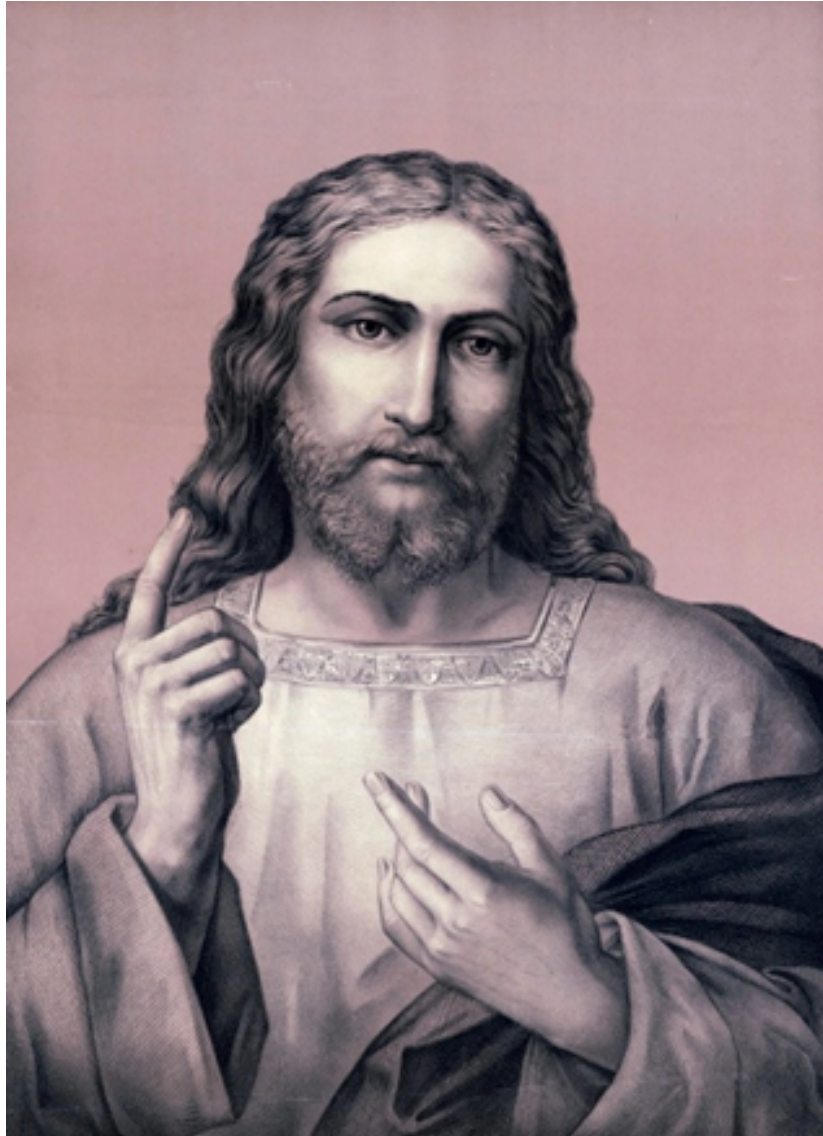


November 16, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship



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Prelude and Procession *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
By Robert Vandall

Nicki Kerns

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

As we gather for worship, we come with hearts that seek strength for the journey. God meets us here — not to burden us with more to do, but to renew us in love that gives freely. May this hour quiet our striving, awaken our gratitude, and tune our spirits to the movement of God among us.

Introit

Surely the Lord is In this Place
By John Purifoy

Choir

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Elizabeth Bunch

Come, beloved of God, weary or strong, certain or seeking.

We gather not to earn God's favor, but to rest again in grace.

Here we remember that our strength is found in love, not in striving.

**The Spirit is among us—stirring wisdom, courage,
and compassion for the journey ahead.**

We open our hearts to God's shaping and our lives to God's call.

***Hymn PH #276**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Call to Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing

Elizabeth

Before we go farther on the journey, we pause.

We notice the places where our serving has turned to striving,
where our good intentions have grown heavy,

where we have relied on our own strength instead of the Spirit's.

Let us come honestly before God, seeking forgiveness and healing,
that our hearts may be renewed in love.

Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing (*unison*)

Elizabeth

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*)

Elizabeth

Friends, hear the good news: God’s mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.

In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free—
free to walk in love, to live by the Spirit, and to serve with joy.

Thanks be to God!

Amen.

***Gloria**

Clapping 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: Foothill Community Presbyterian Church, with Revs. Andy and Lindsay Wong, and the First Thai Presbyterian Church of San Jose, with Rev. Paul Pansuay.

Prayer for Illumination (*responsive*)

Elizabeth

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

Philippians 1:3-11

Elizabeth

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Luke 10:38-42

Diane

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Call to Offering

Offertory

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
by Matthew McConnell

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

Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these gifts — the work of our hands, the love of our hearts, the offering of our lives. Strengthen us by your Spirit to serve with joy, give with gratitude, and live with purpose, that all we do may reflect your goodness and grace. Amen.

***Hymn PH #433**

There's a Spirit in the Air, vs. 1-4

***Blessing and Charge**

***Amen**

Choir

*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: Elizabeth Bunch Usher: Pete Halper

Greeter: Michael Christie Coffee Hour: Barb Christie

Flowers: 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

- Please join us for the last Trinity Happy Hour of 2025, at Johnny's Harborside, **Thursday, November 20**. We will meet at 4 pm, with the last call for happy hour prices at 5 pm. Advent gatherings will replace our December happy hour, and we will resume our third Thursdays in January 2026.
- 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.

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

- Cindy, Chad Bell's mother: grieving the passing of her 14-year-old dog.
- Keith's son: suffering with alcoholism.
- Santa Theresa Hills Presbyterian congregation and their pastor, Deb Troester: gratitude for their inclusive ministry to the community.
- Trinity's stained glass windows: thankful that they have been reframed and installed.
- People of Darfur: peace and reconciliation after so many years of genocide.
- Presbytery's Hunger Program: thankful for Ryan Althouse's leadership in coordinating sources and delivery of food to those in need.
- Peace: gratitude for all those who seek effective ways to promote lasting peace and justice throughout the world.



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