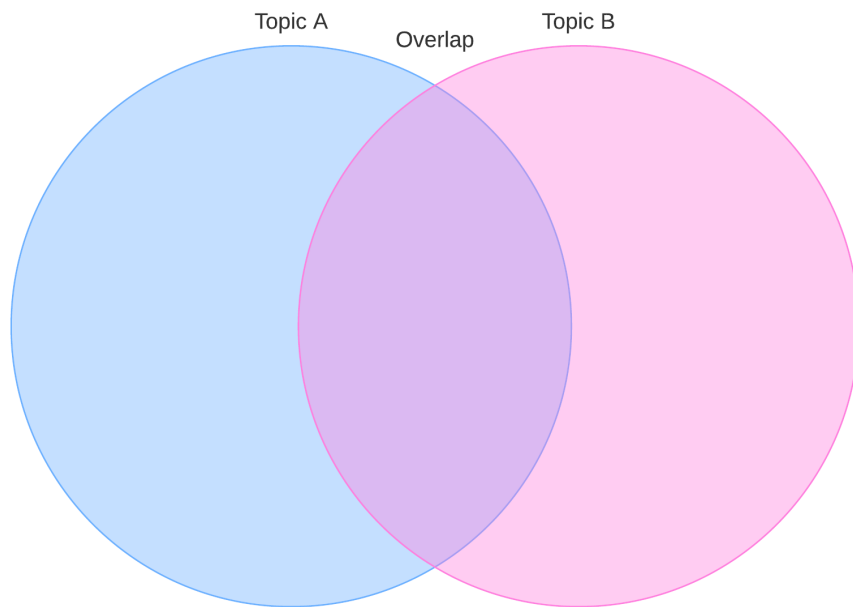


October 18, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship



What percentage belongs to God?

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Prelude and Procession *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Nicki Kerns

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

Introit

O Sing to the Lord

Choir

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Sandy Thormann

Come, let us remember whose we are!

Before the world claims us,

before fear diminishes us,

God creates us in his image and claims us as his beloved.

We belong to the One who gives life,

who plants dignity in every soul,

who calls us to love and to make things whole.

Here we remember who we are

and discover the joy of living in God's love.

Let us worship God with gladness!

Opening Hymn PH #341, *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

Prayer for Forgiveness, Healing, and Reconciliation (*responsively*) Sandy

God of goodness and grace,

we belong to you,

yet we so easily forget.

We give our attention to what diminishes life,

our energy to what divides us,

and our hearts to fears that keep us apart.

Call us home to your goodness.

Heal what has been wounded,

forgive what has caused harm,

and reconcile what has been broken.

**Restore in us the courage to love,
the wisdom to seek what is good,
and the joy of living in the freedom of your grace.**

Time for silent prayer

Words of Grace and New Life (*responsively*)

Sandy

God's goodness is greater than our failures, and God's grace calls us home again. In love, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free to live in the goodness of God. **Amen.**

***Gloria #576**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

***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.

Word with Children

Children are invited to go to Sunday School

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

Presbytery's Unity Candle: We pray for Westview Presbyterian Church, Watsonville, and the Rev. Dan Hoffman.

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

Diane

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 *O Lovely Peace, from Judas Maccabeus, by G. F. Handel* Choir

*O lovely peace, with plenty crown'd,
Come, spread the blessings all around.
Let fleecy flocks the hills adorn,
And valleys smile with wavy corn.
Let the shrill trumpet cease, nor other sound
But nature's songsters wake the cheerful morn.*

Prayers for Ears that Hear (*unison*) Sandy

**God of truth,
open our ears to your voice
and our eyes to what we have not yet seen.
Show us our blind spots.
Give us the humility to question our assumptions,
the courage to look again,
and the wisdom to recognize your goodness
even when it challenges what we believe. Amen.**

Reading Matthew 22:15-22 Sandy

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So

give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Offering Our Lives to God

Diane

Offertory

Lyric Piece, by Edvard Grieg

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

God of goodness, we offer you our attention, our curiosity, our words, our time, our energy, and our resources. May we use them to seek truth, recognize suffering, challenge injustice, and nurture what brings life. May all that we are and all that we have serve your good purposes in the world. We pray in the name of Christ, and live by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn PH #563**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

***Blessing and Charge**

Diane

***Amen**

Choir

Postlude

The Morning Trumpet, by Gilbert M. Martin

Nicki

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

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

Special Thanks to Our “Sunday Saints”

Pastor: The Rev. Diane Ford

Music Director: Nicki Kerns

Lector: Sandy Thormann

Flowers: Debbie Bates

Usher: Pete Halper

Greeters: Sandy and Jerry Thormann

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!



Trinity book club will be reading “The Next Fifty Things That Made The Modern Economy” by Tim Harford. October’s conversation will take place Monday, October 19 in the fireside room at 10:00 am. 📖 Joanne

On Sunday, October 25, Sigfrid Garman, Assoc. Dir. of Fund Development with **Hospice of Santa Cruz County** will provide insight into the services Hospice provides. This presentation included in our worship service is a continuation of nonprofits and organizations that Trinity financially supports within our Mission budget. Their mission statement reads: "With compassion and excellence, we support people of all ages through the journey of serious illness and grief, ensuring that no one walks this path alone." Please plan to attend with ears wide open.

OOPS! Apologies to the Sunday Saints. Last week, Oct 11, I listed the wrong people supporting our Sunday Service. I mistakenly read the wrong line, and inserted servers for today. On October 11 we were fortunate to have Elizabeth and George Bunch as greeters, Kim Johnston hosting coffee hour, Marta Narus providing flowers, and Deb O’Connell as lector. Thank you all, your contributions are appreciated! -- Nicole

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.

- Pastor Diane: recognition on Pastor Appreciation Day!
- Lori, Mona Gifford's niece: undergoing kidney surgery.
- Southern Californians: safety and recovery from the storms.
- The Weavers: gratitude for a successful road trip with unexpected lessons of grace.
- Cleanup Volunteers: thankful for members of the congregation who volunteered to clean up the church campus.
- Somos Ministry in Watsonville and its founder, Rev. Julianne Porras-Center: thankful for this vital and strategic bi-lingual center.
- Rev. Ryan Althouse: dealing with ongoing health issues.
- The Christie Family: grateful for expressions of support and love from the Trinity community.
- Deb O'Connell's son, Jacob: gratitude for his improving health.

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

Session Elders

Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Chad Bell (2 nd T)	Michael Christie (2 nd T)
Chuck Cobery	Ron Weaver
Mayre Vincent	

Deacons

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Nancy Cobery	Barbara Christie	Gigi Giannini
Kim Johnston	Peter Halper (2 nd T)	
	Marta Narus	

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