

**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
May 30th, 2021
First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday**

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm



Order of Online Worship for May 30. We will meet online for as long as people want to stay on at 10 am. The link will be posted on the website. The sanctuary is presently closed for in-person worship.

Call to worship

L: Holy are you, Source and Creator of all things;

P: We bring you our praise for your gift of life.

L: Holy are you, Son and Redeemer of all things;

P: We bring you our thanks for your gift of new life.

L: Holy are you, Spirit and Sustainer of all things;

P: We come to bear witness to your truth and worship your holy name, Ever Three and Ever One.

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: God of Mystery and Mercy, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we meet you in wonder as the Blessed Trinity. You are the Ancient of Days, eternal and unchanging; yet you are the Source of each new day, renewing all things. In Christ, you encounter us in whatever each day brings with a heart that beats in love for us. Through the Spirit, you breathe life into what is growing older, energizing us to serve you in good times and hard times. In the mystery of the Trinity, you are always with us and so we bring you our worship and praise to join in your dance of life and love, Holy One and Holy Three, now and ever more.

P: Holy and Healing God, slow to anger and swift to forgive, you have shown us the depth of your love day by day, yet we are reluctant to love others even a little. You have shown us compassion and forgiveness,

yet we turn away from one another for even small slights. We save our concern for those most like us. Forgive us. Create in us clean hearts and a desire to begin again with you and with one another. Give us the courage to forgive each other and know your healing grace.

L: Remember these words from St. Paul: From now on we regard no one from a human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away. See, everything has become new!

P: Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start through God's gift of forgiveness and peace!

Responsive Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

P: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

L: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;

P: worship the LORD in holy splendour.

L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

P: the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

L: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

P: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

P: the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

L: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

P: and Sirion like a young wild ox.

L: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

P: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

L: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

P: the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.

L: May the LORD give strength to his people!

P: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: (other lectionary readings below)

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Offertory: "I the Lord of Sea and Sky" M. Laur

Celebration of our Generosity

Message: "Isaiah was bored!"



Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction



Our young people challenge YOU to an evening of fun in an online Escape Room. Please let Joni know if you would like to attend. The Youth will be one team and Scott will lead another team. And Scott will definitely need help to solve the problems. Or you can form your own team! We will meet on **Saturday, June 5, 7:00 – 8:00 pm**. We encourage everyone to join us! **We need more people to join us!**

Here's a little description of our challenge: *"This has been your dream your whole life: to follow in the footsteps of one of the greatest spymasters in the world—Carmen. You just didn't think you would be doing it so literally. As one of the top graduates from a prestigious spy school, you are an ideal apprentice for any spymaster. Finally, the time has come for all of your skills to be put to the test! Carmen's puzzles will lead you around the world as you try to find where she has gone."*

Check out our stories, read-alouds, Bible readings, and activities for our children, online. They are posted each Saturday morning on our website and on the church Facebook page.



India is currently in the midst of a dramatic surge in COVID-19 cases, threatening its healthcare system and leaving already vulnerable families in crisis.

For more than a week, over 300,000 cases have been diagnosed daily. So far over 220,000 people have died in India and the crisis is only worsening.

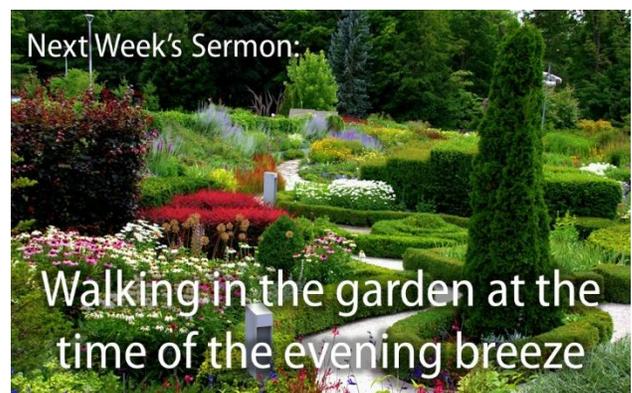


Immediate needs are access to health care, medical supplies, and medicines, particularly oxygen. There is an urgent need to educate people on risk prevention and address vaccine hesitancy. Vaccine supply is insufficient and inaccessible to many, leaving herd immunity out of reach.

Donations can be made on the PWS&D website or through church giving (mark your envelope accordingly).

There are some goodies in the mailbox at the church (the one marked “bulletins”) that is free for anyone to pick up. You will find:

- The May/June edition of Today
- The June/July edition of Our Daily Bread
- The spring edition of Presbyterian Connection
- Printed copies of this bulletin each week.
- Printed copies of Scott’s most recent sermon each week.



A reminder that next week will be a celebration of Communion. Please prepare communion elements (Bread and wine or whatever substitutes work for you) for each person who will be participating before you zoom in next week.

Other Lectionary Readings

Romans 8:12-17

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

John 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ ³ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ ⁵ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God

without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Mission Moment - May 30, 2021 (Trinity Sunday)

Supporting Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh

Four years ago, the Myanmar military began a campaign of violent attacks against the Rohingya. Widespread killing, torture, robbery, and assault forced over 700,000 Rohingya from their homes into neighbouring Bangladesh. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) responded and continues to do so. We are providing lifesaving food assistance and temporary shelter and ensuring that psychosocial support is available to those who need it. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the crowded refugee camps, PWS&D is helping ensure families have access to water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities. Families are also receiving food vouchers to help meet nutritional needs and boost the local economy.



Prayer Partnership

Sunday, May 30 (Trinity Sunday) We give thanks and pray for the ministry that the church does through Presbyterian World Service & Development's refugee sponsorship program to provide an opportunity for refugees to rebuild their lives with dignity.

Monday, May 31 We give thanks and pray for presbytery and synod clerks as they fulfill their responsibilities with wisdom, compassion, and precision.

Tuesday, June 1 We give thanks for the beauty of creation, and pray that the people and nations of the world are inspired to protect and care for the earth, as God intended.

Wednesday, June 2 We pray for children and young people who have been separated from friends and prevented from doing the things they love during the past year.

Thursday, June 3 We pray for the Presbyterian World Service & Development projects in Haiti that assist and strengthen children who suffer from malnutrition.

Friday, June 4 We pray for an end to child labour, as well as support for those who promote fair labour practices.

Saturday, June 5 We give thanks for the creative and supportive leadership of the Rev. Amanda Currie in her role as Moderator over the past two years.