

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



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Prelude and Procession

Nicki Kerns

Brethren We Have Come to Worship, by Molly Ijames

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

We don't usually like being told what to do—even when it's for our own good. Yet, hopefully, there are people in our lives for whom we would do anything. Do you have someone like that? What is it about them that makes us willing to help, even when it's inconvenient?

When God calls us to something, we often resist. Sometimes, we even pretend we don't hear the call. That's easy to do with an invisible God! But what would it take for us to say yes—to follow Jesus, even when it's inconvenient or uncomfortable?

Introit

Jesus, We Are Here, by Anonymous

Trinity Choir

Call to Worship

Kim Johnston

You call us, O Christ, to live as your disciples,
With new life, by way of new paths, seeking new ways.
In your call toward deep waters, **grant us faith.**
In your command not to fear, **grant us courage.**
In your invitation to follow, **grant us surrender.**
Restore to us the joy of living as your disciples,
That we might travel with you in the way of miracles.

*Hymn: PH #487 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*, vs 1,2,3

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Call to Confession

Kim

Ever ready with cleansing love, God invites our confession, offering mercy and strength so that we may start anew.

Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing (unison)

God, who calls through the generations, you have always been inviting your people to join you in your holy work. Thank you for the joy and meaning this brings. Forgive us when we lose touch with this grand scheme. Grant us attention, that we might hear your call this day,

and grant us courage, that we might answer yes, bearing witness to resurrection power in a world that so desperately needs it.

(Take time to offer silent prayers.)

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsively)

Repentance and forgiveness of sin are proclaimed to all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Forgiveness is God's gift to us,
one we can never earn but are welcome to accept.**

When we agree to God's freeing offer,
we are also agreeing to let God's love change us.

We are blessed by this opportunity for newness of life. Amen.

*Gloria PH #579

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Diane

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

Message for the Children

(After the message, all children are invited to go to class with their teacher.)

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.

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

**Presbytery's Unity Candle: SOMOS Cafe and Community Center,
Watsonville - Juli Porras-Center, Pastor.**

Anthem

Hope is a Seed, by Jane Best

Trinity Choir

*Hope is a seed in the silent ground, embedded deep, darkness all around;
But then it sprouts, reaching toward the sky, in the light of God.*

*Hope is a bird at its fledging time, afraid to leave home and nest behind.
It spreads its wings and begins to fly on the breath of God.*

*Hope is a dream of a world at peace,
Of hungers fed and of captives freed.*

A song of joy bursting from a sigh: It's the dream of God.

Prayer for Illumination

Kim

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and
live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Kim

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Call to Offering

Offertory *Let There Be Peace on Earth*, by Sy Miller/Jill Jackson Nicki Kerns

***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 (unison)**

We commit ourselves to the way of Jesus. We turn our attention to the needs of others and those we would call “other.” We embrace the lifestyle of service, the habit of forgiveness, and the tendency to stoke joy and peace in others. Multiply our efforts and offerings to bring your will on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

***Hymn, PH #525**

Here I Am, Lord, vs. 1,2

HERE I AM, LORD

***Blessing and Charge**

***Amen**

Trinity Choir

***Postlude**

New Faith, New Life, by Franklin Ritter

Nicki Kerns

*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, Kim Johnston; Usher, Pete Halper;

Greeters, Tim and Mayre Vincent;

Flowers and Coffee Hour, Dan and Vickie Rutan

Audio/Video/Zoom Tech, TBD

Cover Page Image: Over the course of fourteen years, James Hampton slowly and privately constructed what would prove to be his only major artistic work: “The Throne of the Third Heaven of the Nations' Millennium General Assembly.” Hampton handcrafted The Throne from ‘found objects’: cardboard, plastic, discarded furniture, jelly jars and light bulbs, metallic foils, and purple paper (now faded to a light brown).

Announcements

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church

Are you new today? We look forward to getting to know you better. Please fill out a visitor welcome card found in the pew pockets in front of you. After worship, please join us for refreshments in the Magnolia Courtyard. We are glad you are here.

Online Church Service

Experience our live services or explore past ones on YouTube. If you want edited sermons with dates, titles, bulletin covers, and volume enhancements, check out our Vimeo website. Both platforms can be accessed through our website: <https://www.trinitypressc.org>

Annual Giving Report

Members and Friends, please pick up your end-of-year reports today in the Narthex. Your commitment and generosity is appreciated by all.

Deacons

The Board of Deacons relies on the generosity of members and friends of the congregation to provide financial support for their endeavors. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes in the pews to designate your contribution to the work of the Deacons.

Per Capita, Deadline is Today

Trinity’s Per Capita assessment for 2025 is \$44.50 per person and is due today. To contribute, please note "Per Capita" in your check memo and place in the offering. Thank you.

Sweet Pea, February 15

Interested in learning to quilt or looking to get back into it? Grab a sewing machine and join Sweet Peas! Next meeting is in the Youth Room on February 15 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Third Monday Book Club, February 17

Hi Bookies! Our book club meetings will resume in the Fireside Room on February 17 at 10 a.m. We'll be discussing *"An Olive Grove at the End of the World"* by Jared Gulian. Whether you're a regular attendee or a newcomer, all are welcome to join in the conversation!

Third Thursday Happy Hour, February 20

Back Nine Bar and Grill at Pasatiempo (555 Hwy 17 at Pasatiempo Exit) is our new location for Trinity's Happy Hour at 4 p.m. Invite a friend and come enjoy fine Food, Fellowship and Drinks!

News from Katheryn McGinnis

A holiday note with updated news from former pastor Katheryn is posted on the bulletin board nearest the office.

AFC Dinners, Every 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays

Looking to contribute to our community through cooking or small donations? Contact Debbie Bates at debates44@aol.com to see what can be provided.

Presbytery's Unity Candle Moves to Watsonville

The Christ Candle continues to be passed from church to church. Today, we remember the community, ministries, and staff of SOMOS Cafe and Community Center, Watsonville - Juli Porras-Center, Pastor.

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

- Donald Kerns: hospitalized last week with undetermined issue. Home now and in consultation with medical staff!
- Jerry Thormann's sisters: both have serious physical and emotional issues.
- Santa Cruz Symphony League: thankful for the very successful fundraising event that supports wonderful music performances and music education in our schools.
- Tim Vincent' mother: hospitalized with heart issues.
- Sisters and brothers in Christ in Syria: safety and security in the midst of the ongoing civil war.
- Geraldine, Nicki Kerns' sister: grateful that she has been discharged from the hospital.
- Florence Nuss: joy in celebrating her One Hundred and First birthday with her Trinity community.

Since 1938 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.

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Sweet Pea Project ❖ Urban Works ❖ Wings ❖ Welcoming Network

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Church Office Hours: Tuesday -Thursday 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Choir Practice: Sunday, 9:00a.m.