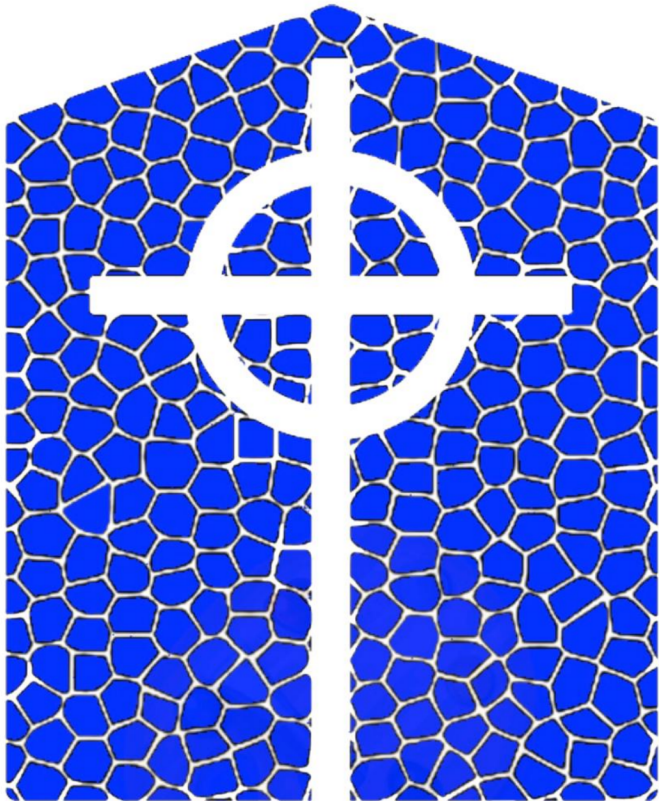


Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Trinity Presbyterian Church is called by God, through our
Lord Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
to be a worshiping, nurturing and serving community.

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Thoughts for Preparation
A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones. - Proverbs 17:22
A cheerful heart has a continual feast. - Proverbs 15:15b
Prelude "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Che
Welcome
Passing of the Peace
Chiming of the Hour
Introit
\* Call to Worship
Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!
For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting, and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.
Let us bring God our hearts, our thanks, and our praise!
\* Hymn #192 "Lord, the Light of your Love Is Shining" (Shine, Jesus, Shine)
Old Testament Lesson Genesis 18:1-15 (OT page 13)
18 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. 3 He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." 7 Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.
9 They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." 10 Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" 13 The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' 14 Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in

due season, and Sarah shall have a son." 15 But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!
Call to Confession
God's people, the church, have gathered to worship. It is here that we encounter the source of life itself.
One of the first acts of this joyful worship is to acknowledge that we have often missed the mark of our calling. Come, children of God, let us confess all those things that separate us from God and our neighbors. Please pray with me...
Prayer of Confession
Gracious God,
You created us for joy, yet too often we live with grim seriousness. We forget how to laugh, how to delight in Your goodness. Forgive us when we take ourselves too seriously, when pride keeps us from smiling at our own mistakes, and when fear keeps us from trusting Your promises.
Restore to us the gift of holy laughter, that our hearts may be light and our lives overflow with joy in You. We turn our hearts to you again now even as we offer our silent prayers of confession...
(Silent Prayer)
In the name of Jesus we pray.
Amen.
Promise of Grace
Hear the good news: Just as God turned Sarah's laughter of doubt into laughter of joy, so God meets us in our weakness and brings new life where we least expect it. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!
\* Gloria Patri (Hymn #581)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.
Faith Formation Pastor Joe
Anthem "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Faithfulness
Chancel Choir
God's Word to Us Genesis 21:1-7 (OT page 16)
21 The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. 2 Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. 3 Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5 Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. 6 Now Sarah said,



“God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” <sup>7</sup> And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

Meditation                      “Sarah’s Laughter”                      Rev. Joe Albright

\* Hymn #611                      “Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee”

\* Affirmation of Faith (*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.**

Offering Our Gifts To God

Offertory                      “Be Thou My Vision”  
Justin Rabe, Cello with Amanda Rabe, Soprano

\* Doxology (Hymn #606)

**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. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper  
*Invitation to the Lord’s Table*  
*Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer*

**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.**

*Sharing the Bread*  
This is the Body of Christ, the Bread of Life—given for you.

*Sharing the Cup*  
This is the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation—shed for you.

\* Hymn #765                      “May the God of Hope Go with Us (Song of Hope)”

Blessing

Postlude                      “Hymn to Joy”                      arr. Che

*\* Denotes please stand if able.*

**Welcome to Our Visitors**

*If you are worshiping here as a visitor, we extend to you our warmest welcome. We are so glad that you have joined us today! If you are looking for a church family, we would love for you to be part of our family. If we can be helpful in any way, please don’t hesitate to be in touch. Church Office: (386) 445-4757. If you would like more information about being a part of Trinity Presbyterian Church, feel free to contact Pastor Joe personally at (904) 392-5618 or [albrightfish@gmail.com](mailto:albrightfish@gmail.com)*

**WORSHIP NOTES**

Today, all of those who are able and/or are comfortable, are invited forward to the Lord’s Table to receive Communion, which will be served by intinction, which simply means receiving a piece of bread, dipping it into the cup, and eating them together. Gluten-free and pre-packaged elements will also be available for those who so desire.

**Greeters & Ushers:** Marti Benz, Ron & Penny Weidner, Bill & Sandy Boland, Susan Kopyar, Kathy Burns, Jon & Shari Hildebrandt

**Lay Reader:** Ginny Elgin                      **Audio Tech:** Steve Yeh


**Audio Visual:** Jeff Cooke, Ken Mettler, David Wheeler

**Flowers:** The flowers this morning are given by Bea & Mike Pison in celebration of their 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Children & Families:** Children are invited to the Children’s Worship Table after Faith Formation to enjoy the quiet activities. In addition Live-Stream of the Worship Service is available in Kepler or the Kid’s Room.

**Join us in prayer for our members and loved ones**

Margaret Barrett, Jason Bradley\*, **Jim Burns**, Jasper Casey, **Louisa Childs, Joe Digby\***, Dexter Eggo, Denita Fields, Hadley Gray, **Arlene & Hugh Highet, Bob Johnson**, Lucas Kelly, Brady Klefman, Bruce Lee, Joyce Lewis, **Florence Lyman, Gloria Martin, Judy Mascenic, Bobbi McCarthy**, Sue McCarthy, **Tom & Carol McGovern, Marilyn Nielsen**, Randolph Osgood, Paula Ouimette, **Tricia Rampersad, Helene Read**, Susan Roberts, Paul Robinson, Dean Samual, **Reatha Sarden**, Sara Shoreland, **Diane Simmons**, Greg Skyta, Ammons Smith, Bill Stumper, Sofia Tiley, **Ryan Tugas\***, Monique Warmington, **Lillian Warner**, Joanna Warren, Todd Whipper, **Matthew Winternheimer\*, Theodore Winternheimer\***

If someone is in need of prayer, please let the church office know. Those listed in bold are members of the church and the asterisk indicates active military service.					
<b><u>Celebrating Birthdays this Week</u></b>					
Robbie Boggs	9/8		Carol Kaser	9/10	
Thomas Clark	9/9		Toni Leslie	9/12	

**TPC 2025-2026 Book Selection and Lunch at Bob Evans**

Please join the TPC Book Club at Bob Evans on Thursday, September 11th at 11:00am. Enjoy a fun lunch and help choose the books for this year’s discussions. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Burns or Chris Baron. All readers welcome!

**Memorial Service-Walt Lippian**

The Memorial Service for Walt Lippian will be held on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the First Baptist Church of Palm Coast at 6050 Palm Coast Parkway.

**Bible Study**

On September 11, Pastor Joe will begin leading a weekly Bible study on Thursdays at 1:30pm in the Calvin Room. We’ll dive a little deeper dive into the scripture and message from the previous Sunday, and explore new applications for our everyday lives.

Open to everyone - I’d love to have you participate! -Joe

**New to Our Church? Interested in Learning More?**

Join Pastor Joe Albright for “A Cup of Joe with Joe” on Sunday, September 28th at 11am in Mehaffey Hall. Please email him at [albrightfish@gmail.com](mailto:albrightfish@gmail.com) for details.

**Where have all the flowers gone?**

Beautify our sanctuary by donating an arrangement to celebrate, honor or memorialize a loved one. The bulletin board in the narthex has all the information. You may take the arrangement home with you, or leave it and the Deacons will deliver it to someone who needs cheering up!

**This week in our Church (Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-12noon):**

**Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** – *Sacrament of Communion*

10:00 AM                      Worship Service

11:00 AM                      Kids’ Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

1PM-5PM                      Community Chorus Meet & Greet (Sanctuary, Mehaffey, Music Rm)

**Monday, September 8th**

9:30    AM                      Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

10:00 AM                      Service & Outreach Committee (Kepler)

1:00    PM                      Worship & Music Committee (Kepler)

5:00    PM                      CCPC Board Meeting (Kepler)

6:15    PM                      Cub Scout Pack 281 (Mehaffey, Calvin, classrooms)

6:30    PM                      Community Chorus Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:30    AM                      Facility Care Committee (Mehaffey)

2:00    PM                      Finance Committee Meeting (Kepler)

6:30    PM                      Scout Troops 281 & 4281 (Mehaffey, Calvin, Youth Rms)

**Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00    PM                      AA Meeting (Mehaffey)

**Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

10AM-12PM                      Librarian on duty (TPC Library)

11:00 AM                      TPC Book Club (Bob Evans Restaurant)

1:30    PM                      Bible Study (Calvin)

5:20    PM                      Youth Choir (Music Room)

6:00    PM                      Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

6:30    PM                      ALANON (Calvin)

**Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:30    AM                      Congregational Life Committee (Mehaffey, Kitchen)

12PM-5PM                      Rummy/Domino Group (Mehaffey)

7:00    PM                      NA Meeting (Calvin)

7:30    PM                      AA Meeting (Mehaffey)

**Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM                      Worship Service

11:00 AM                      Kids’ Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

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***Trinity Online Giving:***

