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# Trinity United Presbyterian Church

## Primary Vision Goals

**Worship   Service   Proclaim   Discipleship   Community**

# GATHERING

“GATHERING MUSIC”

MUSIC SETTING the TONE for WORSHIP –

Prelude on DIX

-Henry J. Markworth

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP –

“O God, We Do Exalt Your Name”

L. Larson

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL to WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Susan Fox

L: Let the Lord's name be praised! Christ is our teacher, mentor, and wise counselor.

**P: Guide us as we serve you in your house. Lead us as we worship you in songs.**

L: We come before you with songs of praise and an open heart.

\*HYMN – #473 - For the Beauty of the Earth

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you though you have always loved us. Help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please pause in silence as we think through what we all just said aloud...

\*ASSURANCE of GOD'S LOVE and FORGIVENESS

(Ephesians 1:7)

L: In him we have redemption through his blood,

**P: the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**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.**

\*MOMENT with CHILDREN                      “Open Your Ears!”  
*Children are now dismissed to Junior Church.*  
*Participating children exit the rear of the sanctuary with their instructors.*



ANTHEM - “Show Me Your Ways, O Lord” - Carl Schiller (Psalm 25:1-2a, 4 (NIV)

## THE WORD

PRAYER for GOD’S WISDOM and UNDERSTANDING

**P: God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 5:1                      pg. 161

L. The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

New Testament: Acts 8:26-27                      pg. 1000

MESSAGE

“What Prevents Me”

James Vlosich

\*HYMN - #392 - Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

JOYS AND CONCERNS and 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.**

## RESPONDING and SENDING

FELLOWSHIP of GIVING

Offertory – Offertory on HALL

-Charles Callahan

**\*Doxology**

**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

\*HYMN - #495 - We Know That Christ Is Raised

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION –

“God Be With You ‘til We Meet Again”

With congregation

\*BENEDICTION

\*MUSIC SENDING US OUT to SERVE CHRIST

“Glorious Majesty”

-Lani Smith

***(\*All who are able, please stand.)***

TODAY'S GREETERS ARE: Carol Ashton & Nancy Davis

## Highlights



Nursery is available  
during the Sunday  
Morning Worship from  
11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.



- Coffee & Cookie Fellowship following the service in the chapel.
- Hosted today by: The Church

# Kindred Souls



Kindred Souls meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, for a luncheon, & time of fellowship. This is for single & widowed women. All women are welcome, not just church members.

The next luncheon is Wednesday, May 8th @ 11:30 a.m. @ Bob Evans. For more information call Carol @ 724-438-0709  
Reservations are appreciated by the day before. Thanks!



If anyone has announcements, articles, etc. for the June 2024 Touchstone Newsletter, please turn in to the church office manager Rachel by Friday, May 10, 2024 deadline. Thanks!



**Book Journey - Tuesday, May 14, 11:30 at Eat n' Park Restaurant. The book to be discussed is Geraldine Brooks' novel "Caleb's Crossing", which is described as "a luminous tale of love and faith, magic and adventure". For more information, contact Jean Nass at [nass81@breezeline.net](mailto:nass81@breezeline.net) or 724-437-4424.**

THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE is looking for a few people who are willing to video record a brief statement of what Christ has done in their life. This could be done either in the form of a monologue in front of a camera or as a dialogue (interview) with Pastor Simpson. These "testimonies" will then be posted on the church website. The purpose is simple. We want to encourage others in their journey of faith. If you are willing to help with this project please speak to Pastor Simpson.

## Prayer Focus

### **The Sick**

Bridgette Boyd  
Harry & Dorothy Springer  
Randy - cancer healing  
Dori – cancer healing & treatments  
Sue – cancer healing  
Sofia W. – Brain Tumor surgery  
Frank - hospice  
Tim B.

### **Trinity**

Loaves and Fishes  
Kindred Souls  
Leia – surgery was a success  
& surgery recovery.  
Follow up appt. end of April.  
Sandi (operation)  
Joy Fike’s family in the passing of her mom

MESSAGE FOCUS

April 28, 2024

Sermon: “What Prevents Me”

Please feel free to take notes during the sermon for your personal studies.

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This page and the Prayer Focus Page, on the back, are for notes and the opportunity for deeper reflection and exploration during the week in your quiet times.

It is hoped these will provide daily encouragement and growth.

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## This Week

### TUESDAY:

4/30 -- Loaves & Fishes - @ 10:00 a.m.

4/30 – Small Group @ Panera Bread - @ 5:00 p.m.

4/30 – Dart ball Banquet @ 6:00 p.m. @ Burd Farm

### THURSDAY:

5/02 - Rev. Simpson office hours 9-12

5/02 – Darts and Devotions - @ 10:00 a.m.

5/02 – The Road Less Traveled @ 10:00 a.m.

5/02 - Staff Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.

5/02 - Youth Group - @ 5:30 p.m.

5/02 – Handbell Choir - @ 6:00 p.m.

5/02 – Choir Practice - @ 7:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY --

5/04 – Youth Group Community Clean Up @ 9:30 a.m.

### SUNDAY:

Worship Leader: Pam Barnhart

5/05 - Adult Sunday Bible Discussion - @ 10:00 a.m.

5/05 - Worship - @ 11:00 a.m.

5/05 – Uniontown Chorale - @ 3:00 p.m.

## Upcoming Dates & Events

Bright Beginnings – Muffins with Mom – May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m. -12 p.m. in the chapel.

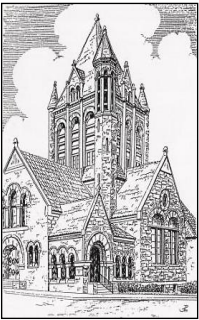
Bright Beginnings Graduation – Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## Notes on Worship

**Welcome** The people of God are looking forward to worshipping with you!

**Giving** Scriptural giving is one of the basics of the Christian faith. If you are a visitor with us today, you do not need to feel obligated to give, though your gifts are much appreciated. The Offering is an opportunity for those who call Trinity their home church to be faithful to this aspect of their relationship with Christ. There are also opportunities to give on our website and on our Facebook page.

If you would like to be placed on the church newsletter and/or email list, contact the church office. For updates, visit and “like” us on Facebook: Trinity United Presbyterian Church, or visit our webpage.



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Bill Dreucci, Music/Choir Director  
Brett Vanderlaan, Organist  
Rachel Vlosich, Office Manager  
Bill Thompson, Sexton

**Our Mission:** to worship and serve Jesus Christ by proclaiming his Gospel to all persons. As servants of Christ, we will always be a community of love, hope, service and reconciliation.

Welcome to Worship! We are here today to proclaim the Good News.

- ▲ Through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are destroyed, never to besiege us again.
- ▲ Our sinful nature was replaced with Christ's sinless nature, as he continues to live through us and bring in his Kingdom.