

## Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship



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And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters

-- Genesis 1:2b

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## Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

**This service is being livestreamed** and can be viewed on our YouTube channel in real time or as a recording. **Large-print copies of this order of service**, as well as **audio enhancement devices** are available **from the ushers**.

### **We gather on Sunday for 3 reasons:**

- **To seek God**- whom we find in sacred text and sacrament, in music and in song, in prayer, in the beauty of this space, in the stillness where we can hear our hearts. We offer God our thanks and praise, our lament and longing, and our resources. We let go of burdens and receive grace and forgiveness. We see the One our hearts love.
- **To practice Community** – rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. To break bread with those whom we love and those whom we need to love more fully. We practice things our culture does not emphasize: resting, forgiving, sharing. Jesus asked us to love one another as he loved us, and we cannot do so without practice.
- **To listen for our Call**- often an invitation to go out and be or do or remember. God is speaking all the time: through conscience, nature, friends, and certainly scripture. We gather to listen for that Call and to recommit ourselves to discipleship.

Information on our common life can be found on our website [www.fpcsb.net](http://www.fpcsb.net), along with sermons and newsletters. You can participate in our work by supporting us financially with a one-time or sustaining donation.

Children are welcome in worship. Younger children may go to the Nursery at any time.

**OUR NEXT COMMUNION will be Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.**

# Morning Worship†

Lector: John-Paul Fletcher

The Hebrew word used [in Genesis 1] for Spirit is *ruach*, which means, basically, a disturbance of the air and is, as a result, translated sometimes as *breath*, sometimes as *wind*, sometimes as *Spirit*. As words go, that is, this one, right from the beginning of things, enjoyed not so much a specific definition as it did a connotation of being both the agency and also the proof of the invisible made visible in its consequences.

Phyllis Tickle and Jon M. Sweeney,  
*The Age of the Spirit*

## GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

*A Leaf in the Wind*

*William Zeitler*

*Allow the music to usher you into sacred space and time.*

#### INTROIT

*Spirit of the Living God<sup>1</sup>*

*Daniel Iverson*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

#### \*CALL to WORSHIP

Creator God who gives us life, we worship you

✠ Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord.

Living Word who came and walked among us, we worship you

✠ Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord.

Loving Spirit who yet surprises us, we worship you

✠ Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord.

Triune God, we worship you

✠ Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord.

#### \*HYMN 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

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† The symbols you will see in this order of worship mean:

\* Stand if you are able      ✠ The congregation will read.

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## PRAYER of CONFESSION

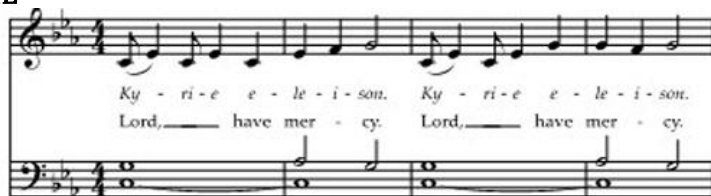
When we gather to worship God,  
We remember that we are God's people  
And we trust God to make us new in Christ.  
Let us confess before God and one another.

- ✘ Holy God, your cry for wisdom and understanding  
echoes in our homes, our workplaces, our schools,  
our church committee meetings, our legislatures, and our courts.  
We confess we don't always want to hear that cry,  
deciding instead to rely on familiar habits,  
comfortable assumptions, and quick conclusions.

*(Moment for silent reflection and confession)*

We ask you to show us another way, O God.  
Show us another way.

## KYRIE<sup>2</sup>



*Note: Lower voices may hum.*



## ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

- ✘ In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole.  
Alleluia, Amen!

## \*GLORIA PATRI 581

GLORIA PATRI (*creatorem*)

**Glorify be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;**

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as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen, amen.

## TIME with the CHILDREN

*[Children are always welcome in worship. KidSpace is taking a break for the summer, but will resume in September in Room 10.*

*There are activity bags in the narthex and we will hand out Children's Bulletins after Time with the Children.]*

## ANTHEM

### *For the Beauty of the Earth*<sup>3</sup>

*John Rutter*

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies, For the love which from our birth over and around us lies: *Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.* For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light: *Lord of all, ...* For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild: *Lord of all, ...* For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, Graces human and divine, Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n: *Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.*

## SCRIPTURE

### Genesis 1:1-3 KJV

*Old Testament, p. 1*

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

### Romans 5:1-5

*New Testament, p. 155*

### John 16:12-15

*New Testament, p. 110*

This is the word of faith that we proclaim

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

## SUNG REFRAIN 284 *Holy Spirit Come to Us*<sup>4</sup>

*Taizé*

Holy Spirit, come to us;  
kindle in us the fire of your love.  
Holy Spirit, come to us.  
Holy Spirit, come to us.

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## SERMON

## *A Defining Mystery*

*Pastor Wendy Lamb*

## HYMN 9

### *The Play of the Godhead*<sup>5</sup>

PERICHORESIS

*(Choir)*

The play of the Godhead,  
the Trinity's dance,  
embraces the earth in a sacred romance:  
with God the Creator,  
and Christ the true Son,  
entwined with the Spirit, a web daily spun  
in spangles of mystery,  
the great Three-in-One.

*(Solo)*

The warm mists of summer,  
cool waters that flow,  
turn crystal as ice when the wintry winds blow.  
The taproot that nurtures,  
the shoot growing free,  
the life-giving fruit, full and ripe on the tree:  
more mystic and wondrous,  
the great One-in-Three.

*(All stand and sing):*

In God's gracious image  
of co-equal parts,  
we gather as dancers, uniting our hearts.  
Men, women, and children,  
and all living things,  
we join in the round of bright nature that rings  
with rapture and rhythm:  
creation now sings!

## THE OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

*(We offer our tithes and gifts to be part of God's purposes in the world, and we invite you to take part. You may place your offering in the basket in front or give it to the usher. You may always send gifts by mail or online.)*

## OFFERTORY

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**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

- ✘ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost, Amen.

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and OUR 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.

**\*HYMN 300**

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

*Sholtes*

**\*MOMENT for REFLECTION**

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE**

*Sevenfold Amen*

*Stainer*

**POSTLUDE**

*Hymn*

*William Zeitler*

**GREETER:** Jeoff Molcan

**USHERS:** Mark Adelson, *Lead Usher*

John-Paul Fletcher, Rick Rodriguez, *Security Ushers*

**SOUND ENGINEERS:** Dan Direen, Brent Nord, Brandon Turner

**LIVESTREAM ENGINEER:** James Welte

**CAMERA OPERATORS:** Kevin Lamb, Lynn Usher

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK**  
**Judy Steppins, Lorraine Bishop, Judy Etherton**  
*Elders: Katie Smith, Neal Williams, Amy Smith*  
*Deacons: Rick Rodriguez, Jim Siegmund, Kyle Smith*  
*Pastor Nominating Committee:*  
**Brian Gano, Kendra Lamb, Jim Morris**

**This Weeks' Celebrations**

***Jun 16*** Joy Burgan-Price  
Elizabeth & Joseph Morales  
***Jun 20*** Tom Garza  
Katrina Johnston

***We will have a brief Congregational Meeting*** following worship on **Sunday, June 29th** (right before the ice cream social ↓), for the purpose of electing Chris Wright-Thomas as the Deacon representative for the Nominating Committee.

***Our Annual Ice Cream Social*** will follow worship (and the Congregational Meeting ↑) on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. The Deacons will serve up some delicious cold treats, so don't miss it!

***Thank you for your generous support of our food participants.*** We continue to accept donations of any shelf-stable foods. A suggestion list is at reception and on our website. If you want to shop with a focus, bargain cereal is always needed, and rice or pasta help stretch limited food into more meals.

***More News and announcements are available*** in your Friday *Keeping in Touch* emails. If you are not receiving these, and you would like to, contact Mimi in the church office.

## *Music Box*

Long ago, in a city made of silence, the people forgot how to speak. Not all at once, and not because of sorrow—but by slow agreement. Words had grown dangerous. Some blamed them for war, others for lies. So the elders decreed that truth would be guarded by quiet, and silence became sacred.

They spoke only in gestures, in glances, in choreographed stillness. But one day, a wind rose.

It did not blow from the mountains or the sea. It came from within—a tremble in the chest, a pressure in the bones, as though something long imprisoned was waking up.

The wind danced through the streets, unseen but not unfelt. Doors swung open. Flames flared without consuming. And from the mouths of the least expected—children, foreigners, the broken-hearted—words burst forth.

Not the old words. Not the careful ones. New ones. Wild ones. Each person heard a different tongue, but somehow, each understood.

Some cried. Some laughed. Some fell to their knees. Not because of what was said, but because something greater was saying itself through them.

The elders tried to restore the silence, but it was too late. A song had begun, not with melody but with meaning. It spread—not by conquest, not by command—but by fire that did not burn and wind that did not scatter.

And wherever it went, it left behind not ruins, but roots.

The city did not return to silence. But it learned a new kind of speaking and listening—one that heard not just with the lips and ears, but with the heart ignited.

And to this day, when the air turns suddenly warm in the stillness of a room, or when a stranger's words strike home with uncanny precision, the old ones say:

“The wind has returned.”

-- *William Zeidler*



*The seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a symbolic statement of the church's heritage, identity, and mission in contemporary form. Its power depends on both its simplicity and complexity, as well as its traditional and enduring qualities.*

*The basic symbols in the seal are the cross, Scripture, the dove, and flames.*

As a church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), our congregational life is governed by the Ruling Elders of our current Session:

Lily Bolaños, Margaret Doane, Jon Horstmann, Phyllis Hough,  
Sue Alexander, Jeanne Clark, Kathy Showman, Norm Wallis,  
Pat Morris, Susan Skoglund, Katie Smith, Neal Williams,  
and Clerk of Session Amy Smith

and supported by our Board of Deacons:

Rebecca Allen, Brad Smith, Dave Thomas, Chris Wright-Thomas,  
Kristine French, Joyce Lyons, Joanna Nord, Mindy Rueda, Rick  
Rodriguez, Jim Siegmund, Kyle Smith, and Christian Usher.

In this time of change for our congregation, a Pastor Nominating Committee has been elected by the congregation:

Susan Addington, Mary Bolaños, John-Paul Fletcher,  
Brian Gano, Kendra Lamb, Jim Morris,  
Shelby Obershaw, Christa Wallis, Neal Williams