



GRACE FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday



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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church!
We are glad to have you join us this morning! Please sign the attendance register and pass it back, greeting those near you.

We ask visitors to share their contact information as well.

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

J. S. Bach

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

***Call to Worship (Responsive)**

Leslie Goeldner

Come, Creator God, author of all life. Restore us
and revive us that we may be your true servants.

**Praise be to the one from whom comes all
authority in heaven and on earth.**

Come, Christ our savior. Teach us your ways of
love and grace.

**Praise be to the one from whom comes all
authority in heaven and on earth.**

Come, Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide.

Grant us new strength and vision to carry out
the mission of the church.

**Praise be to the one who empowers us to
proclaim God’s authority in heaven and on earth.**

Let us praise God whom we know as creator, savior,
and Holy Spirit.

***Prayer to Invite God's Presence**

God, we gather as the eleven did so long ago. We come in a sense of awe and reverence. We have seen so many of your signs and wonders in the mercy and grace we offer and are offered. Yet at times, we doubt. God, we believe and ask that you help our unbelief. Open our ears that we may hear your commission again. Enliven us with power and authority in your name that we may declare to the world that you are alive and that through you there is hope and life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn 20**

Royal Oak

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Children's Moment

Following the Children's Moment, children will remain in worship. Before the Scripture readings, Miss Maddie will invite them forward to the Playground.

Call to Confession

Sometimes we are at odds over so many things. We want to confess before you our lack of agreement with one another and our lack of peace. We face so many challenges and we're not sure how to resolve them. Let us come to the one that will forgive us of our sins and grant us grace, peace, and mercy.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God, we see signs of your love and authority around us, yet we still doubt. We doubt your faithfulness and the abilities you have given us. You have sent us forth in your name, yet we stay within our comfort zones and within the walls of our church building. We do not let your light shine to the world. We do not obey your commandment to love others as ourselves. We do not live in the hope and joy of your presence. God, forgive us. Enliven us that your church may be a testament to your grace and power.

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Hear the good news. Our Lord is with us always, even to the end of the age. Our Lord has forgiven us and commissioned us to testify to the gospel. Through the grace God has given us, we offer grace to the world. Go, therefore, knowing that you are forgiven and worthy to be a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Music Ministry

Gordon Young

"I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life"

Sanctuary Choir

How can we know the way?

How can we know the way of life?

How can we know? And Jesus said:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life," thus saith the Lord.

"No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me."

Invitation to Prayground

Prayer for God's Wisdom and Understanding

God, help us to listen to the word you have spoken.
Help us to listen to the one who is close at hand. Help us to
listen to the voice that began creation. Help us to listen even
if we don't understand. Amen.

First Reading

1 Corinthians 13:11-13

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The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

Psalm 8

Cantor: Deb Kaiser

John B. Dykes

Arr. Hal H. Hopson

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Second Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

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The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

Message

The Rev. David Slyter

*Hymn 32

Ellacombe

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer for the people and the Lord's Prayer Choral Amen

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.

Call to Stewardship

We hear again our commission to go to all the world, to make disciples of all nations and to teach all people what Jesus has taught us. Let us bring our gifts and abilities before the Lord that God may bless them and that the church may witness the love of Jesus Christ to the world.

Offertory

Hermann Schroeder

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

***Doxology**

Hymn 607

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

God of abundance, thank you for your amazing love which provides for our needs and our desires. Accept these gifts as symbols of our lives and our desire to share your love with others. Multiply these offerings and make us eager to share so the good news might be expressed throughout this community and through all your creation. Amen.

***Hymn 300**

They'll Know We Are Christians

"We Are One in the Spirit"

***Benediction**

Go knowing that you are children of God the Creator. Go to live out the commission of our Savior Jesus Christ. And go to be led, empowered and enlightened by God's Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Closing Choral Response**

Hal H. Hopson

On your way rejoicing; God is with you.

He will guide your way. Amen.

***The Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

***Postlude**

Johann Pachelbel

“Toccata in E Minor”

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.
 MUSIC: English melody. 17th cent.; adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915; harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955

ROYAL OAK
 7.6.7.6 with refrain

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

We Are One in the Spirit

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em)

(Bm)

(Em)



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

B^bm

Fm



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

B^bm

Fm



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land;
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain

(C)

(Em)

D^b

Fm



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

B^bm

Fm

B^bm

Cm

Fm

B^bm/F

Fm



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Called Congregational Meeting—The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, June 14 following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the new slate of officers and to change the bylaws for the Deacons terms from a 3 year to a 2 year term.

Elder Class of 2029 – Jamie Mittendorf (Trustee),
Nancy Deison, Amy Adler

Deacon Class of 2028 – Jane Moss, Bob Stewart, Su Barnes

Lunch Bunch—Today, following worship we will gather together at Pastafina for lunch fellowship. Guests are encouraged to join!

Back-2-School—We are collecting school supplies for the Back-2-School event on July 25. Please place donations in the school bus in the Narthex. You can find a flyer with the list of items needed hanging in the Narthex.

VBS—It is that time of year to start planning summer activities for your kiddos! VBS begins on Monday, June 22 from 9-noon, ending with a fun splash day on Friday! Sign the kiddos up on our website or in the Living Grace First emails. If you feel called to help in preparations, teaching, helping in the kitchen etc., please talk to Maddie Williams. **Join us on any of the following days for decor and prep work days: June 1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th, and 15th, from Noon to 3pm.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 31—Trinity Sunday

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Warm-up
- 10:40 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group, Putt-Putt

Monday, June 1

- 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga
- 12:00 p.m. VBS Prep Work
- 6:30 p.m. Personnel Meeting

Tuesday, June 2

- 1:00 p.m. Summer Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Scout Meetings

Wed., June 3

- 12:00 p.m. VBS Prep Work
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 4

- 9:00 a.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. In Touch Ministry Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 5:30 p.m. Mission & Outreach Ministry Meeting
- 7-9 p.m. BVDR (Scout Leaders Meeting)

Sunday, June 7—Communion

- 7:00 a.m. Youth Leave for the Mission Trip
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Warm-up
- 10:40 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary