



TRINITY SUNDAY WORSHIP

June 12, 2022 9:00 am

“The Trinity affirms the rightness, the propriety, of speaking intelligently that the true God must always transcend our grasp of him, even our most intelligent grasp of him.”
-N.T. Wright

Chimes and Prelude

Sing Ye a Joyful Song
Antonin Dvorak

*Call to Worship

Let us worship the Triune God:
**the One who spoke in the beginning
and created all out of nothing.**

Let us worship the Triune God:
**the One who took on the beauty and struggles of humanity
to set the suffering free.**

Let us worship the Triune God:
**the One whose Spirit rests continually upon us,
calling us from death into life.**

*Hymn #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Prayer of Confession

**Triune God,
You alone live in perfect relationship,
showing us the truth of all things.**

**You have called us to live in communities that reflect your harmony,
yet our relationships are so often imperfect and broken.
Too many times we are selfish and greedy,
anxious and resenting,
seeking power rather than friendship.
We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another and from you.**

**Forgive and restore us,
and bind us together in your mercy.
May we long for wholeness and peace,
May we strive toward gratitude and grace
In the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ,
By the working power of your Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

God loves us so deeply.
God loves us enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us,
not to condemn, but to save.
**Not by our speaking or doing,
but by God's good and precious grace are we saved.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Response

Meineke

**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.**

Passing of the Peace

As Passing of the Peace concludes, children are invited to meet their teachers at the back of the Sanctuary for VBS. Parents can pick their children up at 10:30 in Social Hall (ground floor).

Welcome & Ministry Updates

Dedication of Matthew 25 Offering

Doug Congdon-Martin, Missions Committee

Special music

Wade in the Water
Arr. Eva Cassidy

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

*Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Old 100th

**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.**

*Hymn #2

Come, Thou Almighty King

Prayer for Illumination

**Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life; breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth
this day. Draw us into communion, enable us to love, conspire to make us one with
you for the world you so deeply love. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

John 8:31-32

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Sermon

“More Than a Call to Freedom”

Elgin Bailey

*Affirmation of Faith

Selections from the Scots Confession

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone...
whom alone we must serve,
whom only we must worship,
and in whom alone we put our trust.
Who is eternal, infinite,
immeasurable, incomprehensible,
omnipotent, invisible; one in substance
and yet distinct in three persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
By whom we confess and believe
all things in heaven and earth,
visible and invisible,
to have been created,
to be retained in their being,
and to be ruled and guided
by his inscrutable providence,
for such end as his eternal wisdom,
goodness, and justice have appointed,
and to the manifestation of his own glory.**

*Hymn #462

I Love to Tell the Story

*Blessing and Response

Postlude

Placare Christe servulis
Marcel Dupre

**You are invited to stand as you desire.*

Leading us in worship today are Pastor Elgin Bailey, guest preacher; Rev. Caroline Cupp, Executive Pastor; Sandor Kadar, Director of Music; Lyndsay Spaziani, soprano; Greg Ondo, percussion.

Worship notes:



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES WEEK OF June 12, 2022

In Memoriam – Elizabeth H. Gilchrist, member of First Presbyterian Church from June 6, 1965 to June 6, 2022. Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Elizabeth Gilchrist.

Juneteenth Program with Anderson Porter – The Chester County History Center is hosting *A Lifetime of Service, A Conversation with Reverend Anderson Porter* on Saturday, June 18 from 6:30 – 8 pm. This interactive, moderated conversation will feature his reflections on his journey, historical experiences and a reflection on his life. You can register to attend through the CCHC's website: www.mycchc.org/calendar-events.

Summer Book Study: Talking About Gun Violence - The news of tragic mass shootings has rocked many of us in recent weeks. In the face of tragedies, it's common to want to "do" something but often we are at a loss. If you are interested in learning more about gun violence and having a better-quality conversation than news media allows for, please consider participating in First Pres' summer book study of *Common Ground: Talking about Gun Violence in America*. Author Donald V. Gaffney is a Disciples of Christ minister, gun owner, and native of Newtown, CT who writes with a calm, compassionate voice on some of the many questions and issues that are part of gun violence conversations. Critically, he also spends time examining violence in the Bible and some theological issues that might be connected to how we think about this topic.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase in Fellowship Hall for \$13. We will have a lunch conversation on Sunday, July 17 to talk about the book. There is no agenda with this conversation, which will be enriched if people with different opinions and experiences with guns participate. The goal is not to come up with a solution or any action plans, but rather to think about this hard thing we are all experiencing through grace-filled conversation. Please contact Sara Pantazes with any questions or concerns.

West Chester Walking Tour - The Justice Ministry Team is pleased to offer a new learning opportunity to the congregation this summer – a walking tour of West Chester that examines the town's historic African American communities. It will be led by Penny Washington, a native of West Chester and published author. The June tour date is full but there is still room in the second tour group on Saturday, July 9 at 10:00 am. It will last approximately one hour with time for Q&A after the tour. You can register to attend through the Sign-up tab on the church's website. Please contact Sara Pantazes (spantazes@firstpreswc.com) with any questions.

Summer Movie Matinees – If you're looking for a cool summer afternoon activity, plan on Summer Movie Matinees at the church! We'll do an afternoon at the movies each month of summer. We kick it off on Thursday, June 23 at 1pm in the Chapel. The popcorn will be fresh, the A/C will be on, and there will be friends to enjoy it with! The June movie is Beauty and the Beast, the live action version. All ages welcome! If you need a ride to the church, please contact Elizabeth at ehess@firstpreswc.com.

Drivers Needed – The Congregational Life and Membership Committee is hosting a summer at the movies at First Pres this summer and we need your help! We would like to encourage many of our senior members who may not be able to drive to attend. We are looking for drivers who can pick up one or two attendees prior to the movie, bring them to the church, then drive them home after the movie is over. Bonus if you can stay and enjoy the movie too! Our first movie will be on Thursday, June 23 at 1pm. We'd love to have your help providing a lift to our seniors. Please contact Mary Hambleton (emham@verizon.net) if you can help.

June Food Cupboard Donation – This month, we are collecting jelly for the West Chester Food Cupboard. Thank you for your generosity toward our neighbors in need.

Kids Summer Music Camp – The musical fun will continue this summer with the second annual Summer Music Camp from August 1 – 3. Sessions this year will include percussion, piano and singing along with fun games and snacks. This program is open to children ages 4 years – 5th grade. For families who are able, the registration fee is \$35/child to help cover the cost of the professional musicians we are bringing in to work with the kids. Scholarships are available. Please register your children through the Sign-up tab on the church's webpage. Contact Sandor Kadar (skadar@firstpreswc.com) with any questions.

***Please note the dates on the graphic in this week's Enews were incorrect. The camp is Aug 1-3.*

Greeters: Jim and Marilyn Serum at 9:00, The Pantazes Family at 10:42

Coffee Deacons: Barbara Lade and Lori McDermott

Regular Office Hours:

Mon-Thur 9am-4pm

Fri 9am-1pm

The office will have adjusted hours on the following days:

Friday, June 24 – CLOSED

Friday, July 1 – CLOSED

Monday, July 4 - CLOSED

***Over the summer, office hours may vary. Please check the E-News for regular updates.**