

February 23, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.



Iconic photo of Rosa Parks sitting in front of the bus. A white reporter sits behind her. The photo served to symbolize her victory. Dec. 23, 1956.

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Prelude and Procession *Little Prelude in Gm*, J.S. Bach Nicki Kerns

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

Our intention is the power behind any peaceful action. This is why we name our mission before a church decision. Our “why” provides not only meaning and direction; it carries an energy of its own. How are our choices in line with the Holy Spirit’s mission? What is your “why” as a person, family, and community?

Introit *Healer Of My Soul*, by Anonymous Trinity Choir

Call to Worship (Responsively) Lee Duffus

The way of Christ turns the world upside down.

God’s ways are not our ways.

It moves us beyond retribution and cycles of violence.

God’s ways are not our ways.

It leads us to enemy love and scandalous forgiveness.

God’s ways are not our ways.

So let us commit ourselves to the Lord together.

**Until our righteousness shines like the dawn
and our justice like high noon.**

***Hymn:** GTG #12 *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud* (Pg. 8) ABERYTHSTWYTH

Call to Confession Lee

Let us confess the times we have been quick to judge others or have held onto resentment instead of praying for and forgiving them. Let us acknowledge when our egos have taken charge rather than our capacity for peacemaking.

Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing (Unison) Lee

**Sustaining God, you call us to be deeply rooted in you, drawing strength from your word and nourishment from your grace. Oh, that we would extend grace to those who hurt us or those we love.
Grant us your wisdom and increase our stamina for peacemaking,**

so that your will and transforming love may be witnessed by all.

(Take time to offer silent prayers.)

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsively)

Diane

The waters of grace refresh our lives and bring forth a new creation.

Just as justice rolls down like a river and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, so does God's Spirit fill and rejuvenate human communities!

Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we gain grace and new life!

***Gloria**

Gloria Patri et Filio

TAIZÉ

Gloria, gloria, gloria Patri et Filio,

Gloria, gloria, gloria Spiritui sancto.

(repeat)

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Diane

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

Message for the Children

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

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

Presbytery's Unity Candle: First Presbyterian Church, Monterey

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

Trinity Choir

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Peace, Prayer of St. Francis, by Dan Forrest

Lord, make me an instrument of peace.

Lord, make me an instrument of peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is hurt,

let me forgive. Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.

Lord, make me an instrument of peace.

*Lord, make me an instrument of peace.
Where there is fear, let me bring faith. Where there is dark,
let me bring light. Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.
Grant that I may not seek to be consoled as to console.
To be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love,
For it is giving that we receive, it is in pardoning we are pardoned,
In death we are born to eternal life.
Lord, make me an instrument of peace.
Lord, make me an instrument of peace.*

Prayer for Illumination

Lee

God of resurrection, you call us to a different way of being.
As we hear your written and proclaimed Word,
raise us as instruments in your hands.
Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

Readings

(see insert)

Lee and Diane

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Call to Offering

Offertory

Canticle of Peace, by Franklin Ritter

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 #432**

Song of Hope (sing twice)

ARGENTINA

***Blessing and Charge**

***Amen**

Trinity Choir

***Postlude**

Toccata in G Major, by Lani Smith

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, Rev. Larry Vilaro; Usher, Pete Halper

Greeters, Jerry and Sandy Thormann

Flowers, Emily and Lee Duffus; Coffee Hour, Pete Halper

Audio/Video/Zoom Tech, Ellen Bauerle

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.

Thank You!

The Mission Committee is very pleased to report that our congregation raised \$6,000 for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund to support congregations and church staff who were impacted by the devastating wildfires in the Los Angeles area last month. Thank you for your generous and timely response to this special appeal. Together with \$1,200 from the Mission Committee’s budget, a check for \$7,200 has been sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance from our congregation.

Chili Cook Off - Friday, February 28

Get ready for the 8th Annual Great Chili Cook-Off on February 28! Bring your friends and family for a day of delicious chili and community fun—all for a great cause. Proceeds from the event will support the "Shower the People" program, which provides hot showers for the underserved, homeless, and working poor.

Sweet Pea, March 1, 15, and 29

Interested in learning to quilt or looking to get back into it? Grab a sewing machine and join Sweet Peas! The next meeting is in the Youth Room on March 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Taize-style Service, March 5, 6 PM in Fellowship Hall

Meditative, candle-lit space, Pastor Diane leading from the piano the contemplative sounds of Taizé prayer songs. Imposition of Ashes.

Third Thursday Happy Hour, March 20

Back Nine Bar & Grill (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!

Sacred Pause: Music & Reflection for the Neighborhood

Thursdays, March 13-April 10

Come to one or all parts:

6:00 PM Reflection & Music (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 PM Potluck Dinner (Fireside Rm.)

7-8:00 PM Book* Discussion (Fireside Rm.)

The book: *Were You There?* by Luke A. Powery: *A powerful look at African American spirituals and the Passion of Jesus, connecting suffering, justice, and hope. Copies will be purchased by the church.

Shower the People, Wednesdays

Available from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Trinity parking lot, Shower the People is a great volunteer opportunity to bring hot showers to the underserved, homeless, and working poor. Contact Ellen Bauerle at ellenbauerle@gmail.com to learn how you can get involved.

Tech Assistant Position – Trinity Presbyterian Church

Trinity Presbyterian Church is seeking 2-3 applicants to assist with the operation of our computer for filming services, managing audio equipment, and handling handheld microphones, along with a few other minor tasks.

Hours: 2 hours per week, Sunday mornings from 10 AM to noon

Compensation: \$16.50 per hour; students have the option to earn volunteer service hours for school requirements.

Requirements: Some familiarity with computers, audiovisual, and electronic equipment is preferred; training on our equipment will be provided

Additional: Applicants under the age of 18 must provide a student work permit. No religious affiliation is required to apply or hold this position.

How to Apply: Interested students should contact the Trinity Presbyterian Church office for an application. They may visit the office in person at **420 Melrose Ave., Santa Cruz**, Tuesday – Thursday from **10—AM to 2—PM**, or email [**trinitysc@sbcglobal.net**](mailto:trinitysc@sbcglobal.net).

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

- Diane, the Lawton's friend in Australia: comfort and support as she continues her journey with cancer treatments.
- Kathy, Lorraine Vilardo's sister: hospitalized with still undiagnosed symptoms; intelligence and resolution by the medical staff.
- Bob Scott: hospitalized again with multiple health issues.
- Monterey's El Estero Presbyterian congregation: fortitude during the interim between called pastors; gratitude for the support of the San Jose Presbytery and pastors like Larry Vilardo.
- The Nation: strength and courage to withstand challenges to the principles and values of our democracy.

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1 Source and Sov-ereign, Rock and Cloud, For-tress, Foun-tain, Shel-ter, Light,
2 Word and Wis-dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav-ior, Ser-vant, Lamb,
3 Storm and Still-ness, Breath and Dove, Thun-der, Tem-pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,



Judge, De-fend-er, Mer-cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed:
Well and Wa-ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:
Com-fort, Coun-selor, Pres-ence, Love, En-er-gies that nev-er tire:



May the church at prayer re-call that no sin-gle ho-ly name



but the truth be-hind them all is the God whom we pro-claim.



Scripture Readings for February 23, 2025

First Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Lee

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

“So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Second Reading

Luke 6:27-38

Diane

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to

everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

