

Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024
10:30 A.M.



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*LITANY FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: **Glory to you forever!**

Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life: **Glory to you forever!**

Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River: **Glory to you forever!**

Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child, Life-Giving Womb: **Glory to you forever!**

Sun, Light, and Burning Ray: **Glory to you forever!**

Lover, Beloved, and Love itself: **Glory to you forever!**

Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple: **Glory to you forever!**

Consuming Fire, Dividing Sword, Overpowering Storm: **Glory to you forever!**

Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, Dove of Peace: **Glory to you forever!**

God who was, God who is, God who is to come: **Glory to you forever!**

*OPENING PRAYER

O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the maker of all things seen and unseen, the Savior of all both near and far: By your Spirit enable us to worship your divine majesty, so that with all of the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name, saying: Holy holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. **Amen.**

*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We are created in God's image, and we are called good, but too often our actions distort that image and fail to reflect goodness in this world. Let us return to who we were made to be as we confess our brokenness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Majestic God, you have called us to live in peace, but we turn to conflict and hatred. You yearn for us to work together, but we keep finding reasons to dismiss each other. Forgive us and show us a better way to be your people, your body, your church. *A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.*

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God knows who we were made to be and has been waiting to help restore us to ourselves, to each other, to community. **Thanks be to God! We are forgiven.**

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOREX

**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. Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 10)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The name of God is wild and free; awirl in holy mystery.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 8 (OT p.492) A song of God's covenant people. **Amen.**

Matthew 28:16-20 (NT p.34) The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Covington

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Study Catechism, Q75 & 76

In what name are you baptized?

In the name of the Trinity. After he was raised from the dead, our Lord appeared to his disciples and said to them, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

What is the meaning of this name?

It is the name of the Holy Trinity. The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. And yet they are not three gods, but one God in three persons. We worship God in this mystery.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Go, My Children, With My Blessing
Gia Hamilton, Soloist

Kevin Hildebrand

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free. (Jaroslav Vajda)

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S 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.**

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sung by all:

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 prayer continues.*

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Prepackaged gluten-free elements are available in the baskets near the communion stations. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life. Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love. God our Mother, you have fed us with your grace. Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace with all. Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE
ARE CHRISTIANS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matthew Covington* | Liturgist: *Anna Robinson*

Communion Servers: *Mary Lou Taylor & CeCe Robinson*

Worship & Wonder: *Kim Lashbrook*

We welcome **Rev. Matthew Covington** back to our pulpit today. Matthew recently retired after 21 years of serving as pastor of The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green, Kentucky.



Our soloist today is our own Gia Hamilton. She is going into the fifth grade at Newton Parrish Elementary, where she has sung as a soloist in the Fine Arts Festival. She also sang the National Anthem at a school event recently. Gia has grown up at FPC and is one of the friendliest members of our church family. We are grateful to Gia for sharing her talents today!

The Life of the Church

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Memorial Day.

Worship and Wonder will be taking a break during the months of June and July. We look forward to having kids in worship with us. Books and activity bags will be available in the Sanctuary.

Southern Gospel Sunday is set for June 16. We will have special music during the service and will gather following worship for a meal in Fellowship Hall.

The Prism Arts Alliance will be hosting panel discussions in our Fellowship Hall at 5:00 P.M. each Saturday evening in June to educate the community on issues related to understanding and supporting the LGBTQ+ community.

- June 1: Defining LGBTQIA+: What do those letters mean?
- June 8: Trans 101
- June 15: Queerness and Faith
- June 22: Parenting a Queer Child
- June 29: Fostering LGBTQ+ Creativity

Financial Update Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

Year (through April)	Month of May (to date)	Week Ending May 25
Income: \$159,372.71	Income: \$25,799.45	Income: \$ 3,704.05
<u>Expense: \$180,135.71</u>	<u>Expense: \$33,830.07</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 646.99</u>
Balance: -\$20,763.00	Balance: -\$8,030.62	Balance: \$3,057.06

You are invited to make a gift to support our church's ministry of sharing God's love:

- As the offering plate is passed
- By scanning the QR code to the right
- Online at fpcobky.com/give
- Or by contacting the church office to set up automatic withdrawals





First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.

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SESSION

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Debbie Hutchinson
Don Preuss
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Brad Smith
Mary Lou Taylor

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