

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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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

13 September 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Question for Reflection:

Forgiveness is a hard thing. When has someone forgiven you? Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness?

Welcome, Announcements, and Social Media Check-in

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Choral Introit O Come Let Us Sing to the Lord Hal H. Hopson

***Opening Hymn No. 439** O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer *STUTT GART*

*Responsive Call to Worship

Praise the Lord. Let us praise God together.
For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love.
As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins.
So let us rejoice in God's gracious presence. Let us praise the God of mercy together.

Responsive Call to Confession

Loving God, You have shown us the measure of Your mercy in forgiving us beyond our ability to repay. Yet we often cling to judgment, nurse grudges, and withhold forgiveness.
Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we know in our hearts. Save us, Lord, from the sins we hide.
We are eager to do Your judging, but we refuse to do Your forgiving. Merciful God, heal us.
Give us the courage, strength, and hope to accept Your grace and to live in right relationship with You and with others.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer)

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we confess that we often seek payback when we are wronged. We think it "only fair" and "what is right" to retaliate, to use harsh words, and to withdraw from relationships. Yet You, Lord, offer forgiveness on our account that is greater than we can comprehend. We are eager to do Your judging, and in the worst case, we conspire our inner thoughts to secure Your forgiveness while avoiding honest repentance. Forgive us, Lord, for withholding forgiveness from others. It is because Jesus Christ has paid the last full measure that our sins are forgiven. In the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Congregational Response No. 579 *KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)*
Lord, Have Mercy

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

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

People of God, our sins are forgiven. God is merciful and is gracious and is Lord of us all. Reconcile to God who loves us, let us live and love through Christ Our Lord.

***Response to Grace No. 581** *GLORIA PATRI (Greateorex)*
Glory Be to the Father

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Responsive Prayer of Illumination

Holy God, your Word is strong and leads our feet to your holy dwelling place. Strengthen and guide us with your Word through the power of your Holy Spirit; In Jesus' name.
Amen.

First Lesson - Psalm 103:1-13

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

Moment with the Children Noisy Offering for Trinity's Food Pantry

(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 It Is a Thing Most Wonderful Winnagene Hatch

Second Lesson – Matthew 18:21-35

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

Sermon The Two Sides of Forgiveness CP David Carter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn No. 435** *IN BABILONE*
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison)** Apostles' Creed

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead."

"I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen."

Prayers of the People and 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.

Call to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology No. 609** *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

***Choral Dismissal** The Lord Whom We Love Kurt Kaiser

***Closing Hymn No. 619** *LAUDA ANIMA*
Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

*Benediction

*Passing The Peace of Christ

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.



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FOR YOUR DAILY PRAYER We meet at 10:40 a.m. each Sunday morning to pray for the morning service and to remember 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 friends and relatives of those who have been on the list for 182 days or more, if we have not received an update of their circumstances. Thank you!

Members & Regular Participants

Lee Bradley
Kathy Roe
Anna-Marie Schaer

Relatives

Scott Ferguson, *brother-in-law of Kathy Roe*
Tre' and Desi Jackson, *grandchildren of Patsi Peacock*
Archer Martin, *son of Nadia Cambridge*

Friends (contact person)

James Allred and family (Mark Ferguson)
Carolyn Bell (Kathy Roe)
John and Connie Gibson (Beth Reid)
Billy Hamilton (Mark Ferguson)
Jake Hogan (Sid Leak)

**Flint River Presbytery
Worshiping Community
Remembered in Prayer**

The Abbey at Columbus State
University

**Members Remembered in
Prayer This Week**

Melanie George
Grant Wright
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Our First Responders  
Our Healthcare Workers  
Our Military Personnel  
Victims of Foreign Aggression  
Missionary Partners George and  
Jeanne Haugen  
Victims of Natural Disasters

**THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY’S SERVICE**

have been given to the glory of God,  
by Frank Kilgard in celebration of  
the birthday of his wife, Lynn Kilgard.

**Assisting In Worship Today**

David Carter.....Minister  
Paul Guilbeau.....Director of Music  
Bryan Wright.....Lay Reader  
Gracia Velásquez.....Pianist  
Jeff Bickers.....Usher Team  
Bill Wicks

**TRINITY ELDERS**

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

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|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| 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  
Ms. Nadia Cambridge.....Social Media Manager

**Noisy Offering**

The children will be collecting the “Noisy Offering” during the Children’s Message this Sunday, **13 September 2026**. Please remember your spare change (folding money is also welcome) helps support our Food Pantry ministry.

**Session Committees to Meet**

All Session Committees will meet, Sunday, **13 September, at 12:30 PM** in various rooms around Trinity. Much help is needed gearing up for many activities taking place this Fall. Please attend the Committee Meeting of your choice and contribute to the ministry of the church in this way.

**Wednesday Night Supper**

WNS for **16 September 2026**, with Jan Hopson’s cooking team, providing Hawaiian Supper. There is no longer a permanent RSVP list, it is imperative to sign-up for the meal, including a carryout meal. The cooking team needs to know how many individuals will be eating to properly plan and prepare the meal. The Sign up list will be available for the upcoming meal on the Prayer/Birthday Gram table on Sundays and Wednesdays. You may also sign up by emailing office@trinitypresval.org by noon on the Monday before that WNS meal.

**Dutch Lunch Bunch**

Dutch Lunch Bunch meets on **17 September 2026**, at 11:30 AM at the Wharf Casual Seafood, 2953 N. Ashley St. for Lunch.

**Trinity Stated Session Meeting**

The Session will hold the Stated Session Meeting in the Emmaus Classroom, **23 September 2026**, at 12:30 PM. Please contact Clerk of Session, Zirkia Snyman, if you cannot be present.

**Food Pantry Needs**

The Trinity Food Pantry is in need **rice** and **pasta** and the following condiments: Ketchup, Mustard, Salad Dressing, Mayonnaise, BBQ Sauce, and Marinades. Remember the shopping cart is out front at the main entrance on Tuesdays thru Friday from 9 AM till 3 PM, when the office is open.

**Rise Against Hunger**

Flint River Presbytery will again come together to support Rise Against Hunger and pack over 55,000 meals throughout the Presbytery on World Communion **Sunday, 4 October 2026**. Trinity has pledged \$650.00 to aid in the purchase of the meal ingredients and transport costs. Please help us offset the expense by donating to this mission. Remember any donations are above your pledge. Please put RAH on the memo line of your check. This year’s packing event, in the Southern Cluster, will take place at First Presbyterian Church, Valdosta, in their Fellowship Hall. You may pre-register for the event on line using this QR Code.



**Notary Services**

Just a reminder that our church administrator, Bryan Wright is a Notary Public and will provide this service free of cost.