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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

# Trinity Sunday and Communion Sunday

## OPENING WORDS

God's Spirit is moving through our gathering,  
creating and recreating, judging and empowering.

**Let God's light break forth to illumine us  
and the shadows be dispelled.**

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God the Creator is in this place.

**The love of God is with us.**

Jesus our Redeemer is in this place.

**The grace of our Lord is with us.**

The Holy Spirit is in this place.

**The communion of the Spirit is with us.**

We welcome the fullness of God's presence.

**God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us now  
and forever. Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN #1 "Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!" vss. 1,4

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

We are invited to examine ourselves, to see whether we are holding to our faith. Is Christ alive in us? Are we living the truth? Let us give public testimony to the state of our faith, as we confess our sin.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Triune God, we acknowledge you as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. You grant us opportunities to be co-creators, but we cling to our ruts and routines. You expand the horizons of our caring, only to have our prejudices and selfishness intrude on your generosity in Christ. You send your Spirit to empower us, and we waste the power you supply in meaningless activity. Awaken us from our apathy, forgive our laziness, and rechannel our priorities, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God promises to be with us, to redirect our ways, to grant us peace. We are forgiven. We are loved. We are united with one another. We are strengthened to mend our ways. May the God of love and peace abide with us. **Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

SONG OF AFFIRMATION # 71      “Surely, It is God Who Saves Me”

***Refrain: Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.***

***For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense***

***And God will be my Savior***

***Vs. 1 Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation and on that day you shall say, “Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name”.***

***Refrain.***

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Nicholas Todd

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

FIRST READING – 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING — Matthew 28:16-20

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON:            “How Do You Say Good-Bye?”            Rev. Ellen McGormley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Brief Statement of Faith

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

HYMN #503        “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”            vss. 1,3

- 1    Lord, we have come at your own invitation, chosen by you, to be counted your friends; yours is the strength that sustains dedication; ours, a commitment we know never ends.
- 3    When, at your table, each time of returning, vows are renewed and our courage restored, may we increasingly glory in learning all that it means to accept you as Lord.

CALL TO OFFERING

*Please reflect on the blessings God has given you and how you might reach out.*

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

You created a universe and entrusted this planet to us, Great God. We have received life and abilities from your hand and return these offerings to further your reign among us. Only you know how adequately we are responding. May what we dedicate here, and the cause that engages our attentions, represent an improvement in our stewardship. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Pray for those who are ill and all health care workers and those in essential jobs serving us. Pray for our congregation now separated. Pray for our country’s leaders as they make tough decisions. Pray for our world.)*

## INVITATION

Behold, I stand at the door and knock  
If those who hear my voice open the door,  
I will come in to them and eat with them and they with me.  
O taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Happy are all who find refuge in God!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

It is truly right and greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. On the holy mountain the divine glory of the incarnate Word was revealed. From the heavens your voice proclaimed your beloved Son, who is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. We rejoice in the divine majesty of Christ, whose glory shone forth even when confronted with the cross.

Therefore we praise you by joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful in every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord. You sent your only-begotten, in whom your fullness dwells, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. Revealing your love, Jesus taught those who would hear him, healed those who believe in him, received all who sought him, and lifted the burden of their sin. We glorify you for your great power and love at work in Christ.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts we take this bread and wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us to be the body of Christ in the world.

By the fire of your spirit, O God, forge us into one church, many and different people, together in Christ's embrace. Set our hearts aflame with a love for the truth and the desire to do your will, that our witness to Christ may burn brightly in lives of joyful discipleship. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church now and forever. Amen

Lord's Prayer

L. We thank you that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

L. In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN #298

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission

vvs. 1, 5

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.” Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity: with the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.” Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend, and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: with the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION