

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
August 27, 2023 A.D.**

Margaret Zeigler - Commissioned Pastor

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

Call to worship

L: Lord God, your eyes are open day and night watching your children, and your ears are always ready to listen to prayer.

P: And for this we come here today to worship you.

L: So on this day, Father, allow us to see you with the eyes of faith, and to hear with understanding what you are saying to us.

All: Awaken in us a longing to do what is right, and to make us aware of the great company of faithful witnesses, past, present and to come, with whom we join to worship you this day. Amen!

Call to Confession

Let us come before the Lord in a prayerful attitude of confession this day . . .

Prayer of Confession

L: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. We claim to have fellowship with him, yet we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His son, purifies us from sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Therefore, let us confess our sins unto him who hears all . . .

All: God our Father, we have done wrong, and do not deserve to be called your children. We have turned from your way, and been taken in by our own desires. We have not loved neighbors as you have commanded. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us, and forgive us, for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of your own doing, it is a gift of God. In Him we are all forgiven. Amen.

*Our Response

Lord Listen to your Children Praying

***Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.***

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

*Hymn - ***Lord, Make Us more Holy #536***

The Morning Scripture Lessons: **Isaiah 51:1-6**

Everlasting Salvation for Zion

51 “Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness
and who seek the LORD:

Look to the rock from which you were cut
and to the quarry from which you were hewn;

² look to Abraham, your father,
and to Sarah, who gave you birth.

When I called him he was only one man,
and I blessed him and made him many.

³ The LORD will surely comfort Zion
and will look with compassion on all her ruins;
he will make her deserts like Eden,
her wastelands like the garden of the LORD.

Joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

⁴ “Listen to me, my people;
hear me, my nation:

Instruction will go out from me;
my justice will become a light to the nations.

⁵ My righteousness draws near speedily,
my salvation is on the way,
and my arm will bring justice to the nations.

The islands will look to me
and wait in hope for my arm.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
look at the earth beneath;
the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment
and its inhabitants die like flies.
But my salvation will last forever,
my righteousness will never fail.

Matthew 16:13-20

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter,^[a] and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades^[b] will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be^[c] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^[c] loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Sermon: “Worst-Kept Secret”

*Hymn - ***For the Beauty of the Earth #473***

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology (Hymn #592)

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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

*Sending forth and Benediction

*Choral response

God be with You Till We Meet Again

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. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Liturgist: Nicole Fleschut

Head Deacons: Chuck Borland & Josh Coy

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of Hank Williams for his 92nd heavenly birthday. Given by: Nancy Williams



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