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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Communion Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 August 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Questions for Reflection

"Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak" (Gen. 32:24). Why do you think God allows times of struggle in our lives? How have times of struggle affected your walk with God? How does your relationship with God affect your view of overwhelming problems in the world, such as hunger, poverty, violence, or injustice?

Welcome, Announcements, and Social Media Check-in

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

Choral Introit Glorify the Lord With Me Hal Hopson

***Opening Hymn No. 12** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise *ST. DENIO*

*Responsive Call to Worship

We gather together not because we are strong, but because we are weary and need God's grace.

Like Jacob at the river Jabbok, we come with our fears, our struggles, and our brokenness.

Here in the dark of our deepest trials, the Lord meets us and holds us fast.

We will not let go until He blesses us with His peace and mercy.

Come and see! At this table, God meets us face-to-face, transforms our names, and feeds us with His very life.

Let us worship God together in spirit and in truth.

Call to Confession

Jacob wrestled with God and with human beings, and he prevailed only when he wept and sought God's favor. Like Jacob, we cross the rivers of our own making in the dark, afraid of what our past will demand of us, holding tightly to our own control. Trusting in God's mercy, let us bring our true names and our broken hearts before the Lord.

(silence for personal confession)

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, we have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in You. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to Yours. We have turned away those hungry and thirsting for Your help; instead of trusting You and feeding them from Your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold tightly to You. We call upon You, for You will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congregational Response No. 575 *KYRIE ELEISON (Pardini)*
Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). Through His body and you are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

***Response to Grace No. 583** Glory to God *GLORIA (Taizé)*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Lesson – Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

(Following the Children's moment, child care is provided for children up through age 4. Older children remaining in worship may get a Children's Worship Bag and Children's Bulletin from the Ushers.)

Anthem Communion Prayer Allen Pote

Second Lesson – Genesis 32:22-31

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Let's Get Ready to Rumble CP David Carter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison)** - from A Brief Statement of Faith

¹In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. ⁵With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁶Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Call to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology No. 608** *PRAISE GOD (Hopson)*
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

***Hymn No. 496** Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed *ARFON*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Jesus said, I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

Let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

This is the Lord's Table. Christ Jesus invites all who believe in Him as Savior and Lord to receive the bread and the cup and His mercy offered herein. Come, therefore, that you may find refreshment and rest for your souls.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of the universe, who has gathered us from our wandering, and assembled us in Christ's name to learn of Your will. Your covenant names us participants; Your law guides us. The prophets attest to Your promise that we shall not be forsaken. With great expectation and joy we watch for Your unfolding plan of salvation. Accept the praises of Your people as we join our voices with the host of heaven:

(singing) Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of Thee, Heaven and earth are praising Thee, O Lord Most High.

We bless You, our Father, for the Lord Jesus in whom Your fullness dwells. Born of Mary, He shares our life. Eating with sinners, He welcomes us. Guiding His children, He leads us. Visiting the sick, He heals us. Dying on the cross, He saves us. Risen from the dead, He gives us new life. Living for you, He prays for us. We therefore declare the mystery of our faith:

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

O Lord our God, send Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of the bread and the cup, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for Your holy people; the bread of life and the cup of salvation. By Your Holy Spirit keep us from putting off until another time the discipline that will make us better disciples. Make us willing to break the comfortable routine and dare to start ventures that will test our obedience. Surround us with those who have made a similar commitment, so that they may teach us. Go before us to lead us, and stay behind us to prod us. Challenge us to take seriously our task to pray for any who need You in any way, that healing and comfort and peace may come to all in need from Your hand this and every day. Live within us as God who fashions our being; as Christ in whose name we can do all things; and as the Holy Spirit who keeps us from falling.

Amen.

The Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

(You are invited to eat the bread as soon as you are served as a sign of your individual communion with God. Please hold the cup until all have been served that we might drink together as a sign of our communion with each other.)

Unison Prayer after Communion

God of grace, You have renewed us at Your table with the bread of life. May the spiritual food of Your Word strengthen us in love, and help us to serve You in working for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Choral Dismissal The Lord Bless You Hal Hopson

***Closing Hymn No. 816** *WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT*
If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

*Benediction

*Passing The Peace of Christ

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.



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FOR YOUR DAILY PRAYER The elders meet at 10:45 a.m. 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.

As a general practice, we remove the names of those who have been on the prayer list for more than 60 days if we have not received an update of their circumstances. Thank you!

Members & Regular Participants
Lee Bradley
Kathy Roe
Anna-Marie Schaer

Relatives
Nancy Guilbeau, *mother of Paul Guilbeau*
Scott Ferguson, *brother-in-law of Kathy Roe*
Tre' and Desi Jackson, *grandchildren of Patsi Peacock*
Michael Rivera, *cousin of Anna-Marie Schaer*

Friends (contact person)
Helga Allison (Sherry Stranahan)
James Allred and family (Mark Ferguson)
Jayne Fox (Linda Brown)
John and Connie Gibson (Beth Reid)
Alexiz Natham (Sonja Guilbeau)
Adrienne Parrish
Cheryl Vining (Barbara Bradley)

Long Term Prayer List Members
Debbie Antonoff
George Bennett
Martha Bennett
Kim Culpepper
Dottie Davis
Mark Ferguson
Jane Gore
Brian Greene
Jan Hobson
Nancy Knobel
David Lynch
Joyce Lynch
Lyle McGhin
Bob Radabaugh
Bill Stonestreet

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week
Zirkia Snyman
Jacobus Snyman
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Our First Responders  
Our Healthcare Workers  
Our Military Personnel  
Victims of Foreign Aggression  
Victims of Natural Disasters

**Flint River Presbytery  
Worshiping Community  
Remembered in Prayer**  
Korean Presbyterian Church  
Columbus

**Long Term Relatives**  
Michelle Aliotti and family, *relative of Mark and Karen Ferguson*  
Shawn Corrigan, *son-in-law of Denise Dupras*  
Myra Guarino, *mother of Anna-Marie Schaer*  
Diane Haines, *mother of Leonard Mittelstadt*  
Gail B. Huggens, *sister of Lee Bradley*  
Jerry Johnson, *relative of Beth Reid*  
Ann Luketic, *aunt of Sherry Stranahan*  
Sheri Norris, *sister-in-law of Kathy Roe*  
Jeff and Sheri Norris, *brother and sister-in-law of Kathy Roe*  
Holly Norris, *niece of Kathy Roe*  
Doris Ross, *relative of Mark Ferguson*  
Hilda Sumner, *aunt of Sonja Guilbeau*  
James Taylor, *father of Sonja Guilbeau*

**Long Term Friends**  
Eneida Allison (Sherry Stranahan)  
Mary Beckett (Kathy Roe)  
Derry Bennett (Sonja Guilbeau)  
Nancy Brishin (Becky Leak)  
Glenn Everett (Anna-Marie Schaer)  
Doug Farwell (Paul Guilbeau)  
Leon Fox (Linda Brown)  
Greg Garrett (Jeff Bickers)  
Lori Gurley (Sonja Guilbeau)  
Mark & Mrs Gustason (Charlie Oliver)  
Robin Hesford (Patsi Peacock)  
Lena Hess (Mark Ferguson)  
Janice Hunt (Kathy Roe)  
Angela Koehmstedt (Mark Ferguson)  
Lori Leland (Kathy Roe)  
Dana Mifsud (Jan Hobson)  
Laura Peiper (Britanny DiGiammarino)  
Mary Price (Kathy Roe)  
Pat Rantz and family (Melissa Mittelstadt)  
Steve and Kelly Russell (Beth Reid)  
Dianne Smith (Linda Brown)  
Lauri Smith (Kathy Roe)  
Allie Jo Spires (Kathy Roe)  
Jim Sumner (Sonja Guilbeau)  
Wanda (Sonja Guilbeau)  
Hazel Williams (Britanny DiGiammarino)  
Becky Willis (Bryan Wright)  
Vera Wright (Leonard Mittelstadt)

**THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY’S SERVICE**

have been given to the glory of God by  
Bill and Kelly Wicks, in celebration  
of their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary.

**Assisting In Worship Today**

David Carter.....Minister  
Paul Guilbeau.....Director of Music  
Frank Kilgard.....Lay Reader  
Gracia Velásquez.....Pianist  
Kaliece Bush.....Usher Team  
Glennie Wicks

**TRINITY ELDERS**

**Class of 2026    Class of 2027    Class of 2028**

Mark Ferguson    Jeff Bickers    Kelly Wicks  
Zirkia Snyman    Doug Maxwell  
Grant Wright    Patsi Peacock

**COMMITTEE ELDERS**

Building & Grounds.....Doug Maxwell, Zirkia Snyman, Kelly Wicks  
Care & Share - Missions..... Jeff Bickers, Zirkia Snyman  
Christian Education.....Kelly Wicks  
Finance & Stewardship.....Mark Ferguson, Grant Wright

**OUR TRINITY STAFF**

CP David Carter.....Pastor  
Mr. Paul Guilbeau.....Director of Music  
Mrs. Gracia Velásquez.....Pianist  
Mr. Bryan Wright.....Office Manager  
Mr. Grant Wright.....Building Custodian  
Mrs. Nadia Cambridge.....Social Media Manager

**Communion Sunday**

Today, **2 August 2026**, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. This is the Lord’s table and is open to anyone who puts their trust in Christ as their Lord and Savior.

**Soup Kitchen Meal Preparation**

Today, Sunday, **2 August 2026**, is Soup Kitchen meal preparation day. Please contact Glennie Wicks if you wish to assist in the meal preparation.

**Noisy Offering**

The children will be collecting the “Noisy Offering” during the Children’s Message on Sunday, **9 August 2026**, Please remember to bring your spare change (folding money is welcome) to help with our Food Pantry ministry.

**Mid-Year Contribution Statements Available**

Your Mid-Year Contribution Statement is available from our Treasurer, Mark Ferguson. If you forget or are not in worship, you may request a copy be emailed to you. The office email is located on the top of the first page of this bulletin.

**CPR/First Aid/AED Class**

Trinity is hosting a CPR/First Aid/AED class for a 2-year certification through American Red Cross. Maximum in the class is nine (9) and the cost is \$24.  
- Class will be Saturday, 22 August, in the Fellowship Hall from 8 am - 12 pm.  
- Make check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and note "CPR class" on the memo line.  
- Sign up on the sheet in the atrium and payment MUST be received by **Sunday, 9 August** for a final attendee list.  
- Slots that are not taken by Trinity members will then be offered to Home School attendees and Scout leaders.  
See Kelly Wicks if you have any questions.

**Meet Our Social Media Manager**

**Nadia Cambridge** is a storyteller, content creator, and social media manager who believes the best stories are often found in ordinary moments. She loves helping people notice the beauty of everyday life and sharing the stories that bring communities closer together. Nadia is honored to help tell the story of Trinity Presbyterian Church and looks forward to meeting everyone and getting to know the people who call Trinity home.



**One Dozen Egg Cartons Needed**

Please bring your empty cartons to our Food Pantry to assist Mary Daugharty in her outreach mission.

**Food Pantry Needs**

The Trinity Food Pantry is in need of **Pasta** and **Rice** and the following condiments: Ketchup, Mustard, Salad Dressing, Mayonnaise, BBQ Sauce, and Marinades.

**2026 Flower Calendar**

The 2026 Flower Calendar is now available in atrium. Please sign up for your preferred dates before they are taken.