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Trinity Sunday  
Sunday, May 31, 2026

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## Announcements

- Please join us for the **Sunday Fellowship Lunch** on Sunday, June 7, in Hollis Hall, immediately following Worship. In support of Share a Meal Sunday, don't forget to drop off your Little Free Pantry items in the bins under the stairwell in the Commons area. If you would like to attend the lunch, please RSVP to the church office.
- The Mission Team has purchased 20 seats for the Dalton Whitfield NAACP **Juneteenth Celebration & Gala** on Saturday, June 20 @ 6:00 p.m. If you'd like to reserve your seat, please email the church office. Tickets are first come, first serve. There are 8 seats available.
- Roger Rollins is recruiting for **Camp AIM** (June 1-5 & June 8-12), our annual efforts to express care for children who have been abused. Your service in providing food in an atmosphere of obvious concern will impact you as it will the staff and students of this worthwhile effort. Please mark your calendars and respond "YES!" when asked to serve. Thanks to all who have helped in the past and for all of you who will serve this year for the first time. We look forward to working with all of you again!!

# SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### THE GREETING

*At the sound of the bells, please prepare your heart and mind for Worship.*

### INTROIT

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

John Bacchus Dykes  
(1823-1876)

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With all thy quickening powers;  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
In these cold hearts of ours.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mike Brown

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
**the moon and the stars that you have established;**  
what are humans that you are mindful of them,  
**mortals that you care for them?**  
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
**you have put all things under their feet,**  
all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,  
**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea...**  
O Lord, our Sovereign,  
**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Holiness, Word, Power, you reveal yourself as one God in three persons,  
a mighty, creative, life-generating dancer who invites your creation to join  
you. Catch us up in your love and lead us into your world to call others to  
follow you with singing and rejoicing. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

*Stanzas 1,2,3 and 6*

*Laast Uns Erfreuen*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### Cover Art:

Koenig, Peter. St Augustine, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58551> [retrieved May 27, 2026]. Original source: Peter Winfried (Canisius) Koenig, <https://www.pwkoenig.co.uk/>.

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 8.

#### Hymn 15 Note:

Sometimes called “The Canticle of the Sun,” this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed “Alleluias.”

\*Where you see this notation, please rise in body or in spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)  
Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into our service.

Flame of love, purify us from sin; Eternal Now, lead us to your truth;  
Risen One, baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone, God who is Trinity. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us *Kyrie Eleison*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up - on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri *S Selvidge Street*

Glor - y be to God the Fath - er, and to the Son: and to the Hol - y Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be: world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me! William B. Bradbury  
Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

CEB

<sup>1</sup> When God began to create the heavens and the earth— <sup>2</sup> the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God’s wind swept over the waters— <sup>3</sup> God said, “Let there be light.” And so light appeared. <sup>4</sup> God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God named the light Day and the darkness Night. There was evening and there was morning: the first day. <sup>6</sup> God said, “Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters to separate the waters from each other.” <sup>7</sup> God made the dome and separated the waters under the dome from the waters above the dome. And it happened in that way. <sup>8</sup> God named the dome Sky. There was evening and there was morning: the second day.

<sup>9</sup> God said, “Let the waters under the sky come together into one place so that the dry land can appear.” And that’s what happened. <sup>10</sup> God named the dry land Earth, and he named the gathered waters Seas. God saw how good it was.

<sup>11</sup> God said, “Let the earth grow plant life: plants yielding seeds and fruit trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind throughout the earth.” And that’s what happened. <sup>12</sup> The earth produced plant life: plants yielding seeds, each according to its kind, and trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was. <sup>13</sup> There was evening and there was morning: the third day.

<sup>14</sup> God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night. They will mark events, sacred seasons, days, and years. <sup>15</sup> They will be lights in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth.” And that’s what happened.

<sup>16</sup> God made the stars and two great lights: the larger light to rule over the day and the smaller light to rule over the night. <sup>17</sup> God put them in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. <sup>19</sup> There was evening and there was morning: the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> God said, “Let the waters swarm with living things, and let birds fly above the earth up in the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> God created the great sea animals and all the tiny living things that swarm in the waters, each according to its kind, and all the winged birds, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was. <sup>22</sup> Then God blessed them: “Be fertile and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> There was evening and there was morning: the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> God said, “Let the earth produce every kind of living thing: livestock, crawling things, and wildlife.” And that’s what happened. <sup>25</sup> God made every kind of wildlife, every kind of livestock, and every kind of creature that crawls on the ground. God saw how good it was. <sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth.”

<sup>27</sup> God created humanity in God’s own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female God created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and

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master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground.”<sup>29</sup> Then God said, “I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food. <sup>30</sup> To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food.” And that’s what happened. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good. There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup> The heavens and the earth and all who live in them were completed. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God completed all the work that he had done, and on the seventh day God rested from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all the work of creation.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

Total Praise

Joel Raney  
(b. 1956)

*Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills,  
Knowing my help is coming from you.  
Your peace you give me in time of the storm.*

*You are the source of my strength,  
You are the strength of my life.  
I lift my hands in total praise to you.*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty.  
Early in the morning my song shall rise to thee,  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.  
God, in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

*You are the source of my strength,  
You are the strength of my life.  
I lift my hands in total praise to you.*

*Amen, amen!*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 28:16-20

NRSVUE

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Who Can Comprehend?”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 274

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

*Picardy*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*All:* In life and in death, we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

*Children and Youth led by Andrew Granillo:*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel...

*Men led by Stan Houston:*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator... We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation...

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*Women led by Alice Ensley:*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church...

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace...

*All:* With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

- Excerpts from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Hymn 274 Note:

When it was first published, the author called this text “Christus Paradox,” because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after “a particularly bad day” of prison ministry.

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Hymn 286 Note:

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for “spirit” can equally well be translated as “breath” or “wind,” so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the “Breath of God.” This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

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.

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THE OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Old 100th*

**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.**

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*Trentham*

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*Traditional*

**God be with you till we meet again;**

**By His counsels guide, uphold you,**

**With His sheep securely fold you;**

**God be with you till we meet again.**

\*POSTLUDE

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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

| Date | Liturgist       | Ushers                | Flower Guild     |
|------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 5/31 | Mike Brown      | Youth                 | Margaret Venable |
| 6/7  | Carol Houston   | The Hendrix Family    | Kathryn Sellers  |
| 6/14 | Priscilla Brown | Steve & Carol Houston | James Hoskins    |

CHILDREN

| Date | Joy Makers<br>(PreK-3 <sup>rd</sup> ) | Faith Builders<br>(4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> ) | Youth<br>(6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> ) |
|------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 5/31 | Youth Trinity Craft                   | Youth Trinity Craft                                   | Livelys & Jiskoots                           |

MONTHLY

| Communion<br>(June 7) |                                                                 | Congregational Care |                 | Little Free<br>Pantry Pal |                                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Prep                  | James Hoskins                                                   | June                | Peggy Rollins   | June                      | John & Judi McPherson           |
| Servers               | Rev. Nicole Jiskoot,<br>Laura Goins and<br>Walter & Jeane Jones | July                | Priscilla Brown | July                      | Beverly Higdon<br>& Tami Giusto |

**Cover Art Note:** “The painting depicts the story of St Augustine and the seashell. Walking along the beach, Augustine saw a small boy using a seashell to pour seawater into a hole. The boy explained that trying to fit all the sea into that small hole was just as impossible as Augustine’s challenge, trying to comprehend the complexity of the Holy Trinity with his small mind.”

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 31

Sunday School  
9:15 a.m.  
Fellowship  
10:00 a.m.  
Worship - Trinity Sunday  
10:30 a.m.

Monday, June 1

Lunch Bunch  
noon

Tuesday, June 2

Grateful Heart AA Mtg  
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3

Morning Prayers  
9:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 4

Church Women United  
11:00 a.m.

Presbyterians at the Pub  
5:00 p.m.

Knitting Group  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 5

Grateful Heart AA Mtg  
8:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 7

Sunday School  
9:15 a.m.  
Fellowship  
10:00 a.m.  
Worship  
10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Fellowship  
Lunch & Share A Meal  
Sunday  
11:30 a.m.

Monday, June 8

Lunch Bunch  
noon

Tuesday, June 9

CLILA pack food boxes  
10:00 a.m. - noon  
Grateful Heart AA Mtg  
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10

Morning Prayers  
9:30 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

## **PRAYERS**

### **For Family and Friends of Those Who Joined the Church Triumphant:**

*Muriel Phillips;*

*John Law;*

*Anne Sims;*

*Stan Crawford;*

*Charles Allgood;*

*Wayne Alderman;*

### **For Healing, Comfort, and Ongoing Concerns for our Members:**

*Sue Spivey;*

*Berrien Long;*

*Jean Strain;*

*Janice Sims;*

*Walter Jones;*

*Nancy Rhine;*

### **For Family and Friends of the Following Members:**

*Leanna Granillo, Robert Stromberg;*

*Mary Ellen Gurley, Dusty Eggleston and family; Tommy Brooks and family;*

*Janice Sims, Sharon and Debbie Bragg, Rodger and Brenda Boswell, Patsy Townsend; the family of*

*Karen Vaught; the family of Flosy Beard;*

*Kaye Clark, Becky Hansberry;*

*Kathy Bridges and Sue Spivey, Emily Bringardner;*

### **For the Larger Community and the World:**

*Pete Wilson;*

*Arden Brown;*

*Those affected by climate disasters;*

*Peace in Iran, Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine;*

*The victims and families of victims of substance abuse;*

*The victims of gun violence;*

*Caregivers and aging parents.*

### **Praises and Continuing Prayers:**

*For all our members and visitors, we offer our thanks to God.*