



METROCREST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Morning Worship
Trinity Sunday
June 4, 2023**

Welcome!

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who struggle and desire victory;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who are strangers and want fellowship;
And to whoever will come –

*This church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

God Calls Us To Worship

Welcome

Notes on Worship - Trinity Sunday

Call to Worship - Psalm 99:1-2,9

Leader: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

Unison: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion;

Unison: He is exalted over all the peoples.

Leader: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

Unison: For the Lord our God is holy!

We Celebrate The Resurrection

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Trinity Hymnal #100

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

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Acknowledging God's Presence

Worship Theme - "The Holy Trinity at Work"

Theme Verses - Revelation 4:8b,11

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come! Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Holy God, we praise Your name;
Lord of all, we bow before You!
All on earth Your scepter claim;
All in heaven above adore You!
Infinite Your vast domain,
Everlasting is Your reign;
Everlasting is Your reign.

Hark! The loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Lo! The apostolic train
Join the sacred name to hallow.
Prophets swell the loud refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the Church the song goes on;
Through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name You;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim You;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery;
While we own the mystery.

We Confess Our Sins

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry,

and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that, by the power of Your Spirit, we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Silence is kept for personal reflection and confession.

Assurance of Pardon - Hebrews 10:15-17

Leader: The Holy Spirit bears witness to us; This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put My laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds; I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.

Unison: Thanks be to God.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Trinity Hymnal #98

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In Whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven —

The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

We Profess Our Faith

Affirmation of Faith - Westminster Confession, Chapter 2, Sections I-III

Leader: There is but one only, living, and true God: who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of His own immutable and most righteous will, for His own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him; and at the same time, most just and terrible in His judgments, hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.

Unison: **God hath all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of Himself; and is alone in and unto Himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which He hath made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting His own glory in, by, unto, and upon them: He is the alone fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things; and hath most sovereign dominion over them, to do by them, for them, or upon them whatsoever Himself pleaseth.**

Leader: In His sight all things are open and manifest; His knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature, so as nothing is to Him contingent, or uncertain. He is most holy in all His counsels, in all His works, and in all His commands. To Him is due from angels and men, and every other creature, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience He is pleased to require of them.

Unison: **In the unity of the Godhead there be three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. The Father is of none, neither begotten, nor proceeding: the Son is eternally begotten of the Father: the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son. Amen.**

Greeting

“How Great Is Our God”

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

(Refrain)

How great is our God! Sing with me,
How great is our God – and all will see
How great, how great is our God!

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End;
The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb.
(Refrain)

You're the name above all names, worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing: How great is our God!
(Refrain)

Prayer of Intercession

We Reflect On God's Word

Reading God's Word - Acts 2:22-36

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Unison: Thanks be to God.

Understanding and Applying God's Word

Pastor Bill Lovell

"The Holy Trinity at Work"

Sermons can be listened to, or downloaded, through our website

Sermon Prayer

We Respond To God's Grace

Offertory Sentence

Giving to Support Gospel Ministry

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Trinity Hymnal #115, verses 1-2, 5

All Creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice;
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness:
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one;
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We Are Commissioned With God's Blessing

Closing Blessing - 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

Postlude and Meditation

"Holy, Holy, Holy!" Words by Reginald Heber, Music by John B. Dykes. **"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"** Translated by Clarence Alphonse Walworth. **"Now Thank We All Our God"** Words by Martin Rinkart, 1636. tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858, Music by Johann Cruger, 1647. **"How Great Is Our God"** Words and music by Christopher Tomlin; Jesse Pryor Reeves; Edmond Martin Cash. Copyright 2004 worshiptogether.com songs. Sixsteps music, Alletrop music. **"All Creatures of Our God and King"** Words by Frances of Assisi, tr. by William H. Draper – © 1926 G. Schirmer, all rights reserved. CCLI License #451603

Sermon Text

English Standard Version - Acts 2:22-36

22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know— 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. 25 For David says concerning Him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
27 For You will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let Your Holy One see corruption.
28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.’

29 “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
35 until I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Sermon Notes

Acts 2:22-36

Pastor Bill Lovell

"The Holy Trinity at Work"

Introduction

1. **God the Son at Work** (vv 22,23,24,31-33a,36)
2. **God the Father at Work** (vv 22,23,24,30,32,33)
3. **God the Holy Spirit at Work** (vv 22,33; 1:2; 2:4,17)
4. **The Holy Trinity at Work**

"The New Testament speaks of three personal agents, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, working together in the manner of a team to bring about salvation." J.I. Packer, Concise Theology

Church Life Notes

Today

1. **Happy Trinity Sunday!** Today, Trinity Sunday, is the second Sunday of Pentecost. It is a day we set apart each year to reflect very intentionally on the mysterious life and glorious work of the Holy Trinity.
2. **Serving Today:** The scheduled Liturgy Leader this morning is Paul Hartgrove. The scheduled Prayer Leader is Will Grover.
3. **Budget Preview:** If you are interested in the church budget for next fiscal year (starting July 1), please join us for a Budget Preview, today, immediately following the 10:15 service.
4. **MPC Youth Ministry:** Tonight, our large group meeting for all middle and high school youth, will meet from 6-8 pm at the church. **Cross Training will continue this Sunday.** If any youth are interested in singing or playing an instrument in youth group, please join us at the church at 5:15 pm.
5. **Prayer with the Pastor:** If you have something you'd like to pray about this morning, please speak to Pastor Bill Lovell.

Upcoming Activities & Events

6. **Sunday School at Metrocrest:** We offer discipleship opportunities for all ages:
 - **Children** - on break, restarting in the fall
 - **Youth** - on break, restarting in the fall
 - **Adults** - 9-10 am, through the summer. Will Grover is leading a highly interactive class on the book of Job.
7. **Ladies Night Out:** Please join us for our next Ladies' Hang Out on **Wednesday, June 7, at 7 pm** at Baja Rita's (253 W. Church Street, Lewisville 75057). Come out for food, fun, fellowship.
8. **Discovering Metrocrest:** Interested in joining MPC? Please speak to Pastor Bill.
9. **Christian Community Action:** Please join us on **Wednesday, June 21**, from 5:30-8:00 pm at CCA's food pantry, as we help with shopping, bagging, loading cars, and working the registers. For info, contact Paul Hartgrove at 972-816-2205 or via email at paul.hartgrove@gmail.com. We need about 8-10 volunteers. CCA is located at 200 South Mill Street in Lewisville.
10. **Youth Service Week:** Save the date! Our youth service week is coming up on June 26-30. If you have a project around your home that our youth can help with, such as painting, yard work, etc., please reach out to Joseph Marble. Stay tuned for more details.
11. **Life Change** for the month of June will be directed to purchasing Bibles and Christian materials for the **Carrollton Police Jail**, where Pastor Bill serves as a chaplain.

12. **Office Schedule:** Administrative Assistant Laura Stites' days in the church office have changed to Monday, Thursday, and Friday temporarily during the summer. The church phones will be forwarded to Laura's cell phone on those days she's at home. Pastor Bill is in and out during the week, so please call the church office before visiting.
13. **Men's Book Group:** Please visit Realm to view our Mission Statement and for details on how to make a recommendation on a book for us to read together this fall. If you have questions, please reach out to Paul Hartgrove (paul.hartgrove@gmail.com) or Christian Stewart (c.r.stewart1993@gmail.com) We're looking forward to having many of you join us this fall.

High Fives & Thanks

14. **Congratulations to Our School Teachers!** Metrocrest is home to several school teachers. As another school year ends, we want to congratulate each of you and thank you for a job well done! Here's to Jesse Camp, Hope Greisser, Will Grover, Judy Hartgrove, Margaret Marrs, Debra Miller, Ruth Joy Orr, Nick Rhodes, and Camma Smith, plus all Home School Moms and Dads.

Prayer Requests

15. **For Our Community:**
 - **First Responders:** Please thank God for police officers, firemen, emergency medical technicians, and all other first responders, and pray for their safety.
16. **For Our Church's Mission and Ministry:**
 - **Our Intern:** Please pray for our intern, Colton Huckaby, and for his friend Maurane Gisiger, who is visiting from the Netherlands.
17. **For One Another:**
 - **Kerry Buswell:** Please pray for Kerry's father, Brad, who is recovering from a heart attack.
 - **Jimmy Davis:** Please continue to pray for doctors to figure out what is causing Jimmy's persistent cough and to begin treatment; also please continue to pray for Jimmy's father, who is scheduled for surgery.

Welcome to Metrocrest! Please click [here](#) to fill out our welcome card. We would love to know that you worshipped with us today and share more about our church.



How can we pray for you? Metrocrest is a praying church! You can share your prayer requests with us in either of two ways: (1) use one of the cards found in the lobby; or (2) point your smartphone camera at this QR code to access a digital card. Please indicate whether your request is private or public. You may also request to pray with an Elder.

Thank you for your financial support! To fund our mission and ministry, Metrocrest depends on God's generous provision through you.

Last Week's Giving: \$7,064

Projected Giving to Date: \$460,620

Actual Giving to Date: \$394,505

Difference to date: + or - (- \$66,115)

Our budget fiscal year is July 2022 - June 2023. For budget information or stewardship assistance, you may contact the Treasurer Will Grover at treasurer@metrocrestchurch.org.



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