

# TRINITY SUNDAY

May 31, 2026



## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

You're invited to explore the hymnal before today's service to suggest songs for our gathering music this morning.

### GATHERING MUSIC

Merideth Sanders

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Tingle

### CHIMING THE TRINITY

#### PRELUDE

"Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Lani Smith  
Angela McHenry, piano Diane Combs, organ

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

**Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,

**And a great King above all gods.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN "You Servants of God" #299

1. You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad Christ's wonderful name.  
The name all victorious of Jesus extol,  
Whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.

2. Ascended on high, almighty to save,  
He still remains nigh; his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4. Then let us adore and give him his right:  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *unison* Adapted from a prayer by Jacob Traeger

God of light and life, we know that we don't always listen well. Our lives are full of distractions. We pay attention to things which deform our lives and steal our time, while we are inattentive to the needs of people around us, people you call us to love. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Refresh us again with your Holy Spirit. Give us ears to hear you, eyes to see with your compassion, and hands to reach out with your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

:: A Moment of Silence for Personal Prayer & Reflection ::

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

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.

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, *The Athanasian Creed*

— adapted from the liturgy of the Christian Reformed Church

Leader: We worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity.

The person of the Father is a distinct person,  
the person of the Son is another,  
and that of the Holy Spirit still another.

Leader: But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one.  
Their glory equal; their majesty co-eternal.

What quality the Father has,  
the Son has, and the Holy Spirit has.

The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated,  
the Holy Spirit is uncreated.

The Father is immeasurable, the Son is immeasurable,  
the Holy Spirit is immeasurable.

The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal,  
the Holy Spirit is eternal.

Leader: And yet there are not three eternal beings.  
There is but one eternal being.

So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings.  
There is but one uncreated and immeasurable being.

The Father is almighty,

the Son is almighty,  
the Holy Spirit is almighty.

Yet there are not three almighty beings.

There is but one almighty being.

Thus the Father is God, the Son is God,  
the Holy Spirit is God.

Yet there are not three gods.

There is but one God.

### :: PASSING THE PEACE ::

And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God,  
we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God's command to love  
and forgive one another.

### WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

#### ANTHEM:

"Total Praise" arr. Joel Raney  
Sanctuary Choir

#### FIRST SCRIPTUR

Matthew 28:16-20

Rick Croskery

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE:

Haggai 1:1-9

#### SERMON:

"I Am With You"

Rev. Dr. Paul Koptak

### :: Prayers of the People ::

### THE 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.

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### HYMN OF RESPONSE

"God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian" #303

#### 1. [Choir sings Vs. 1]

God the Spirit, guide and guardian,  
Wind sped flame and hovering dove,  
Breath of life and voice of prophets,  
Sign of blessing, power of love:  
Give to those who lead your people  
Fresh anointing of your grace;  
Send them forth as bold apostles  
To your church in every place.

#### 2. Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd,

Word made flesh, Love crucified,  
Teacher, healer, suffering servant,  
Friend of sinners, foe of pride:  
In your tending may all pastors learn  
And live a shepherd's care;  
Grant them courage and compassion  
Shown through word and deed and prayer.



3. Great Creator, life bestower,  
Truth beyond all thought's recall,  
Fount of wisdom, womb of mercy,  
Giving and forgiving all:  
As you know our strength and weakness,  
So may those the church exalts  
Oversee its life steadfastly,  
Yet not overlook its faults.

4. Triune God, mysterious being,  
Undivided and diverse,  
Deeper than our minds can fathom,  
Greater than our creeds rehearse:  
Help us in our varied callings  
Your full image to proclaim,  
That our ministries uniting  
May give glory to your name.

#### GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Domine Deus" Antonio Vivaldi  
(Lord God, King of Heaven, God the Father Almighty)  
*Merideth Sanders, soloist*

\*DOXOLOGY  
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN  
"Lord, You Gave the Great Commission" #298

1. Lord, you give the great commission:  
"Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
And the gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose  
With renewed integrity:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

2. Lord, you call us to your service:  
"In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise,  
Life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor,  
Draw us closer in community:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.



3. Lord, you make the common holy:  
"This, my body; this, my blood."  
Let us all, for earth's true glory,  
Daily lift life heavenward,  
Asking that the world around us  
Share your children's liberty:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

4. Lord, you show us love's true measure:  
"Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
To a just society:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
May we serve as you intend,  
And, amid the cares that claim us,  
Hold in mind eternity:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

#### \*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
"Go In the Grace of the Lord" James Barnard

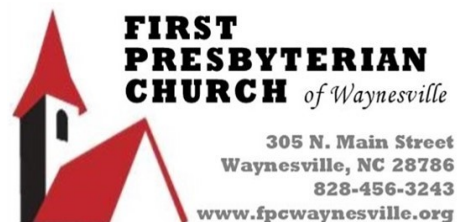
Go in the Grace of the Lord. Walk in the way of His Word.  
Stand in the strength of His promises,  
And believe in your heart they are true.

Sit at the feet of the Savior. Pray in the power of the Spirit.  
Rise and run the race with patience,  
And go in the Grace of the Lord.

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune" David Laskey  
*Diane Combs*

\* Please stand as you are able for these portions of the service.

If you are visiting today, we're delighted to have you!  
Please stay on after worship for  
coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.



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