

Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude Andante tranquillo Alan Gray

The Call to Worship

We gather today for worship in the house of the Lord.

We come together as the children of God, sisters and brothers in Christ.

God's glory and holiness is beyond our comprehension. His wisdom is greater than our understanding.

God's love is beyond all measure. God's mercy is greater than our sinfulness.

Let us worship our triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*The Hymn of Praise *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* 138

*The Call to Confession

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. Trusting in God's mercy and grace, let us confess our sin.

*The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, despite your love for us and your gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. We close our hearts to you. We live according to the flesh. We do not give you honor in all that we say and do. We confess that we have sinned against you. Forgive us, Lord. [Silent confession.] Merciful God, create in us a clean heart that we may walk in fellowship with you through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Through Christ, we are forgiven. God's love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who testifies with our spirits that we are God's children. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Anthem *All Things Bright & Beautiful* Barbara B. Kinyon

JuBELLation Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading John 3:1-17 page 126 NT

The New Testament Reading Romans 8:12-17 page 210 NT

The Sermon Amazed by the Trinity Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn *Holy, Holy* 140

The Mission Moment River Jordan Aland Stamps

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer(using sins)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory For the Beauty of the Earth John Rutter
Chancel Choir

*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *To God Be the Glory* 485

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

*Postlude Postlude in D Healey Willan

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist : Kitty Myers

Ushers: Natalie Martinez, Tom Poole, Wally & Anne Schmidt

Greeter: Cheryl Kelley

Fellowship Hour: Genie Herter

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich, Director of Music Ministry,
the Chancel Choir and the JuBELLation Choir.

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**Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for
refreshments and fellowship.**

For The Hearing Impaired

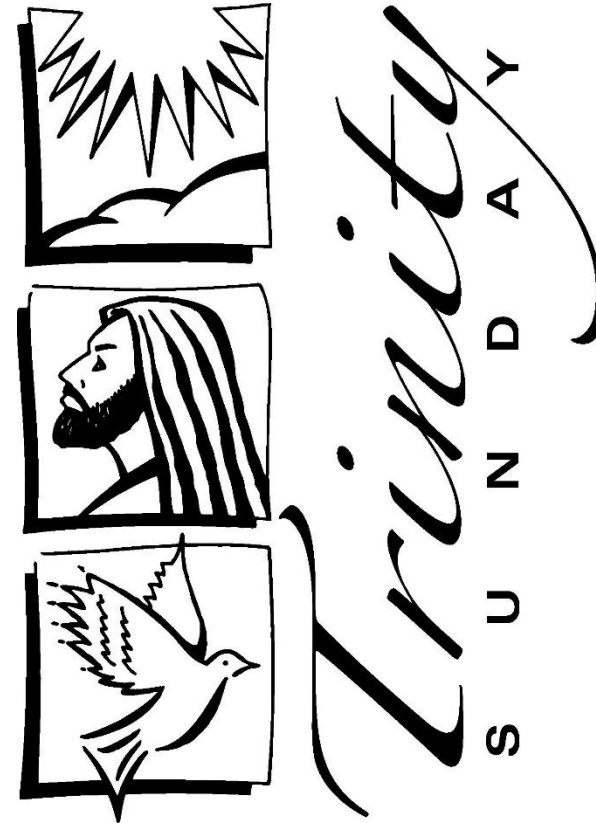
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Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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Grab a refreshment and join us today after worship in the library as we continue the Great Courses Series on The New Testament.

Session Meeting

Session will be meeting this Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 pm.

Rescue Mission Lunches



Saturday, **June 1**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen (Please enter from parking lot through Fellowship Hall door) to visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger.

Many thanks to all who so generously contributed to the April mission project of the Presbyterian Giving Catalog!! Through your gifts, we are able to provide a Family Farm Bundle (6 chickens, 2 goats, a cow, 3 piglets, a package of farm tools, & farm training), plus 2 more chicken families, 1 piglet, 2 sets of farming tools, a set of farming tools, & finally, a sewing machine! These gifts will make a tremendous difference for several families. Thank you, again! - The Mission Committee



May Mission Project

National Foster Care Month is celebrated in May, and the Mission Committee has chosen to acknowledge this important subject by supporting "River Jordan, Inc.," located in Bay City, Michigan, and serving surrounding counties. River Jordan's mission statement reads: "to empower current and former foster youth to take responsibility of their own individual lives and become productive members of society." This is particularly important to those youth 18-21 years of age who have "aged out" of foster care and require "a safety net", including shelter and support services.

TODAY is the last day we will collect cash/check donations. There are also volunteer opportunities (if interested, information and specifics found in website/pamphlet).



The office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. The office will be open Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-

1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.



Memorial Day
Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives

Second Presbyterian Congregation Family,
"I wish to express my sincere appreciation for all the prayers and well wishes we have received in the last two years during my wife's battle with cancer. I would like to say thanks for all the expressions of kindness I have received since my wife's passing."
Jim Mundell

John 3:1-17 New International Version

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

⁹ "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Romans 8:12-17 New International Version

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.^[a] And by him we cry, "Abba,^[b] Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.