

May 26, 2024

Trinity Sunday

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

THE PRELUDE

THE INTROIT

"God Has Gone Up"

Jack Warren Burnam

*God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn. Alleluia!
You have gone up on high, and led captivity captive. Alleluia!*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Blessed be God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word, Abiding Spirit.

All Glory to God forever!

One Jesus said, the way to see God's dream for the world
is to be born from above by the Spirit.

**All The way to take part in that dream, says Jesus,
is to be born of water and Spirit.**

One That gift is available this day. May you receive God's Spirit,
be made whole, and dwell more deeply in love divine.

***THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 1**

*Nicaea; John Bacchus Dykes
Reginald Heber*

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

**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!**

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy: there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit. Amen.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**One ... May God's peace be with you.
All And also with you.**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 707, verse 1**

Hall; Calvin Weiss Laufer

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

**Take thou our minds, dear lord, we humbly pray;
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.**

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Greetings Among the People of God
The Announcements

WE HEAR THE WORD OF LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALM

Psalm 29

One Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**All Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

One The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**All The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

One The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon,
and makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

**All The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

One The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

All And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

One The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore.

**All The Lord shall give strength to this people;
the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace.**

THE ANTHEM

"Ubi Caritas"

David Briggs

*Ubi caritas et amor, deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

Where there is charity and love, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the king, the Lord Almighty.” Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

One The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

THE CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Following the Children’s Moment, those in PreK through 5th grades may go to Sunday School. Parents may pick up their children after worship from Room 107 in the education wing.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 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.”

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” “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!” Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ 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.”

“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? 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. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven - the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” 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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

One The Gospel of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Anna von Winckler

“The Naming of God”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE HYMN . . . no. 4

Grosser Gott, wir loben dich
attr. Ignaz Franz

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord: “Holy, holy, holy Lord!”

All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow,
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you,
and adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

- *The Nicene Creed*

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

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“Esto Les Digo”

Kinley Lange

Esto les digo, si dos ustedes se ponen en acuerdo. Aquien, en la tierra para pedir algo en oración, mi padre que está en el cielo. Se lo dara. Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos.

This I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am in their midst.

- *Matthew 18:19-20*

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings . . . no. 606

Old Hundredth

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Thomas Ken

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

The Choral Response

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Schumann

*We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

- *William Walsham How*

THE PRAYERS

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (*in 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.**

WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

***THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 641**

Engelberg; Charles Villiers Stanford
Fred Pratt Green

"When In Our Music God is Glorified"

**When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!**

**How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!**

**So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!**

**And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!**

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!**

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***THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Peter Lutkin

*The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you; and give you peace.
The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.*

THE POSTLUDE

"Carillon-Sortie"

Henri Mulet

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor Anna von Winckler
Liturgist Steve Wylie
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church

The flowers today are given by Sarah Groves to the glory of God and in memory of her mother, Diane Pope, remembering her always and especially on her birthday.

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church will join in the 2024 **River City Pride Parade!** The parade walk will start at **noon this Saturday, June 1**. We welcome anyone from the congregation to join us in a group for the parade walk. Please feel free to email Skylin Parker at skylin@fpcevv.com for more information on how to join the First Pres group.

Due to holiday and vacation schedules, the **church office will only be open** two days this week - **Tuesday and Wednesday**. The staff is grateful for the congregation's flexibility and understanding of changes to the regular schedule.

PNC Update: We are in the process of scheduling interviews for some of the candidates who have formally applied to be our next Solo Pastor. We have watched their sermons online and reviewed their profiles, so we hope to interview the candidates over the next few weeks. There are many steps to the process after the interviews, but we are excited to begin this phase! We appreciate your continued prayers and support, and I am always happy to answer specific questions you might have (within our confidentiality guidelines, of course). - Yours in Christ, Steve Wylie, PNC Chair

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 26

- 7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
Children's Sunday School
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Monday, May 27 *Memorial Day*
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. RSCM Midwest Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 29

Thursday, May 30

Church Office Closed

5:00 p.m. PNC

6:00 p.m. RSCM Midwest Rehearsal

Friday, May 31

Church Office Closed

Saturday, June 1

First Presbyterian Church Staff:

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