



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 27, 2018, 10:30 A.M.

TRINITY SUNDAY

Worship begins when the first person arrives. Please worship silently through the prelude.

The congregation reads or sings parts in bold.

*Please stand if able

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

We express gratitude that through God's grace and Christ's giving of himself on the cross we are forgiven and restored to God and one

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

We invite young children to come to the front at this time.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Trinity Sunday is the first of the many Sundays of ordinary time that follow Pentecost and eventually lead up to Advent. Today we celebrate the doctrine of the Holy Trinity – God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We celebrate the holiness of the triune God and seek to know how that holiness should take shape among the people of God.

PRELUDE

Variations on the Navy Hymn ("Melita")
Festival Piece on "Nicaea"

Michael Joseph
Jerry Westenkuehler

WORDS OF WELCOME

(Please circulate the friendship forms found in the aisle seats.)

Rev. Robert Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adrienne Nagy

L: We praise our God, the Creator, who lit the world and breathed the breath of life into us.

P: We praise our God, the Son, who saved the world and stretched out his hand to us.

L: We praise our God, the Spirit, who blows through the world and blesses our souls with yearning.

P: We praise our God, the Trinity of love: God above us, God beside us, God beneath us;

L: the beginning, the end, the everlasting one. Let us worship!

*HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

**God of grace, love, and communion,
we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul,
and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
We ignore your commandments, stray from your way,
and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin
and raise us to new life, that we may serve you faithfully
and give honor to your holy name. Amen.**

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

L: Friends, believe the good news.

P. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri - 579

*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 and Amen.*

*Passing the Peace and Greetings

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rob Martin

(Children are encouraged to go downstairs for music time after the Children's Moment. Younger children thru K may remain in the nursery and older children will return to the worship service.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Let Us Break Bread Together Traditional melody/arr. Gwyneth Walker
Wes Taliani, baritone

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURES Psalm 29 (pages 504, 505 in pew Bible)
John 3:1-17 (pages 93, 94 in pew Bible)

Liturgist Nagy
Rev. Martin

L. This is the Word of the Lord!
P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

A Trinitarian Treatise

Rev. Robert Martin

***HYMN 132**

Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

On behalf of the congregation, the Pastor expresses the corporate prayers of the congregation. These prayers are for world, local and personal concerns.

Doxology literally means "words of glory." Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. Here we honor and thank God "from whom all blessings flow."

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORDS PRAYER

Rev. Martin

OFFERING / OFFERTORY *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

David Cherwien

***Doxology - 592 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise **Him, all creatures here below, Praise **Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (In Unison)

**Use our gifts, Holy Community of Love,
as you reach out to heal the broken,
as you take the hands of the lost, and as you pull out a chair
to welcome the outcast to your table of wonder and hope.
This we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN 139**

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

All Glory Be to God on High

Georg Boehm

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The roses today are in honor of new twins: Theodore Elliot and Eleanor Madeline Rauscher  
Congratulations to proud new parents Adam and Elizabeth Rauscher  
Teddy and Ellie were born May 23rd at 5:20 p.m. Both weighing in at a little over 4 pounds each.  
Proud grandparents are Rev. Rob and Barb Martin / Charles and Bernadette Rauscher

### Worshiping With Children

- \* AFPC welcomes children in the worship service, whether in the pews or in the Children's Corner.
- \* Nursery is available for infant thru age 6 downstairs.
- \* Please tell childcare staff about any allergies.
- \* Bathrooms are located at the top of the stairs to the overflow area and in Fellowship Hall.
- \* Changing tables are located in the nursery and upstairs restroom.
- \* All children are welcome to attend the church service with their families or the childcare staff until after the Children's Moment.

### Mark Your Calendars!

**overnight camping and/or evening fellowship and s'mores  
at Stroud's Run on June 9th**

Then rise and shine for the **Annual Outdoor Service**  
and **All-Church Potluck Picnic** on June 10th  
Bulldog Shelter - Stroud's Run

Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share, their own table service and lawn chairs.  
Drinks, cold cuts, cheeses, bread and buns will be provided.

**REVISED COMMON  
LECTIONARY**

*This lectionary provides a three-year series of readings for Sunday starting with the season of Advent, four weeks before Christmas Day.*

*The three year cycle is split into years – A,B, and C. For each Sunday and festival, three readings and a psalm are suggested and include: a Gospel reading, an Old Testament reading, and a New Testament reading.*

*The lectionary is a work of The Consultation on Common Texts, an ecumenical consultation*

*of liturgical scholars and denominational representatives from the United States and Canada, who produce liturgical texts for use in common by North American Christian Churches.*

*Each year of the Revised Common Lectionary centers on one of the synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. The Gospel of John is read periodically in all three years and is especially frequent in Year B.*

**Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, May 27, 2018, Trinity Sunday (Year B)**

**First Reading**                    **Isaiah 6:1-8**  
**Psalm**                                **Psalm 29:1-11**  
**Second Reading**                **Romans 8:12-17**  
**Gospel**                                **John 3:1-17**

**First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8**

1In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

4The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

6Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” 8Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

**Second Reading Romans 8:12-17**

12So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – 13for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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**After Church Organ Recital
Today Following the Worship Service
By Janice Robison**

The program will be music in commemoration of Memorial Day.
All are invited to stay for this thirty minute recital.
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**You can watch a  
broadcast of FPC  
Worship service on  
Athens Community  
Television.**

**Schedule**  
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.  
Monday through  
Friday  
and  
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday.

Minister: Rev. Robert E. Martin  
CE Coordinator and Handbell Director: Kirsten Trachsel  
Administrative Assistant: Jane Baker

Clerk of Session: Andrew Stuart  
Organist: Janice Robison  
Choir Director: David Tadlock

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**Deacon of the Month – Wanada Baxter-Potter**

A friend to call in time of need

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Liturgist - Adrienne Nagy

Ushers - Margaret Bourke and Marge Shelton

Chancel Prep - Linda Parsons

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Church Activities for the Week

SUNDAY, May 27th - Trinity Sunday / Memorial Day Weekend Sunday / Food Pantry Sunday

- 10:00 A.M. - Trail mix assembly, fellowship hall
- 10:30 A.M. - Worship, Sanctuary / Children’s Church, classrooms
- Following Children’s Moment - Children’s Church, classrooms
- 11:30 A.M. - Children’s crafts, classroom 3
- 11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall
- 11:30 A.M. - Trail mix assembly, fellowship hall
- 11:45 A.M. - Organ recital by Janice Robison, Sanctuary

MON., 28th – Church office closed in observance of Memorial Day

Noon - Al-Anon, library

TUES., 29th - Noon - Bible study, library

WED., 30th - 7:00 A.M. - AA, library

FRI., 25th - 4:30-7:30 P.M. - Cooking and meal for Habitat volunteers, kitchen and fellowship hall

SAT., June 2nd - Mission trip volunteers return from Webster Springs, West Virginia

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**SUNDAY, June 3rd -**

- 10:30 A.M. - Communion during Worship, Sanctuary / Children’s Church, classrooms
- Following Children’s Moment - Children’s Church, classrooms
- 11:30 A.M. - Children’s crafts, classroom 3
- 11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall

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**Fourth Sunday Food Pantry Sunday** - Fourth Sunday of each month. Canned goods, non-perishables and monetary donations are always needed and welcomed. Use the brown envelopes on the back of the pew (check Food Pantry) for monetary donations. Food donations can be dropped off at the church or church office. Contact Dan Neason (592-2823), FPC representative, for more info.  
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Trail Mix Ministry Assembly - Snack bags are assembled the fourth Sunday of each month, 10:00-10:20 a.m. and 11:35 a.m.-Noon in Fellowship Hall. Monetary (use the brown giving envelopes and mark Trail Mix on it). In kind donations are appreciated. June’s date is June 24th.
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**Summer Ice Cream Socials** - The Concert Under the Elms schedule has changed from beginning May 30th to beginning June 6th and ending on the Fourth of July. Ice cream socials follow the concerts and are held on the front porch of Putnam House (church office)  
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Christian Education Calendar

- Saturday, June 9th – Overnight camping, Stroud’s Run
- Sunday, June 10th – Outdoor Worship Service, Stroud’s Run
- Saturday, June 23rd – Children’s Summer Retreat Day
- Saturday, June 30th – Children’s Summer Retreat Day
- Saturday, July 21st – Canoe Outing at Dow Lake (*tentative date*)