

2 Corinthians 13:11-13
The Trinity: Grace, Love and Communion




June 7, 2020
Trinity Sunday
First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

God whose very being is based in relationship – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – show me what relationships I need to nourish in special ways today.

On this Holy Trinity Sunday, we gather not to try to comprehend God but to bask in God's mystery, and to worship in wonder. **Welcome.** With voices full of excitement, attitudes full of enthusiasm, and spirits full of joy let us actively give our worship to God.

Last week, how well did you live God's message from Numbers 11:24-29, Acts 2:1-8, 12-14, 37-42, and 1 Corinthians 12:4-13? How did you respond to God's gift of the Holy Spirit?

Be sure to check-in through **Social Media** or text message to let your family members, friends and followers know you are here to praise God. And like us on Facebook.

Please use the time before worship begins to prepare yourself for your **offering of worship** to God. Feel free to listen to music; read and meditate on the Scripture reading for today; or silently meditate on God's grace, emptying your mind of all distractions.

May you be renewed and strengthened this morning through our celebration of **Communion.** The Presbyterian Church (USA) has an open communion table. We welcome all who are Baptized "in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" by any Christian denomination to join us in communing with our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. Be sure to have something ready for the bread and juice at the appropriate time. You will be instructed when to eat and drink.

Those who helped to prepare and lead worship this morning are Dwight Holman, Randy Houtz, Kitty Cornwell, Butch Steele, April Hansen, Tom Hazen, Joan Schmidt, Deb Skinner, Dusty Molyneaux, Alex Rosenleaf, Johnny Ritchie, and John Ritchie.

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* Please stand as able

*We are the Body of Christ
Joyfully Worshiping God
Compassionately Caring for One Another
Humbly Serving God
Continually Growing in God's Word
Actively Sharing the Good News of Christ
May our worship be pleasing to God!*

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

Prelude

Phantasy on the hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy*, Piet Post

Welcome

*Call to Worship (Leader **People**)

Mighty Wind, who danced over the deep and surveyed the shapeless void,
dance over us now and ready us for your creative purpose.

Divine Word, who commanded unruly chaos and called forth light and life,
call to us now and open us to new expressions of grace.

Eternal Artist, who formed us in your likeness and claimed us as kin,
Re-form and refine us to be bearers of your blessing.

Holy Trinity – Creator, Christ, Spirit – who gathered the primeval waters,
gather us in, then send us out,

our voices echoing creation’s song:

How majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Hymn of Praise #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Call to Confession (Leader **People**)

Creation displays the glory of God,

but our sin keeps us from rejoicing in the love God reveals.

Christ Jesus the Son carried our sins to the cross,

**and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us so that we can praise God,
our Maker, Savior, and life-giving Lover.**

Let us confess our sins, that we may receive such grace.

*Prayer of Confession (**Unison**)

God of grace, love and communion:

We confess that we have not communicated your grace to all people.

You openly forgive us,

yet we hold grudges and pass judgment on others.

We confess that we have not showed love to the world.

You died for our sins;

**we find it hard to say “hello” to those who live what we consider to be
“sin-full” lives.**

We confess that we are not in communion with all people.

You invite everyone to join you at table,

while we only sit with those we like or who will improve our image.

In the name of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus, we confess these our sins to you

**who forgives freely,
loves generously
and desires to be with us...**

(Silent Personal Prayers for Forgiveness)

*Assurance of Forgiveness (Leader **People**)

The Holy One of Israel,
the Redeemer of all the world,
and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life
forgets the sins of all who repent.

We are forgiven,
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God.

HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

Message in Music

Amazing Grace, Fred E. Weatherly

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture & Message

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RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

*Affirmation of Faith (**Unison**) A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.1, .4 (adapted)

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Christ Jesus, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we
worship and serve.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Jesus in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

*Hymn of Response #379

We Shall Overcome

Offering

Ballade in D Minor, Johannes Brahms (Op. 10, No. 2)

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and *The Lord's Prayer*

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Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of God's People #753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer after Communion (**Unison**)

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life.

Jesus our Savior, you have embraced us in your love.

God our Father, 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.

Prayers of the People

SENDING FOR SERVICE

*Sending Hymn

Go Now In Peace

*Charge

*Blessing

*Postlude

Allegro (from Suite Gothique), Leon Boellmann

May our service be pleasing to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget to check our Facebook page and your email for the **latest information** regarding the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church during this time of social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are not receiving emails, please send your current email address to the office, secretary@firstpresgfmt.org. If there is anything the elders, deacons, or staff can do for you during this time, please let us know.

Tithes and Offerings may be mailed to the church office (we are receiving mail) or made online through our website.

Our times of worship are now **live-streamed** on our YouTube channel; search for "First Presbyterian Church Great Falls MT" on the YouTube website. Recordings of previous live-streams will remain on our YouTube channel. Links to both live-streams and recordings will be posted to our Facebook page.

Souler Energy, our weekly Sunday Worship broadcast, can be viewed every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on KFBB TV Channel 5 (cable channel 9).

Even though School is remote learning, we are still helping the **Longfellow School** families. There have been several opportunities to help families as their circumstances have worsened. The Mission Committee is trying to make sure we have funds to help in these needs as well as help fund their food pantry which is distributing 15 boxes of food per week with another 15 available for pickup. We are praying you will help us in this mission. Please make any contributions to the church and mark them Longfellow Mission Fund. Thank you so much for your generous support!

Beth Moore's **Bible Study for women** entitled "Chasing Vines" continues on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. through June 17. To sign up, or for more information, contact Alissa at 406-231-2348 or cedirector@firstpresgfmt.org.

COMING WORSHIP THEMES

Next Sunday, June 14, 2020

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-15

Promises, Promises

June 21, 2020

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 21:8-21

What's A Father to Do?

June 28, 2020

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 22:1-14

Now What's A Father to Do?

July 5, 2020

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Romans 7:15-25a

The Inner Conflict

MAY GOD BLESS THIS WEEK

All Events Live-Streamed or via Zoom

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| Today, June 7 | 8:15 a.m. | Reformation Overview Class |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship (Limited seating in the Sanctuary) |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Fellowship Time |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Children & Youth Ministries Committee |
| Tuesday, June 9 | 4:00 p.m. | Finance Committee |
| Wednesday, June 10 | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Group |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Chasing Vines Bible Study |
| Thursday, June 11 | 12:00 noon | Spiritual Life Committee |
| Saturday, June 12 | 9:00 a.m. | Presbytery of Glacier Meeting |
| | | PW |
| Next Sunday, June 13 | 10:00 a.m. | Worship (Limited seating in the Sanctuary) |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Fellowship Time |

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

All Events Live-Streamed or via Zoom

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| Tuesday, June 16..... | Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, June 23..... | Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, July 9..... | Spiritual Life Committee, 12:00 noon |
| | Worship Committee, 5:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, July 11..... | PW, 9:00 a.m. |

The Officers and Staff of First Presbyterian Church welcome you to this time of worship and invite you to join us in ministry!

Head of the Church

Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior

Session

John Ritchie (Moderator)

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| Ginger Blevins | Sara Buley | Mary Fagenstrom | Scott Royce |
| Alissa Brown | Rees Davies | Kathy Herman | Dean Schamp |
| Jan Brown | Dave Dobbs | Randy Houtz (Clerk) | |

Deacons

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|-------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| Stuart Brown | Shirley Davis | Chris Pfof | Robb Sparks |
| Bruce Buer (Mod.) | Tom Hazen | Deb Skinner | Marla Wilckens |
| Kitty Cornwell | Dave Herman | | |

Staff

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| Rev. John E Ritchie, Pastor (906-322-9490) | Kristen McGuire, Peace Place Director |
| Alissa Brown, CE Director | Butch Steele, Worship Video Coordinator |
| Joan Schmidt, Ministry of Music | Alex Rosenleaf, Choir Director |
| Craig Anton, Facilities Manager | Kari Rosenleaf, Bell Choir Director |
| Faith Janes, Secretary | Laura Jerome, Praise Band Director |
| Liza Nosich, Treasurer | Brittany Collins, Nursery |

The Finest Hymn Reginald Heber (1783-1826), a vicar and hymn-writer in England, was the first person to compile a hymnal based around the Church calendar. He composed the beloved hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy” specifically for Trinity Sunday, with lyrics based on Revelation 4:8-11.

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

The joyful song celebrates the eternal, omnipotent Triune God. Throughout the verses, Heber used units of three to symbolize the Trinity (God is “perfect in power, in love and purity”; God is worshiped by saints, cherubim and seraphim; and he’s praised “in earth and sky and sea”). Heber, who witnessed much idol worship while serving as Bishop of Calcutta, often reaffirmed God’s holiness in his hymns. British poet laureate Alfred Lord Tennyson so admired the uplifting language in “Holy, Holy, Holy” that he proclaimed it the finest hymn ever written.