



## **First Presbyterian Church**

**149 Broad Street**

**Tonawanda, New York 14150 ~ 2111**

**Church: (716) 692-1319**

**Rev. Dr. Rebecca Chaffee**

**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God**

**Trinity Sunday**

**CCLI License # 2839486**

**June 4, 2023**

**10:30 am**

**PRELUDE: "Alive and Breathing" - Hearts4Worship**

**Matt Maher**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT: SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**

**Monday Bible Study**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Middle Class**

God the Father, creator of the earth and of everything we know.

**Father, we love you and thank you for your continuing love for us.**

God the son, Jesus, who came to earth to teach us and to give his life for our sins.

**Jesus, we love you and thank you for your continuing love for us.**

God the Holy Spirit, sent to live in us and to help us spread your word.

**We promise to share your love and kindness towards each other and take care of our earth.**

## **GATHERING PRAYER**

**Middle Class**

Like creation on that first morning,

may we tingle with anticipation

of your goodness and wonder

flowing into our lives,

God who shapes all things.

May we join all creation

in worshiping you,

who is as close as a heartbeat.

As God whispered into the silence,

you ran forth with creatures

of every size and shape at your side,

Word of wonder,

as river filled the valleys and ran to seas,

as flowers sprang forth in meadows,

as grace unfathomable sprang forth.

May we join all creation

in emulating you,

who is as close as our flesh

which you wore.

As God's mind overflowed with dreams,

you brooded over the waters,

stirred the clouds with your wind,

breathed life into all that is,

Spirit of fanciful faith,

planting the seeds of peace.

May we join all creation

in dancing with you,

who is as close to us

as every breath we take.

May we join all creation

in worshiping, emulating,

and dancing our praise to you this day. Amen

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Monday Bible Study**

We know too well our foolishness, our brokenness, our human ways of doing things. But God knows our hearts, our hopes, our desire to be made new. As we offer our prayers of confession, let us open ourselves to God, who will forgive us and give us new life.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We have been created for goodness by you, Artist of all things, but we continue to be filled with bitterness. Your Word would enable us to speak of joy to others, but we offer only judgment. The Spirit which breathes hope into us could be shared with everyone we meet, but we are tempted to hold our breath until we turn blue, rather than giving peace to those around us.**

**But you have said that everything created is good, even we foolish children of yours, God of wonder and grace. With the Spirit as our sister, we know we can bring healing and hope to those who need it most. With your Word, Jesus Christ, as our brother, we know we can tell others of your mercy and of our love for them in every moment.**

*Silence is kept*

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

By God's grace, our chaotic choices become creative grace for others; our foolishness can be transformed by God's goodness; our lives can become new by the Spirit of our God.

**The good news is as true as it was on creation's first morning: Creator God is the redeeming Word who is the Breath of life for all people, even us. Thanks be to God for forgiveness and grace in our lives. Amen.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

**Adult Class**

**PSALM 8**

**Christian Ed Committee**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" - Choir**

**PRECIOUS LORD**

**GOSPEL READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20**

**Adult Class**

**SERMON: "Trinity and Triads"**

**Rev. Dr. Rebecca Chaffee  
And Hearts4Worship**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Youth Class**

We humbly pray to you God the Father, Christ the Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity, three in one.

We pray for the perfect world you created for us. The world that our children and grand children and great grandchildren will inherit. Help us to lovingly care for the earth and to be mindful of pollution and global warming. **Lord Hear Our Prayer**

We pray for peace among nations, peace among countries at war, peace among races, peace among families. **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

We pray for an end to mass shootings and gun violence. We pray for the victims, for the families, for the shooters. **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

We pray for the sick, we pray for all those fighting cancer and other chronic diseases, we pray for those struggling with mental health. **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

We pray for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Tonawanda including our students, teachers and graduates. We pray for the families and children of the church. **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

We pray for the joys and concerns on our hearts, whispering them in our hearts or speaking them into this space. PAUSE

And now, with the confidence of Children of God, we pray together saying:

**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.**

#### **JACK HAACKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION**

#### **CALL TO THE OFFERING**

**THE OFFERTORY** "Holy, Holy, Holy" - Ryan Tasevski (piano) arr. Bill Carter

**DOXOLOGY:** "Praise to God the Father" #605 DA N'ASE

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Like the gifts of creation, we are but steward of all we possess. And like the gifts of creation, they are not to be hoarded, but shared with the hungry, the lonely, the lost, the struggling. As we offer our gifts, receive our thanks and praise in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** "Let Us Build a House" #301 TWO OAKS

#### **CHARGE**

Created and called to be faithful stewards,  
we are sent forth by our God.

**We will take all that is good to places of brokenness,  
all that is beautiful to those who live in despair.**

Called and commissioned to be faithful disciples,  
we are sent forth by Jesus, Word of hope.

**We follow Jesus to every place he would lead us,  
to every person who will bless us.**

Called and filled with the very breath of peace,  
we are sent forth by the Spirit, God's grace.

**We will join the Spirit in bring life where there is fear,  
in offering love where hate seeks to take hold.**

#### **POSTLUDE**

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### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

If you have a prayer request, please contact **Pastor Rebecca at 315-317-6140** or the church office at **716-692-1319**.

### **CALENDAR**

Sunday, June 4

9:30 am	Sunday School for all ages (Classrooms)
10:30 am	Worship for all ages (Sanctuary) - Celebration Sunday
11:30 am	Church Picnic

Monday, June 5

10:00 am	Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)
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Tuesday, June 6

9:00am – 2:00pm	Office Hours
1:00pm	Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, June 7

9:00am – 2:00pm	Office Hours
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Thursday, June 8

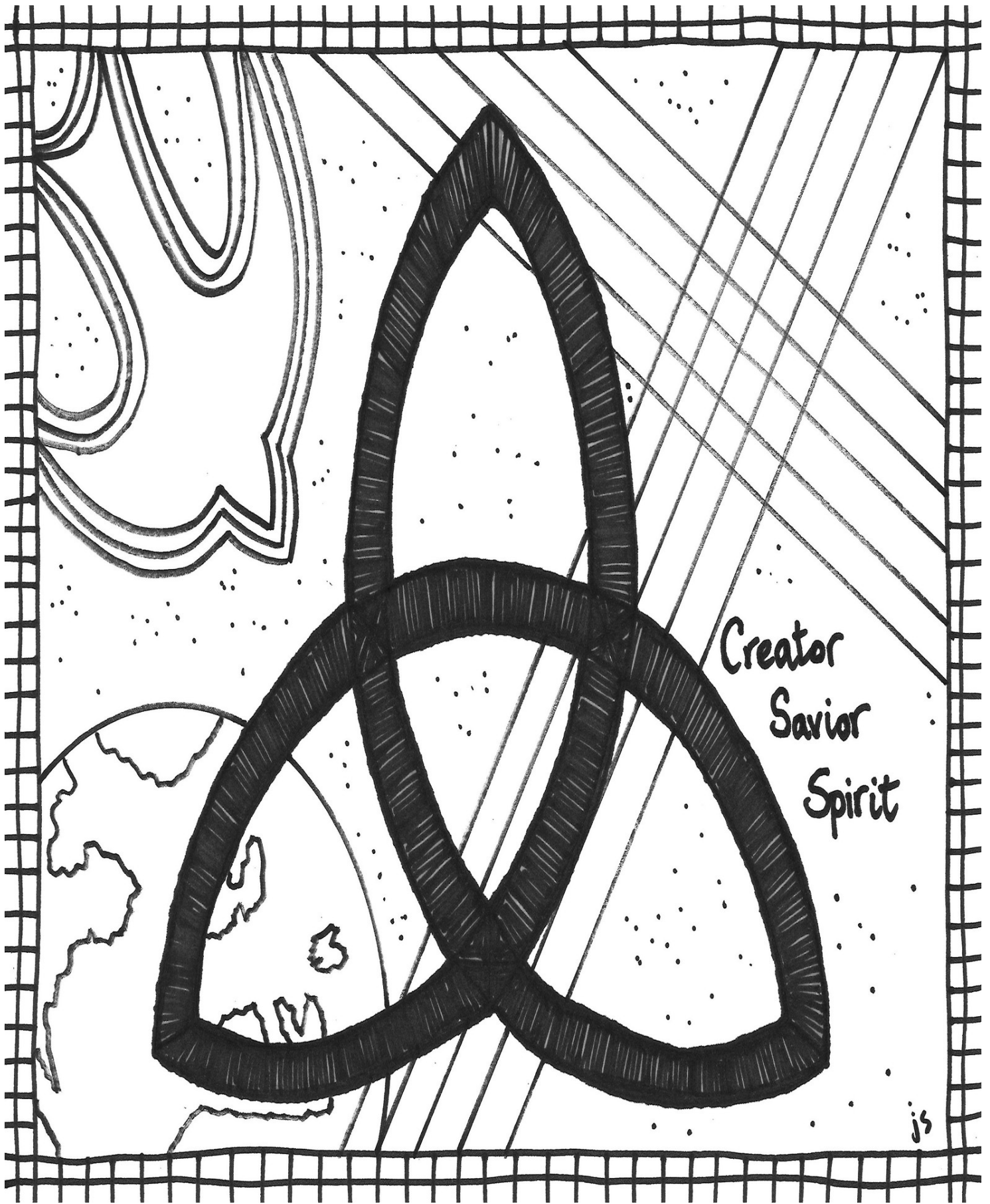
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10:00am	Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)

Saturday, June 10

10:00am	Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)
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Sunday, June 11

10:30 am	Worship for all ages (Sanctuary)
11:30am	Annual Congregational Meeting



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Savior  
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