety as she negotiates return air flights from Nairobi.
- Betty Gangware: gratitude from her nephew, Frank, for her life and long-standing relationship with Trinity.
- President Trump: repentance for the evil deeds of his administration.
- Neighborhood civility: tolerance and understanding for differences of opinions.
- Family, colleagues, and family of Alex Pretti, the latest victim of ICE troops: mourning his murder and seeking justice.
- The Trinity congregation: discernment for how to respond appropriately to the terrors of the Trump administration.
- Sandy Thormann's grandson, Nicolas: safety and enjoyment during his solo travels.
- Aaron's friends: safety for Carlos in Viet Nam, and for Joe, an unhoused man.
- Steve, Natalie Sergistad's uncle: mourning the passing of his wife.
- Emily, daughter of Dan Rutan's friend, Laurie: navigating a cancer diagnosis.

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