

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

25 October 2026

Reformation Sunday

Kirkin' O' the Tartans

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Reformation:

Protestant churches celebrate the Reformation annually on October 31, the anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. In honor of the celebration, this week's liturgy draws on prayers and liturgy from Protestant Reformers.

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

Kirkin' O' the Tartans Processional Highland Cathedral

Welcome, Announcements, and Social Media Check-in

Choral Introit Praise the Lord You Children of God Sherman

***Opening Hymn No. 457** How Happy are the Saints of God WAREHAM

*Responsive Call to Worship

Blessed are those who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers.

Our delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His Word we meditate day and night.

The Lord nourishes His people like trees planted by streams of water, yielding fruit in every season.

The Lord watches over the way of the righteous and sustains us by His grace.

Come, then, and worship the Lord who guides, strengthens, and blesses His people.

We come to worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, offering Him praise, honor, and thanksgiving. Amen.

Call to Confession

Let us speak the truth about ourselves to our neighbors and to God, acknowledging what we have done and what we have left undone.
(Silence for personal prayer)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious and Holy God, You have called us to delight in Your law and to meditate on Your Word day and night. Yet we confess that our hearts are often drawn to the counsel of the world rather than the wisdom of Christ. We have walked in paths that lead away from You. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have neglected Your Word, failed to seek Your will, we confess that we are not righteous because of our own goodness, but stand in need of Your grace and mercy. By Your Holy Spirit, renew us and restore us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congregational Response No. 555 O Lamb of God LAND OF REST

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Brothers and sisters, the Holy One who promises forgiveness to those who seek the good hears your confession. You are forgiven. In that promise is the power to love your neighbors as yourselves as beloved of God who created all that exists.

Thanks be to God!

***Response to Grace No. 582** GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Responsive Prayer of Illumination

Come Holy Spirit, in the Word of God, as the breath of life, admist Your people gathered here, into our hearts and minds. Stir us to know the happiness of life in Your blessings.

Amen.

First Lesson – Psalm 1

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 and Children's Bulletin from the Ushers.)

Anthem A New Song to the Lord Eugene Butler

Second Lesson – Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon His People with His Character CP David Carter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn No. 203** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love CHEREPONI

***Affirmation of Faith -** From *The Scots Confession* of 1560

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, 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 Spirit. When the fullness of time came, God sent His Son, His eternal wisdom, the substance of His own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Spirit. And so was born the "just seed of David," the "Angel of the great counsel of God," the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person. 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. 606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *Old Hundredth*
Genevan Psalter 1551 AD

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn No. 313** LORD MAKE US MORE HOLY
Lord, Make Us More Holy

Choral Dismissal Glenda Franklin
May Your Hands Sow Seeds of Kindness

*Benediction

***Postlude** Rowan Tree

*All who are able may stand.

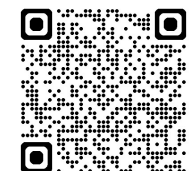
The Scots Confessional Banner

England recognized Scottish sovereignty in 1560 in the Treaty of Edinburgh. The favorable conclusion to the civil war with Queen Regent Mary's French-supported forces represented a providential deliverance. The Scottish Parliament, having declared Scotland a Protestant nation, asked the clergy to frame a confession of faith. Six ministers, including John Knox, completed their work in four days. In 1560 the document was ratified by the Scottish Parliament as "doctrine grounded upon the infallible Word of God." Scotland is rightly considered to be the homeland of Presbyterianism and this confession is a testament to that heritage. Germany and Switzerland were also important in Presbyterianism and confessions from those are included in Presbyterian confessional authority.

Symbolism

BLUE SHIELD - color of Church of Scotland.
ST ANDREW 'S CROSS - apostle who brought the gospel to Scotland.
TARTAN - Hamilton clan honors the first martyr of the Scottish Reformation, Patrick Hamilton.
CELTIC CROSS - symbol of Christians in British Isles.
SHIP - ancient symbol for the church.
BIBLE AND SWORD - the word of God.
BURNING BUSH - symbol of Moses' call and chief symbol of the Church of Scotland.

Cover Art: A painting of St Andrew, one of Jesus' apostles, who brought the gospel to Scotland.



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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 friends and relatives of those who have been on the list for 100 days or more, if we have not received an update of their circumstances. Thank you!

Members & Regular Participants

Kathy Farlow
Melissa Mittelstadt
Mickeala Mittelstadt
John Roe

Relatives

Ashli England, *daughter of Patsi Peacock*
Bill Hayes, *brother of Barbara Bradley*
Melanie Jones, *neice of Jackie Wright*
Archer Martin, *son of Nadia Cambridge*

Friends (contact person)

James Allred and family (Mark Ferguson)
Carolyn Bell (Kathy Roe)
Jean Bruder (Kathy Roe)
Billy Hamilton (Mark Ferguson)
Jake Hogan (Sid Leak)
Dot Koemstedt (Mark Fersuson)
Susan Rynex (Winnie Dooly)

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

Wayside Presbyterian Church
Gray

**We Extend Our Christian
Sympathy . . .**

to
Nick Kaczmanoski and family,
on the death of his father,
Steve Kaczmanoski,
requested by Mark Ferguson.

**Members Remembered in
Prayer This Week**

Chance Bickers
Connor Bickers
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Our First Responders  
Our Healthcare Workers  
Our Military Personnel  
Victims of Foreign Aggression  
Victims of Natural Disasters

**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**

David Carter.....Minister  
Paul Guilbeau.....Director of Music  
Bryan Wright.....Lay Reader  
Gracia Velásquez.....Pianist  
Eddie Castellanos.....Guest Violinist  
Kelly Wicks.....Usher Team  
Grant Wright

**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

**You are invited to the potluck fellowship lunch after the service.**

**Trunk-or-Treat**

Come participate or visit us on **Wednesday, 28 October**, from 6:30-8PM as we celebrate our annual Trunk-or-Treat festival! Grab a hot dog and stroll down the line of creatively decorated trunks. Make your rounds for treats and play some games. There’s something for everyone at Trunk-or-Treat. Would you like to showcase your ride? We need lots of decorated trunks, so sign-up in the Atrium today! We are also accepting candy donations for this event. Please place all donations in the labeled box in the Atrium.

**Remember to set your time displays BACK one hour before you retire for the evening on Saturday, 31 October.**

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

The Session has authorized Communion to be celebrated on Sunday, **1 November**. This table is open to all who put their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

**Soup Kitchen Meal Preparation**

Sunday, **8 November 2026**, is Soup Kitchen meal preparation day. Please contact Glennie Wicks if you wish to assist in the meal preparation.

**The Office Manager will be on vacation during 7 - 14 November 2026. Please Plan Accordingly.**

**BINGO Night**

It’s time for another BINGO night! Care Share/Missions will be hosting another night of BINGO **Monday, November 9th** at 6:00 pm. There is no cost but please sign-up to let us know you are attending! A sign-up sheet will be located in the atrium. We are looking forward to a fun night!

**Food Pantry Needs**

The Trinity Food Pantry is in need of Pasta, rice, 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.

**Notary Services**

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