# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*November 15, 2026 + 11:00 am Worship*

*As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation and preparation for worship.*

*+ Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in bold.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY
*O Mensch Bewein dein Sünde Gross* — Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rebekah LeMon

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Deuteronomy 6-8)

One: God provided for the Israelites with manna in the desert, day by day sustaining life, reminding us:
**All: We live not by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God.**
One: The journey to a land of promise required steadfast trust and faith, teaching us:
**All: Instead of putting God to the test, we trust in the steady work of the slow miracles always unfolding around us.**
One: When God's people reached the land of promise, Moses called them to remember the giver of all gifts and to turn from false gods.
**All: We revere and serve God alone, and by God's name we discern the truth.**

+OPENING HYMN
*#307 God of Grace and God of Glory* — CWM RHONDDA

+CALL TO CONFESSION — Hamilton Barnes

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you created the world and called it good.
You created us in your image.
You stamped us with your divinity and called us good.
But we are not you.
We think ourselves wiser than we are, stronger than we are, and more powerful than we are.
We are easily deceived.
We listen to half-truths and empty promises.
We are persuaded by those who tell us what we want to hear when you tell us what we need to hear.
We have tasted the fruits of temptation and deception and they are bitter in our mouths.**

**Forgive us, Lord.
Open our eyes. Give us new ears to hear.
Help us to clear away the noise of the deceptions that surround us so that we can live in your truth.
Restore us to right relationship with you.**

*(silence for personal prayers of confession)*

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Our Lord's death and resurrection were not to bring us into shame, but to bring us into the fullness of God's grace. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.
**All: Thanks to be God. Amen.**

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — HYMN TO JOY

**You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry. We respond in grateful worship joined in one community. When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole. Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward to your goal.**

*(tune may be found as Hymn #611)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING — Lucy Strong
Genesis 3:1-13 (pew Bible, OT p. 552)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING
2 Corinthians 11:13-15 (pew Bible, NT p. 185)
Ephesians 6:10-20 (pew Bible, NT p. 195)
One: This is the word of the Lord.
**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON — Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon
*The Power of Deception*

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

+AFFIRMATION RESPONSE — AMAZING GRACE

**The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

*(may be found as stanza 4 of Hymn #649)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER — Emily Beaver

**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.**

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY — Richard Farrant
*Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake*
Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before thee now and ever more.

+DOXOLOGY #606 — OLD HUNDREDTH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+CLOSING HYMN
*#463 How Firm a Foundation* — FOUNDATION

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE
*The Peace of God* — Henry Purcell

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY
*Final from Choral in A Minor* — Cèsar Franck

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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Hank & Kate Oliver
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MUSICIANS

The Chancel Choir of Trinity Church

Norman Mackenzie, *Organist and Director of Music and Arts*

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Brian Marcus to the glory of God and in loving memory of his mother, Pamela Tremayne.

## WELCOME

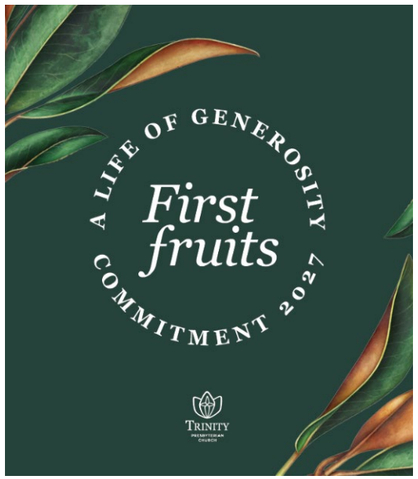
Welcome to Trinity. We are glad you are here.

**Children and Worship**
Children are always welcome in worship at Trinity! There are activity bags and children's books available at each entrance for children to use during worship, and there are children's Bibles in each pew. If you would prefer to have childcare, 0–4-year-olds will be in rooms D102 and D104.

**Prayer Requests**
If you are going through a difficult time, we would like to know how best to support you. To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, or if you need pastoral care after hours, reach out to any pastor or call 404-237-6491.

**Stephen Ministry**
Stephen Ministers are trained and committed laypersons who provide fully confidential, one-to-one, Christian support to those experiencing life challenges such as illness, loss, family changes, job/career changes, retirement, and other transitions. To inquire about Stephen Ministry, please contact a pastor or email stephenminister@trinityatlanta.org; Cindy Stancil at cindy.stancil@comcast.net or Scott Calhoun at sdc@hpsslaw.com.

**Livestream**
We livestream our worship services and provide online playback on demand. We also take videos and photos from time to time in the church (interior and exterior). With your presence, you grant Trinity Presbyterian Church unrestricted rights to use and publish, transmit or telecast your image or likeness in communications related to the church. If you prefer to sit outside camera range during the service, please speak with an usher.




Our annual commitment season has arrived! With grateful and open hearts, let us all pledge our financial support for God's ministry in and through Trinity church in 2027, giving to God our first and best.

Use the QR code to make your commitment and to learn more about our sermon series and classes this October.

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