

November 1, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.
All Saints Sunday ~ Communion
Welcome to Worship



“There before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.” (Revelation 7:9)

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Prelude

Nicki Kerns

Remember Me, by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez

Procession

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

Today we will write our prayer requests on the prayer cards in the pews, and Pastor Diane will read them aloud.

Preparation for Worship

All Saints Day celebrates the mystery of our unity beyond death. In life, and in death, we belong to God and one another.

Introit

Dona Nobis Pacem

Choir

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Ron Weaver

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Come, saints of God, let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn** PH #526 *For All the Saints*, vs. 1,2,3

Prayer for Forgiveness, Healing, and Reconciliation (*Responsively*) Ron

God of love, you bind us together in ways we cannot fully understand, in life and in death.

Forgive us for the ways we have wounded one another, withheld love, or allowed our differences to divide us.

Bring healing where there is grief, reconciliation where there is brokenness, and comfort where loss has left an ache in our hearts.

Help us to cherish the lives entrusted to our love and to live with greater tenderness toward one another.

May we trust that your love holds us still,
and that even death cannot overcome the love that binds us together.

Time for silent prayer

Assurance of Grace and New Life (Responsively)

Ron

Hear the good news: God's love is deeper than our sin, wider than our divisions, and stronger than death itself. In the name of Jesus Christ, receive God's grace, healing, and strength for the journey.

Amen and Amen!

***Gloria Clapping Gloria**

Gloria (clap-clap) gloria (clap-clap, in excelsis Deo!

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(Verses sung by the choir)

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Diane

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

Let us share a sign of that peace with one another.

Remembering the Saints

Members who have joined the heavenly communion of saints in the past year: Jim Atwood, Ann Carle, Betty Gangware, Ed Sams, Darrell Yeaney; and most recently, John Christie, the son of members Michael and Barbara Christie.

Children are invited to go to Sunday School.

Prayers of the People

Today Pastor Diane will read prayer requests from pew prayer cards.

Presbytery's Unity Candle: We pray for First Presbyterian Church, Monterey, and the Revs. Mark Peake and James Potts.

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

Hope is a Seed, by Jane Best

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, in the light of God.*

*Hope is a bird at its fledgling time,
Afraid to leave home and nest behind,
It spreads its wings and begins to fly
On the breath of God, 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, it's the dream of God.*

Prayers for Ears that Hear (*unison*)

Diane

Spirit of Christ, humble our hearts and open our lives, that your Word may shape us in love. Amen

First Reading:

Revelation 7:9-17

Ron

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

Second Reading:

John 17:20-23

Diane

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.”

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

***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**

Michael Christie, Stewardship Elder

Generous and loving God, We offer you our gifts, our time, our talents, and our resources, grateful for all that has been entrusted to us. Bless these commitments for the coming year, that they may strengthen this congregation, deepen our life together, and extend your love into the world. May our lives become an offering of love, today and in the days to come. Amen.

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 available.*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

**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 All the Saints

Prayer after Communion

*Blessing and Charge

*Amen

Postlude

Til We Meet Again, by Heather Sorenson

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: Ron Weaver

Flowers: Kim Johnston

Usher: Pete Halper

Greeter: Jolynn Carrington-Khoury

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!



Today we celebrate All Saints Day Sunday, a time when the church remembers and gives thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us. You are invited to view our *ofrenda*, a display of pictures and mementos collected of our loved ones.

Stewardship. Today we dedicate to God the gifts with which we are entrusted: our time, skills, passion, financial, and other resources, for 2027. Joining in the work that God is already doing – that is the joy of participating in these types of commitments. It is the reason we do so! If you have yet to turn in your anticipated financial and other contributions to our common ministries, please do so this week.

Court Appointed Special Advocates: A Voice for Children who have experienced abuse and neglect. Next Sunday, Nov. 8, Clarita Cortes from CASA will speak during worship, and be available afterward to speak with anyone.

Our Session unanimously passed a motion to apply to become an **Earth Care Congregation**. If you would like to help form a sub-committee to support this effort, please contact Ron Weaver.

For the month of November **Book Club** will be reading “The Library Book” by Susan Orlean. Book Club meets on the third Monday of the month in the Fireside Room at Trinity at 10 o’clock. New folks are always welcome! 📖 Joanne

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.

- The Thormanns: family gatherings with young adults and Sandy’s sisters, Bobbi and Helen.
- The Nation: a prayer for political stability, and healthier civil discourse.
- El Estero Presbyterian Church and Pastor Wayne Shen: thankful for their gracious and welcoming ministry in Monterey.
- Charlie Kerns: gratitude that they were not injured in an accident caused by a careless driver that resulted in their car being declared a total loss.

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.

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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	

Staff

Pastor: Rev. Diane Ford	Music Director: Nicki Kerns
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Committee Leads

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