

September 6, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.

**“Labor Day Sunday” Worship
Communion Sunday**



“Prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the work of our hands!” Psalm 90:17

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Welcome

Rev. Diane Ford

*Hymn GtG 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets
(please see insert)

Prayer of Wonder and Openness

Jeff Lawton and Diane

Hymn PH #440

In Christ There Is No East or West

Psalm of Wonder

Psalm 34

Diane and Jeff

Leader: Glorify the Lord with me,
Let us exalt God's name together.

All: (sung response) **GH #450** *Eye Has Not Seen, refrain*

450 Eye Has Not Seen

Refrain



Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for



those who love him; Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of



Je - sus, teach us the wisdom of God.

Prayer for Forgiveness, Healing, and Reconciliation

Diane

Words of Assurance

Jeff

Hear the good news: God's mercy is wider than we imagine, and God's love reaches farther than the circles we draw. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and made whole. Thanks be to God.

*Gloria PH#576

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

*Gathering at the Font

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Diane

"The Peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**
Let us share a sign of that peace with one another.

Prayers and Wonders of the People

God of Life and Hope, **Hear our Prayer**

Presbytery Unity Candle: We pray for Covenant Presbyterian Church, Palo Alto, and the Rev. Dr. Jack Cabaness.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer for Ears that Hear

Jeff

God of wonder, open our ears to hear your Word. Open our hearts to recognize your presence, and open our lives to the wideness of your love. Amen.

Reading

Deuteronomy 5:12–15

Jeff

“Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Offering Our Lives to God

Offertory

For This We Pray, by Tom Birchwood

Nicki

***Sung Response PH #552** *Give Thanks O Christian People*, vs. 1

***Give thanks, O Christian people, for workers of our day
who heed the call to service and make it their life's way
to go to feed the hungry, to tend to those in need,
to work for equal justice, till all God's folk are freed.***

***Statement of Faith** (*responsively*)

Jeff

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your might.** *Deut. 6:4-5*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. *Phil. 2:5-8*

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Phil. 2:9-11

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For we did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we have received the Spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Rom. 8:14–16

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. *Gal. 5:22–25*

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
nor anything else in all creation
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. *Rom. 8:38–39*

THE 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 (*responsively*)

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

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

*Blessing and Charge

Diane

Postlude

Doctor Gradus Ad Parnassum
By Claude Debussy

Nicki

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

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal; GH – Gather Hymnal; GtG - Glory to God

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Special Thanks to Our “Sunday Saints”

Pastor: The Rev. Diane Ford

Music Director: Nicki Kerns

Lector: Jeff Lawton

Flowers: Kim Johnston

Greeters: George & Elizabeth Bunch

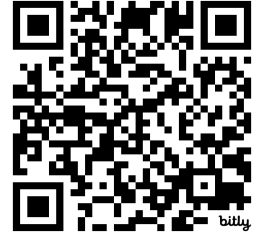
Usher: Jerry Thormann

Coffee Hour: Nancy and Chuck Cobery

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!



All are invited to a luncheon on **Wednesday, September 9** where Presbytery of San Jose's Peacemaking and Justice Advocate, Vernonia Ota will facilitate a discussion on becoming an **Earth Care Congregation**. Meet at El Jardin Mexican restaurant at the intersection of 7th Ave and Capitola Rd between 12:20 and 2:00 PM. The approximate cost for lunch is \$25.00 to \$35.00.

Please join us to celebrate the life of Ed Sams on Saturday, September 12 at 1:00 p.m., followed immediately by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. *In Life and In Death, We Belong to the Lord. (Rom. 14:8)*

The Deacons are honored to host coffee and cookies at reception for Ed Sams memorial service, and are **asking for your assistance in providing cookies**. If you could drop your cookies or bars, in the kitchen, on your way to the service, the deacons will make sure they are plated for the reception. The deacons appreciate your support, thank you!

Book Club meets the third Monday of each month. On September 21, we will discuss "How to Read a Book" by Monica Wood.

Trinity's Choir Season begins Sunday, September 13! Want to sing with us? See Nicki Kerns.

To schedule a visit with Pastor Diane please email her directly at TrinitySCPastorDiane@gmail.com, or bring your calendar on Sunday morning and she will set a time with you.

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

- Pete Halper: traveling mercies as he joins friends to motorcycle through Europe.
- The guy who shares his playful bubbles on West Cliff Drive: gratitude.
- First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View and Pastor Kim: celebrating over 175 years of ministering to the community.
- Mona Gifford: recovering from a smooth exchange of pacemakers.
- Voters Across the Country: safety as they exercise their basic right to participate in a democratic society.
- The People of Nepal: recovering from devastating floods; gratitude to the responders.
- For the safety of emergency crews working on the Big Sur fires.
- Family and friends of Ed Sams: mourning his passing.

Since 1938, as a congregation in the Presbyterian Church, USA, 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. You are warmly invited to join us in the challenge of Christian faith and ministry. Should you have questions about church activities, pastoral services or membership at Trinity, please speak with the Pastor.

Trinity Presbyterian Church Supports

Presbyterian Missionaries in Congo, Indonesia, and on the Mexico/US border ♦ Shower the People ♦ Association of Faith Communities ♦ Urban Works ♦ Welcoming Network ♦ Hospice of S.C. County ♦ Rebele Family Shelter ♦ Habitat For Humanity ♦ Friends Outside ♦ Immanuel House ♦ Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. General Mission ♦ Sweet Pea Project ♦ Alcoholics Anonymous ♦ Santa Cruz al Salvador ♦ Santa Cruz Pride Parade ♦ Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) ♦ Scout Troop #604 ♦ Scout Troop #618

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