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

8 November 2026

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Question for Reflection:

How would it change your life if you were to wait expectantly for the return of Christ?

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome, Announcements, and Social Media Check-in

Choral Introit Sing and Rejoice Emma Lou Diemer

***Opening Hymn No. 624** *TOULON*
I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

***Responsive Call to Worship**

The Bridegroom is coming!
We wait with hope and faith.
Keep your lamps burning and your hearts awake.
We are ready to worship and serve the Lord.
Let us worship God.
Amen!

Call to Confession

Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus and His righteousness. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin that we might find forgiveness and a new life in Christ.
(Silence for personal prayer)

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, You call us to watch and be ready for Your coming, yet we often grow distracted and complacent. We neglect prayer, delay obedience, and fail to live with expectant faith. Forgive us when our lamps burn dim and our hearts wander from You. Renew us by Your Spirit, awaken us to Your presence, and prepare us to follow Christ with joy and faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congregational Response No. 551 *LAND OF REST*
Lord, Have Mercy
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News: Nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Believe the Gospel! We are forgiven.

***Response to Grace No. 583** Glory to God *GLORIA (Taizé)*
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Responsive Prayer of Illumination

Lord, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, speak to us your promises that we might hear Your truth and enjoy You forever; in Jesus name.
Amen.

First Lesson - Psalm 78:1-7
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Moment with the Children Noisy Offering
(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 Give Me Oil in My Lamp Max V. Exner

Second Lesson – Matthew 25:1-13
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Watch and Be Ready CP David Carter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn No. 175** Seek Ye First *LAFFERTY*

***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. 608** *PRAISE GOD (Hopson)*
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Choral Dismissal** The Lord Bless You Hal H. Hopson

***Closing Hymn No. 260** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus *HYFRYDOL*

***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 friends and relatives of those who have been on the list for 60 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*
Rhonda Metts, *sister of Linda Jones*

Friends (contact person)

Jean Bruder (Kathy Roe)
Elizabeth Gil (The Bradleys)
Isidoro Gil (The Bradleys)
Dot Koemstedt (Mark Fersuson)
Maria Kurs (The Bradleys)
Donna Lane (The Bradleys)

Flint River Presbytery Staff Remembered in Prayer

Elizabeth Cantrell
Ministry Associate

We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .

to the family of Grayson Spires,
who died recently,
requested by Judy Bickers,
and to
the family of Gary Yoder,
who died recently,
requested by Judy Bickers.

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Linda Brown
Melissa and Royce Coleman
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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
David and Deb Carter in gratefulness for
the warm and loving welcome into the Trinity Family.

Assisting In Worship Today

David Carter……..…….Minister

Paul Guilbeau…..……...…….Director of Music

Glennie Wicks……..……..……...……...……..Lay Reader

Gracia Velásquez…..……...…….Pianist

Leonard Mittelstadt…….....…..…....……..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
Ms. Nadia Cambridge…….....……Social Media Manager

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

Noisy Offering

The children will be collecting the "Noisy Offering" during the Children's Message today, **Sunday, 8 November 2026.** Please remember your spare change (folding money is also welcome) helps fund our Food Pantry ministry.

Wednesday Night Supper

WNS for **11 November 2026**, with Denise Dupras' cooking team, providing Chili. 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-a-Long with residents of The Canopy. Our monthly gathering will be on **12 November 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!

Session Committees to Meet

All Session Committees will meet next **Sunday, 15 November 2026, at 12:30 PM** in various rooms around Trinity. Much help is needed in gearing up for the Fall activities and Advent. Please attend the Committee Meeting of your choice and contribute to the ministry of the church in this way.

Dutch Lunch Bunch

Dutch Lunch Bunch meets on **Thursday, 19 November 2026**, at Chicken Salad Chick at 11:15 AM. 3219 N Oak Street Extension Ste B.

Preparing for the Holidays with Awareness

While many are excited about all the holiday season brings, we recognize the holiday season can also be a difficult time for some. We can all agree that during the holiday season LOTS of emotions typically run high!

With that in mind, Matt Cowell, seasoned hospital chaplain within our presbytery, offers a Zoom class to help all of us prepare for the holidays with awareness. **SAVE the DATE** and join us on **November 19th at 7pm.**

This hour-long class will offer a conversational space to offer best practices on how to enter the holiday season with prayerfulness and awareness of the suffering of others (as well as our own.)

Scan the QR code, click the link, scroll down to the FRP Calendar, click on the 7pm Preparing for the Holidays link. It will open up a dialog box that contains the link to connect to the zoom meeting.

Trinity Stated Session Meeting

The Session will hold the Stated Session Meeting in the Emmaus Classroom, **Sunday, 22 November 2026, at 9 AM.** Please contact Clerk of Session, Zirkia Snyman, if you cannot be present.

Food Pantry Needs

The Trinity Food Pantry is in need of 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.
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