

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 Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time Communion Sunday 4 October 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Questions for Reflection

Study the parable of the Landowner and the Vineyard. What are the "fruits of the kingdom" to which Jesus alludes in Matthew 21:43? How does your life bear fruit for God's realm? What do you contribute to the harvest of God that Jesus describes?

Welcome, Announcements, and Social Media Check-in

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

Choral Introit Praise the Lord You Children of God Sherman

***Opening Hymn No. 163** Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice *ABERYSTWYTH*

*Responsive Call to Worship

Come, beloved of God, Let us hear the song of the Lord's vineyard.

**We come to remember the One who planted us with care,
Who watered us with mercy.**

The Lord looked for good fruit - For righteousness and compassion -
But found wild grapes of injustice and indifference.

**We confess our need for the Gardener's pruning, For His
renewing Spirit, For His grace.**

Let us return to the Lord, The One who calls us to bear fruit worthy of
His kingdom.

**We will worship the God of justice and mercy, The Lord of
the vineyard, Who plants, tends, and redeems His people.**

Call to Confession

The call of Isaiah comes to a people who are desperately lost. We have
called evil good, and good evil. We have rejected the path of justice
and mercy, and now we are a broken people. Help us to listen to those
who have seen a vision of your wonder. Heal us, and send us to share
your love. (A moment for silence)

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile
hill. You cleared the stones, planted us with choice vines, and
watched over us. But, we have not yielded the good fruit that
you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin. Forgive
us we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower
upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Congregational Response No. 555

LAND OF REST
O Lamb of God

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Our salvation does not depend on anything we have done, but comes
from the grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the
good news; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

*Response to Grace No. 582

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

God of all wisdom, give us Your Word and send us Your Spirit so that
we may know Christ.
Amen.

First Lesson – Matthew 21:33-46

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Moment with the Children

*(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 I Am the Living Bread Michael McCabe

Second Lesson – Isaiah 5:1-7

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon The Vineyard of the Lord CP David Carter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison)** Pg. 34 Nicene Creed

Call to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology No. 606** *OLD HUNDREDTH*
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

***Hymn No. 504** *WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN*
We Come as Guests Invited

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Creator God, we are amazed at Your holy and diverse creation. You
made us in Your image and offered us every good gift in the garden,
yet we took for ourselves forbidden fruit, thinking we could be like You.
In so doing, we rejected Your intended diversity for us, a human sin
that we still can't shake. Prophets came through the ages to help us
mend our ways. And still we fought and tried to conquer others to

make all manner of nations live like one another. Jesus came and
finally showed us how to truly love. He sat with sinners and tax
collectors, He touched diseased bodies with gentleness, He lifted others
from their deathbed and, even with His dying breath, promised rest to
a thief on the cross. Gracious God, You gave us Your Son. He died and
rose again on the third day so that we might have life everlasting. With
the ancestors, on this World Communion Sunday Your people cry out:

**(552)Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven
and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna
in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

The grains have been harvested and the bread has been baked. The
grapes have been collected from the vine and the juice has been
pressed. They come together on this table for a holy purpose. Holy
Spirit come, breathe Your blessings on these common elements of
bread and juice. Bring us to the table with Christ. Hear us as we now
declare the mystery that is our faith:

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

Make this a Sabbath moment, O God, as Your people come to Your
table. We cherish the love and acceptance that we share here. Keep us
close to one another in Christ Jesus. Accept the love we offer and use it
to bring in the Kingdom. In the name of Christ, by the power of the
Holy Spirit we pray.

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed by 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.**

Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of 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.)*

Prayer after All are Served

**Help us now, O God to be Your Good News in this world, to
carry into our own lives the love and hope we feel here. As we
have shared the common cup and the common loaf we pray
that we may be called from our individual concerns to
concerns of justice and mercy wherever they are being
violated. All praise be to Christ the living bread, by which our
hungry souls have been fed. Amen.**

Choral Dismissal Glenda Franklin
May Your Hands Sow Seeds of Kindness

***Closing Hymn No. 515** I Come with Joy *DOVE OF PEACE*

*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.

Members & Regular Participants
Kathy Farlow
Melissa Mittelstadt
Mickeala Mittelstadt
John Roe

Relatives
Ashli England, *daughter of Patsi Peacock*
Scott Ferguson, *brother-in-law of Kathy Roe*
Bill Hayes, *son 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)
John and Connie Gibson (Beth Reid)
Billy Hamilton (Mark Ferguson)
Jake Hogan (Sid Leak)

Long Term Prayer List Members
George Bennett
Martha Bennett
Lee Bradley
Kim Culpepper
Anna-Marie Schaer
Dottie Davis
Mark Ferguson
Jane Gore
Brian Greene
Jan Hobson
Nancy Knobel
Lyle McGhin
Bob Radabaugh
Bill Stonestreet

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*
Nancy Guilbeau, *mother of Paul Guilbeau*
Diane Haines, *mother of Leonard Mittelstadt*

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week
The Ault Family
Libby Beckham
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Our First Responders  
Our Healthcare Workers  
Our Military Personnel  
Victims of Foreign Aggression  
Victims of Natural Disasters

**Long Term Relatives - Continued**  
Gail B. Hudgens, *sister of Lee Bradley*  
Tre' and Desi Jackson, *grandchildren of Patsi Peacock*  
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*  
Michael Rivera, *cousin of Anna-Marie Schaer*  
Doris Ross, *relative of Mark Ferguson*  
Hilda Sumner, *aunt of Sonja Guilbeau*  
James Taylor, *father of Sonja Guilbeau*

**Long Term Friends**  
Helga Allison (Sherry Stranahan)  
Mary Beckett (Kathy Roe)  
Derry Bennett (Sonja Guilbeau)  
Nancy Brishin (Becky Leak)  
Glenn Everett (Anna-Marie Schaer)  
Doug Farwell (Paul Guilbeau)  
Jayne Fox (Linda Brown)  
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)  
Alexiz Natham (Sonja Guilbeau)  
Laura Peiper (Britanny DiGiammarino)  
Mary Price (Kathy Roe)  
Pat Rantz and family (Melissa Mittelstadt)  
Steve and Kelly Russell (Beth Reid)  
Pam Sapp (Jeff Bickers)  
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)

**Flint River Presbytery  
Worshiping Communities  
Remembered in Prayer**  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Valdosta

**THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY’S SERVICE**  
have been given to the glory of God.

**Assisting In Worship Today**  
  
David Carter.....Minister  
  
Paul Guilbeau.....Director of Music  
  
Jan Hobson.....Lay Reader  
  
Gracia Velásquez.....Pianist  
  
Leonard Mittelstadt.....Usher Team  
Glennie Wicks

| TRINITY ELDERS                                 |                                               |                      |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Class of 2026</b>                           | <b>Class of 2027</b>                          | <b>Class of 2028</b> |
| Mark Ferguson<br>Zirkia Snyman<br>Grant Wright | Jeff Bickers<br>Doug Maxwell<br>Patsi Peacock | Kelly Wicks          |

**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

**These Days Devotional Booklets**  
These Days Devotional Booklets are available in the atrium. These booklets are published by our denomination, The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and are provided at no charge by Trinity’s Christian Education and Worship Committee. This issue began **1 October**. Be sure to pick up your copy.

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**  
The Session has authorized Communion to be celebrated today, **4 October 2026**. This table is open to all who put their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

**Soup Kitchen Meal Preparation**  
Today, Sunday, **4 October 2026**, is Soup Kitchen meal preparation day. Please contact Glennie Wicks if you wish to assist in the meal preparation.

**Rise Against Hunger**  
Today, **Sunday, 4 October 2026**, 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. This year’s packing event, in the Southern Cluster, will take place at First Presbyterian Church, 313 N Patterson St, Valdosta , in their Fellowship Hall. You may pre-register for the event on line using this QR Code. Please arrive by 1:30 pm. Packing will begin at 2pm.



**Wednesday Night Supper**  
WNS for **7 October 2026**, with Zirkia Snyman’s cooking team, providing Bobotie and Yellow Rice. 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.

**The Canopy Sing-Along**  
All are welcome to join the Trinity Singers for a Sing-Along with residents of The Canopy. Our monthly gathering will be on **Thursday, 8 October 2026**. at 2 PM. Anyone who feels the call and has the time is welcome to assist in this sing-along. You don’t have to carry a tune, just tote your smile and make a joyful noise with us!

**Noisy Offering**  
The children will be collecting the “Noisy Offering” during the Children’s Message on Sunday, **11 October 2026**. Please remember to bring your spare change (folding money is also welcome) to help with our Food Pantry ministry.

**Candy Donations for Trunk or Treat**  
We are looking for candy donations for Trunk or Treat. These donations will be used to supplement candy supplies for those who are providing trunks for the 28 October 2026, Trunk or Treat event. Please consider donating or better yet come out with your vehicle and a smile in support of this event.

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