

Trinity United Presbyterian Church (USA) is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are three churches which merged together to become one in 2008. We are a multicultural, multigenerational and multiethnic congregation reflecting the rich diversity of God's people. This church is a witness to the uniqueness of the Christian faith which must be responsive to diversity both in the church and in the world. You are welcome here.

OFFICERS

The Session

Class of 2016 Sharon Burton, Shirley Hale, Jane Harger
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"It's not about where you've been that matters most to God, it's where you're GROWING..."

VISION STATEMENT

We are a diverse community of disciples of Jesus Christ GROWING together. With the always present power of the Holy Spirit, we share our lives, care for one another, worship, pray, study God's word, and serve both inside and outside the walls of the church.

We invite you to come and GROW with us.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



January 8, 2017

10:00 am

Pastor – Rev. Desiree A. Lawson
Music Director – Dr. Eleanor Goodman
Liturgist – Elder Delphine Holland
Praise Team
*(**indicates congregation standing as able.
All Music will be projected on screen.)*

GATHERING

****Gathering Song *Standing on the Promises***

Creator God, our soul's delight, your voice thunders over the waters, liberating the future from the past. In the Spirit's power and the waters of rebirth, Jesus was declared your blessed and beloved Son; may we recall our baptism, and be disciples of the Anointed One.

Amen.

****Call to Worship**

One: Sing to the Lord a new song;

All: sing to the Lord, all the earth

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

All: and in the temple God's people say: Glory!

****Opening Hymn *We are Standing on Holy Ground***

WORDS OF WELCOME

CONFESSION AND PRAYER *(in unison)*

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We adore the high and mighty and ignore your humble servant. We act with prejudice and partiality and fail to share your love for all. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out the power of your Spirit and renew us in our calling: to show the wonder of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY SILENTLY.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Response ***Hear Our Prayer***

***Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace. Amen.***

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Trusting in God's provision, let us give to the Lord.
Deacons Faith Offering

Offertory Meditation ***Praise Him***

****Doxology #592 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow***

Offertory Response

One: God of glory, as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus; we bring our gifts to you.

All: May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed, to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor, and to help those who are in trouble. Amen.

THE WORD

Music Ministry ***Every Praise is to our God***

Reading of Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: ***God Announces the Jesus Plan***

****CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER****

LEAVING GOD'S HOUSE

****Closing Hymn #391 *Take My Life***

****Blessing and Benediction**

****Three-Fold Amen**

COMMUNITY & FELLOWSHIP TIME

Joys & Concerns

Announcements (Minute for Mission, Special Events)

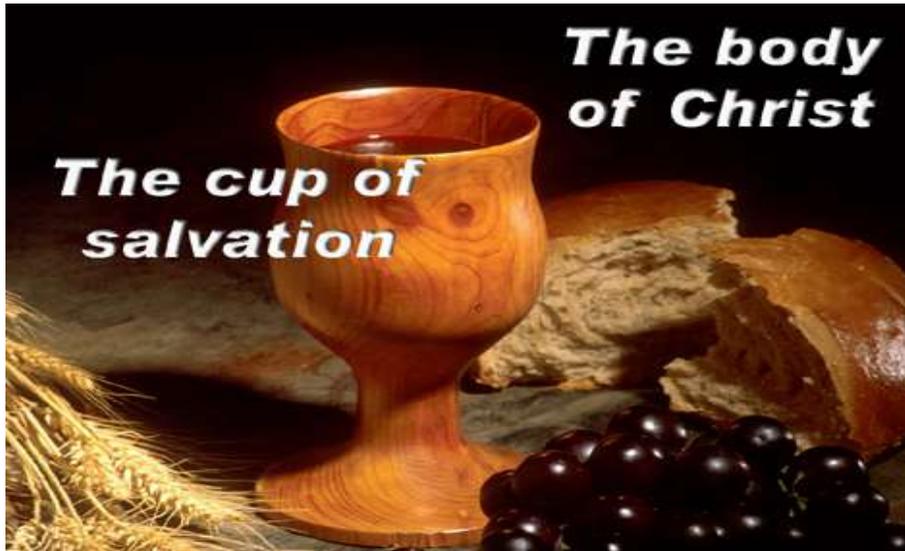
**** Recite Vision Statement**

****The Passing of Christ's Peace**

One: Having met Christ in this house, let us now share his peace: the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

Please join us for lunch following service.



TRINITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
THE SACRAMENT
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table
 Great Thanksgiving

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*
People: **We lift them to the Lord**
Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Leader: ...Therefore, we praise you joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Unison: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: *Great is the mystery of faith:*

People: **Christ has died,
 Christ has risen,
 Christ will come again.**

...The Lord's Prayer (Our Father who art in heaven...)

Breaking of the Bread
 Communion of the People
 Communion Hymn *At the Cross*
 Prayer after Communion

****Adapted from the Confession of Belhar**

We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:

that we share one faith, have one calling,
 are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father,
 are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism,
 eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name,
 are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause,
 and share one hope.

We believe that the church must together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

We believe that together we are built up to the stature of Christ, the new humanity.

We believe that we must together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ.

We believe that we are called to admonish and comfort one another; to suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; to pray together; and together serve God in this world. Amen.