

October 5, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Communion Sunday



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Prelude and Procession *It Is Well With My Soul/I've Got Peace Like a River* - Vicki Hancock Wright Nicki Kerns

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

Today we gather at Christ's table, remembering that we are one body, many members, united across the world. We come with humble hearts, trusting Christ's self-emptying love to meet us where we are. As we worship, may the Spirit give us courage, peace, and a renewed sense of belonging in God's global family.

Introit *One World, One Communion* Choir

Call to Worship (Responsively) Kim Johnston

Come, from north and south, from east and west.

We gather at Christ's table.

Come, with different languages, customs, and stories.

We gather at Christ's table.

Come, as one body, humble and hope.

We gather at Christ's table.

Let us worship God together!

***Hymn PH #507 I Come with Joy, vs, 1-4**

Call to Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing (Responsively) Kim

On this World Communion Sunday, we remember that the whole earth belongs to God, and that all people are God's children. We confess together our need for mercy, for forgiveness, and for healing.

Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing Kim

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your people. Nations are divided, neighbors are estranged, and your creation cries

out from misuse and neglect. Forgive us. Heal us. Turn us from pride and self-interest to the way of Christ's humility and love, so that we may be one with all who follow Jesus, sharing your hope and peace with the world. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Kim

Hear the good news: God's love is deeper than our sin, wider than our divisions, stronger than death itself. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gloria**

Clapping Gloria

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

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***Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

(Children are invited to go to Sunday School after passing the peace.)

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

Presbytery's Unity Candle: Northminster Presbyterian Church – Rev. Andy Rausch

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

Always a Place For You - Philip Silver

Choir

You pause at the door, Alone and unsure, Convinced this is no place for you. And you hesitate, you deliberate, We have been waiting for you, Come in. // There is always a place for you, There is always a place for you. Though your doubts may be strong, Reset assured you belong.

There is always a place for you. // Your eyes search the room, Afraid to assume. A space could be open for You. And you second-guess your worthiness, We have been watching for you. Come sit here.// There is always a place for you, There is always a place for you. Though your doubts may be strong, Rest assured you belong. There is always a place for you.

Prayer for Illumination

Kim

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

Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Kim

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Call to Offering

Offertory

Soliloquy on "What Wondrous Love is This"

Nicki

by Grimoaldo Macchia

***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.

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Diane

We confess that Jesus Christ is the one Word of God,
through whom we hear, trust, and obey God alone.

We reject all powers and authorities that would
claim the place of Christ,

and every allegiance that divides the body of Christ.

We acknowledge that the world is broken,
and that the faithful may suffer,

**yet we remain obedient to Christ rather than
seek safety in worldly powers,**

following him in humble service and faithful obedience.

We rejoice that Christ gathers us from every
nation, tribe, and language,

making us one body, bound together in grace, mercy, and truth.

We commit ourselves to the mission of God,
to proclaim the good news of Christ,

to work for healing and justice,

and to trust Christ above all in life and in death.

***The Barmen Declaration (1934) was written by Karl Barth, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and others in Germany as a confession of faith against the ruling powers in Germany that sought to co-opt the church.*

***Communion Hymn PH # 514 Let us Talents and Tongues Employ**

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

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

***Blessing and Charge**

***Amen**

Choir

***Postlude**

For the Beauty of the Earth –Mark Hayes

Nicki

***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, Kim Johnston; Usher, Jeff Lawton

Greeters, Jerry & Sandy Thormann; Coffee Hour, Ellen Bauerle; Flowers, Ron & Linda Weaver; Audio/Video/Zoom Tech, 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!



Directory

We are currently distributing copies of the directory for your review. Please take a few moments to proofread your information and confirm that everything is correct. Once you have reviewed and made any necessary corrections return it, so others may check their information as well.

Church Hike at Big Basin, Friday, October 24, 9:30 at Visitor Center.

Join Kathy Willott for an interpretive walk and see how the forest is recovering and changing. Allow one hour to drive from Santa Cruz. Car pooling recommended. Entry fee \$10 per car, \$8 with reservation, (<https://www.cognitofirms.com/FSCSP1/bigbasinparking>), Free with State Park pass. Easy 2-3 miles with limited elevation gain. **YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN WATER!** Contact Kathy for questions.

Join us for ***“The Last Things We Talk About”*** on **Saturday, October 25, from 9 am - 12 pm** This meaningful gathering is inspired by the beloved book of the same name and will be guided by its author, Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Boatwright. Come and share in a thoughtful, heartfelt conversation you won’t want to miss. A light lunch will follow. This is a free event; books will be available for purchase. You can register on the church website. Elizabeth will preach the next morning, Sunday, October 26, 10:30 am.

Library: Visit today after worship!

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

- Joy as Gigi and Laura become members of Trinity.
- Gratitude that Ed has returned to worship following surgery, along with Ed’s appreciation of help from Deacons and others.
- Thankfulness that Ryan has a new place to live.
- Inspiration that Gonzales Presbyterian, current site of the Unity Candle, has devoted a room to providing washers and dryers for any in need.
- Support for an attendee of Showers of the People as she is seeking strength and love.
- Insight in assisting with faith journeys of Jerry’s friend and Linda and Ron’s grandson.
- Comfort for families of victims of recent shooting at an LDS church.
- Sustaining mental health of our young.



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