

***Opening Hymn No. 457** John Calvin
I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession - from John Knox, Sunday Service

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into Your presence because of our many sins. If You dealt with us as we deserve we would not deserve any grace or mercy from You. We have sinned against You, O Lord, and we have offended You. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge You to be a merciful God, and loving and favorable Father to all who turn to You. We humbly ask You, for the sake of Christ Your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By Your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouth, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by You, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Congregational Response Take, O Take Me as I Am *Iona Community*

(Silence for personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness - from Martin Luther

***Response to Grace No. 567** *Gloria Patri*
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination - from Ulrich Zwingli

Almighty, eternal and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path, open and illuminate our minds, that we may purely and perfectly understand Thy Word and that our lives may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in nothing we may be displeasing unto Thy majesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson – Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

(Following the Children's message, child care is provided for children of pre-school age up through first grade. Older children remaining in worship may get a Children's Worship Bag from the Ushers.)

THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

have been given to the glory of God
by Sonja Guilbeau in celebration
of the birthday of her husband,
Paul Guilbeau.

Assisting In Worship Today

- Anghaarad Teague Dees.....Minister
- Richard Hart.....Minister
- John-Alan Gourdine.....Director of Music
- Edward Neeman..... Pianist
- Paul Guilbeau.....Bagpiper
- Grant Wright.....Lay Reader
- Eddie Webb.....Beadle
- Eddie Webb.....Usher Team
Noelle Collins, John Roan
Ruth Stonestreet
- Lyle McGhin.....Greeters
Sherry Stranahan, Beverly Peters
- Christal Dudley.....Acolyte

TRINITY ELDERS

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Cathy Hoover	Jeff Bickers	Bill Bickers
Lyle McGhin	Frank Kilgard	Nita Cross
Don Thieme	Marcie Swank	Brian Preyna
Kelly Wicks	Brooke Webb	Debbie Radabaugh
	Bryan Wright	Ruth Stonestreet

OUR TRINITY STAFF

- Dr. Richard Hart.....Pastor
- Rev. Anghaarad Teague Dees.....Pastor
- Mrs. Renae Preyna.....Director of Christian Education
- Mr. John-Alan Gourdine.....Director of Music
- Dr. Edward Neeman.....Pianist
- Mr. Paul Guilbeau.....Director of Chancel Handbells
- Mr. Bryan Wright.....Administrative Assistant
- Miss Kendra Beasley, Miss Makinsey Rosser.....Choir Interns
- Mr. Zackary Serrott

Please stay after worship today and join us for a Fellowship Luncheon served the Youth and Children. The lunch is free and all we ask is you tip your servers. Tips will support their mission trip to Memphis, Tennessee next summer.

**Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Prayer Vigil
Standing in hope with Dreamers**

A community service of prayer, mediation and fellowship. Sunday, **October 29** at 6:30pm at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. All are welcome.

Our Wednesday Schedule:

For Wednesday, **November 1, 2017**

5:30 p.m. – KOW

5:45 p.m. – Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:15 p.m. – Supper is served in the Fellowship Hall beginning with a prayer of thanksgiving in the Atrium

7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Adult Bible Study – *The Protestant Reformation*
SMASH for Youth

Supper will be provided by Jan Hobson's cooking team. The menu will include Ribollita. Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches will be available for children.

The charge for the meal will be as follows:

\$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students (pre-k through high school), with a \$15.00 Maximum per family.

Carry-outs – meal cost above plus 25¢ per carry-out tray.

Trinity's Advent Devotional Tradition

Once again we will be preparing our own "in house" devotional guide book for the season of Advent. Church members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to write a brief devotional to be printed in the daily guide book. Tell a story, share a favorite Christmas memory, or write about what faith in Christ means to you. There is a sign up calendar at church. We have 13 people signed up, but still need 9 more. We need your devotionals by **November 12**. Please consider helping with this meaningful Trinity tradition.

Habitat for Humanity Building on Faith

There will be three important ways we may support our local Valdosta/Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity affiliate next month during the annual Building on Faith week. **November 11-18, 2017** has been set aside for congregations of our community to provide support to build one house in a week. We may help as follows:

~ **Pray** for the success of the project and for the Habitat Partner Family that will be working to complete construction of their own new home.

~ **Volunteer** to help one or more days during the week. Framing day will be Saturday, November 11. Construction will resume on Tuesday, November 14 and continue through Saturday, November 18. Volunteers may work a half day or a full day. Lunch is provided at the work site. A sign up sheet will be posted at Trinity.

~ **Give** financially to support the project. Freewill offerings over-and-above one's pledge can be made by check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and marked for HFH BOF. Our Missions Committee challenges the congregation to raise \$1,000 or more for this effort.

Flint River Presbytery's Celebration of Faith 2018

Plan to attend a wonderfully relaxing, educational, and spiritual retreat sponsored by our Flint River Presbytery at The Conference Center at Veterans State Park, Lake Blackshear, Georgia. Celebration of Faith is scheduled for March 9-11, 2018. In this beautiful setting we will meet old friends and make new ones. Enriching and informative classes will be offered for all ages. Inspiring worship will touch our souls.

A full program guide is available at Trinity. It includes class descriptions, including those being taught by Pastor Dees and Pastor Hart. Registration forms are provided for individuals, families, day students, and youth. Registration begins on **October 21, 2017**. Don't delay – sign up today!

Anthem Ain’-A That Good News! William L. Dawson

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 22:34-46

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Visionaries and Reformers Pastor Dees

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn No. 409** Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice *Aberystwyth*

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison)** - from The Scot’s Confession of 1560

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to Whom alone we must cleave, Whom alone we must serve, Whom alone we must worship, and in Whom alone we must 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 Spirit; by Whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible.

Blessing of the Families

At this time families or representatives of families may come forward to receive a blessing. Your family may be your circle of friends or blood relatives...you choose what family you wish to bring forward with you.

We thank You, God, for Your Word which has ordained a rich heritage of faith and sacrifice from our ancestors: from Adam to Noah, from Noah to Abraham, from Abraham to David, so onward to the incarnation of Jesus Christ, to the establishment of His church: our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere. Never let us forget that a heritage of faith is a joy to be shared.

Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

Thank You, O God, for the blessing of family; the warmth, comfort, and security of family love. Never let us forget that our family love is a gift to be shared, that the stranger may be as welcome as the sister or brother.

Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

We praise You, O God, for those who have lived and died in Christ that we might have the freedom to dwell in a community of faith. Never let us forget that the days of sacrifice are not yet over, that we too, have lives to live in faith.

Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

On behalf of all clans, families, and nations, we stand before God in gratitude for our heritage, and we pray God’s blessing on His beloved children in all lands.

We proclaim that we are all united in the covenant of Jesus Christ, for there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.

Call to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology 592** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow *Old Hundredth*

***Prayer of Dedication** - from Thomas Cranmer

***Choral Dismissal** A Parting Blessing John Leavitt

***Recessional Hymn No. 260** A Mighty Fortress is Our God Martin Luther

***Charge and Benediction**

***Recession of the Tartans** The Skye Boat Song

*All who are able may stand.



FOR YOUR DAILY PRAYER The pastor and elders meet at 10:45 each Sunday morning to pray for the morning service and to remember by name each person on our prayer list. Please lift the names of these persons to God in your prayers.

Members & Regular Participants

Mary Beckett
William Cockren
Mary Connell
Jane Gore
Larry Henderson
Marie Hill

David Johnson
Emma Micklon
Bryan Singer
Frank Stoddard
Nellie Stoddard
Karen Whelihan

Relatives

Reed & Tammy Armond, *brother & sister-in-law of David Armond*
Barbara Chisham, *cousin of Marcie Swank*
Juanita Devine, *sister of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh*
Dennis & Heather Dibble & Family, *cousins of Leonard Mittelstadt*
Ruth Duss, *mother of Sherry Stranahan*
Scott Ferguson, *brother-in-law of Kathy Roe*

Beverly Jackson, *daughter of Leta Cone*
George Larimore, *brother of Janet Wright*

Adams McGhin, *nephew of Lyle McGhin*

Bobby Miller, *nephew of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh*

Robert Earl Pennington, *relative of Beverly Peters*

Steve Pierson, *brother-in-law of Guy Oliver*

Russell Popham, *uncle of Nita Cross*
John Radabaugh, *brother of Bob Radabaugh*

David & Susan Reid, *brother & sister-in-law of Beth Reid*

Liz Ferguson Ross, *daughter of Mark & Karen Ferguson*

Alex Schwiesow, *son of Karen Whelihan*

Tom Speck, *brother of Beverly Peters*
Vicky Thomas, *niece of Jane Gore*

Gino Vecchio, *nephew of Melissa Johnson*

Logan Gabriel Wakefield, *grandson of Bob & Candy Wakefield*

Dorothy Whelihan, *aunt of Karen Whelihan*

Friends (contact person)

Ronnie Alligood (Jackie Wright)
Kelly Austin (Charlie Oliver)

Kathy Butterbaugh (Debbie Radabaugh)

Michael Capece (Jeff Bickers)
Sara Chang (Kathy Roe)

Rebecca Christopholi (Sherry Stranahan)

Jessica Clark (Kathy Roe)
Nikolas Conley (Libby Bickers)

Tom Conner (Libby Bickers)
Ben Davis (Catherine Loveday)

Larry Devane (Catherine Loveday)
Tommy Hagy (Sonja Guilbeau)

Erika Harding (Christal Dudley)
Betty Hardy (Nita Cross)

Harold (Charlie Oliver)
Carol Herndon & family (Lyle McGhin)

Shannon Hobbs (Mark Micklon)
Tim Huff (Sonja Guilbeau)

Bubba Hundley (Brooke Webb)
Leilani Jones (Lisa Pearce)

Aidan Legg (Judy Bickers)
Becky Mantz (Debbie Hart)

Deanna Morris (Brian Preyna)
Sharon O'Rourke (Lisa Pearce)

Victoria Osteen (Libby Bickers)
Haley Grace Peeples (Christal Dudley)

Bud Perry (Eddie Webb)
Carolyn Poe (Jackie Wright)

Mary Price (Kathy Roe)
Deborah Richardson (Bernie Preyna)

Diane Rodgers (Paul & Sonja Guilbeau)

Randall Smith (John & Chris Roan)
Jeani Spencer (Mili Collins)

Mark & Mary Spoeneman (Bernie Preyna)

Lizbeth Stevens (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)

Betty Tillman (Mili Collins)
Hazel Williams (Linda Brown)

Kirsty Yearsley (Sherry Stranahan)

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Sherry Stranahan

Marcie Swank

Our Military Personnel

Missionaries

All Refugees

Victims of Terrorism

Those suffering the effects of recent hurricanes and wildfires

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Mission Statement

As Believers, we will worship God by. . .

Praising, praying, responding to His Holy Word.

As Disciples, we will follow God by. . .

Studying, learning, living His Holy Word.

As Stewards, we will honor God by. . .

Caring, serving, sharing His Holy Word.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Kirkin’ O the Tartans

Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

29 October 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The acolyte in today’s worship brings the light of Christ into the sanctuary at the beginning of the service. At the end of worship, as we are called into service in our church, across our city, and beyond, the light of Christ leads us out into the world.

Silent Meditation:

“Faith is like an empty, open hand stretched out towards God, with nothing to offer and everything to receive.” ~ John Calvin

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Song Without Words, Op. 6, No. 2 Fanny Hensel

The Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship – from the Heidelberg Catechism, Belgic Confession, and Westminster Shorter Catechism (see insert)

***Kirkin’ O the Tartans Processional** Amazing Grace

***The Presentation of the Tartans**

Bring to God the names of every family and clan and people. Bring to God the tartans, the symbols of family heritage, the symbols of God’s future.

On behalf of every family and all the clans presented, we raise up to God every symbol and tartan and name in gratitude for our heritage and in thanksgiving for our redemption in Jesus Christ. We pray God’s blessing on those who serve in the Name of Christ. We praise God for choosing us to be His servants and for calling our families to be part of the Family of God.

Speak aloud the names of families. Hold your tartan and speak them Now...
Tartan Bearers: Clan Names

***Prayer of Blessing:**

Eternal God, our Lord and Sovereign, bless the names and symbols of our families and clans. Remind us that no matter what our heritage from the boundaries of humankind, that we are the work of Your hands. In Jesus Christ You have called us by name! We belong to You! As we bear our names and wear the symbols of our clans, call us in Your power to be Your faithful people, to live in peace, to work Your justice and to proclaim the good news of salvation. We give ourselves to You, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Call to Worship -from the Heidelberg Catechism, Belgic Confession, and Westminster Shorter Catechism

Sola Scriptura!

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.
~ 2 Timothy 3:16

Let us thank God for the gift of holy scriptures.

We thank you God, for your Word.

Sola Gratia!

It is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.
~ Ephesians 2:8

Let us thank God for grace.

We thank you, God, for your grace. We thank you that you do not treat us as our sins deserve, that you do not repay us according to our iniquities.

Sola Fides!

Yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.
~ Galatians 2:16a

Let us thank God for faith.

We thank You, God for the gift of faith. We thank You for faith that embraces Jesus Christ, with all His merits, and makes Him its own, and no longer looks for anything apart from Him.

Sola Christo!

The angel said to Joseph, "Give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."
~ Matthew 1:21

Let us thank God for Jesus.

We thank You God for Jesus. We thank You that we have in Jesus all that we need for our salvation.

Soli Deo Gloria!

To God alone be the glory!

What is the chief end of man?

To glorify God, and enjoy Him forever!

Soli Deo Gloria! Let us worship God!

What is a tartan? Scots from the highland regions have been extraordinary weavers since ancient times. They wove brightly colored patterns in wool. Weavers would use the same pattern over and over again, thus local purchasers would become known by the pattern they wore. The English Proscription prohibited the wearing of native highland dress, (clothing) including kilts or any tartan from 1746 to 1782.

What is a Clan? Although the popular concept of a Scottish clann (clan) is that of an extended family, historically, the members of a clan were those sept (families) who aligned with a particular laird (chief). Unlike the feudal system under which leaders inherited their positions, the Scottish highland chiefs were elected.

What is a kilt? In ancient times the Scots wore a feiladh mor. A long wide piece of wool cloth, it could be pleated and belted around the waist, thrown over the shoulder, tied between the legs and cover a person from head to toe. It could even be used as a sleeping bag! "Kilted" means to be pleated above the knee. The modern men's kilt is pleated in the back, flat in the front and has the opening on the wearer's right.

Who is the "Beadle"? The office of Beadle dates from pre-Christian times when a doorkeeper was responsible for opening places of worship to the faithful and keeping unbelievers out. Now largely ceremonial and honorary, the Beadle carries the Bible, the centerpiece of faith, into and out of the Sanctuary.



Amazing Grace lyrics were written by John Newton born in London July 24, 1725. In 1767 the poet William Cowper and John Newton became friends. Cowper helped Newton with his religious services. Their goal was to write a new hymn for each weekly prayer meeting. Together, their effect on the local congregation was impressive and they met an increasing number of parishioners. "Amazing Grace" was written to illustrate a sermon on New Year's Day of 1773.

In 1972 the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards recorded an instrumental version arranged for the bagpipes. It hit number 1 in the UK singles chart, spending 24 weeks total on the charts.

The Skye Boat Song is a traditional Scottish song recalling the escape of the young pretender Charles Edward Stewart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) after his defeat at Culloden in 1746 and commemorating the many Scots who died and were exiled for the Jacobite cause.

Prince Charles escaped from Uist to the Isle of Skye in a small boat with the aid of Flora MacDonald. He was disguised as a serving maid. The adherents of Scottish nationalism regard the event as an important national legend.

The original words to the tune were written by Sir Harold Boulton to an air collected by Miss Annie MacLeod (Lady Wilson) in the 1870's.

Skye boat song music has been adapted by Bear McCreary for *Outlander*, a British-American television drama series based on the *Outlander* series of novels by Diana Gabaldon.

These lyrics are from an adaption of Robert Louis Stevenson's poem "Sing me a Song of a Lad that is Gone"