



"I will bless you so
you will be a blessing"

Genesis 12:2



**Trinity Presbyterian Church
Arlington, Virginia**

**Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, June 7, 2026
Communion Sunday**

Second Sunday after Pentecost
Worshipping in the Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.



Service for the Lord's Day

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Second Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome.

We are glad that you are here.

As an inclusive community of faith, we welcome you just as you are.

We celebrate that God's love and grace extends to all, and affirm that each person has sacred worth.

So take a moment.

Breathe.

This service is livestreamed and recorded. People in the first eight pews might be visible on camera.

Prelude

Concerto in F Major (TWV 42:F14), mvmt. 1

G.P. Telemann

Alice Yates, flute; Mark Stanga, horn; Matt Wheeler, harpsichord

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Liturgist: Please stand in body or in spirit
and join me in the call to worship and opening prayer.

All: God of wind and fire,
When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.

Liturgist: God of mighty oceans and still waters,
All: **When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.**

Liturgist: God of bread and wine,
All: **When we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.**

Liturgist: So pour out your Spirit
All: **Let sacred waters flow**

Liturgist: Fill us with holy food.
All: **May our hearts and our hands be open wide
to receive your gifts of life. Amen.**

Song

Ancient of Days
Congregation

Robinson, Thompson, Farren, Reeves

Welcome and Announcements

Please take this time to sign and pass the red Friendship Pad.

Children's Message & Sacrament of Baptism for Isla Rose Smit, daughter of Brandon and Julie Smit

Affirmation of Faith

All: 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 the God the Father Almighty;
from thence he will 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.

Blessing of the Children

*Children are invited to attend Godly Play after the message or to remain in the sanctuary during worship.
Please be seated.*

All: You are God's beloved child; with you God is well pleased.

Greeting Time

Old Testament Reading

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the

Genesis 12:1-9

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persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

New Testament Reading

Romans 4:13-25

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For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that

he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

In the Beginning Stories: Blessed to be a Blessing

Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt, Pastor

Song

I Come with Joy
Congregation

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Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: God calls us ... the Lord's prayer:

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Words of Institution

The Kin-dom Feast is Shared

Prayer After the Supper

All: Holy, gracious, God,
Here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.
We have rested in the depth of your love;
We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence;
We accept you into our bodies, into our lives.
Together, at this table, you have offered us life.
Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer.
And we give you thanks. Amen.

Invitation to Stewardship

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Offertory

Concerto in F Major (TWV 42:F14), mv. 2: Loure
Alice Yates, flute; Matt Wheeler, harpsichord

G.P. Telemann

Prayerful Setting of Intentions

Please take this reflection time to set an intention for the week ahead. Your intention might be a response to today's worship, or it may be something that has been on your heart – a desire for change, an inner nudging, a move toward deeper discipleship. Write your intention down or note it on your phone and take it with you as you go.

Prayer of Dedication

All: We cannot number your blessings,
any more than we could count the stars.
For all your blessings we bless you.
May we live as in your presence.
May we love the things that you love.
May we serve you in our daily lives,
and be a blessing to others. Amen.

Song

Glorious Unfolding
Congregation

Chapman

Benediction

Postlude

Concerto in F Major (TWU 42:F14), mv. 3: Minuet
Alice Yates, flute; Mark Stanga, horn; Matt Wheeler, harpsichord

G.P. Telemann

*You are invited to stay and listen to the postlude or move to the gathering space for fellowship.
As you depart, please be mindful of those who remain in the sanctuary to listen.*

Song Lyrics

Ancient of Days

Verse 1

Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King
Reigning over all
So I will not fear
For this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

Chorus

None above Him none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days

Verse 2

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me
I am not alone
O His love is sure
And He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Verse 3

Though I may not see
What the future brings
I will watch and wait
For the Saviour king
Then my joy complete
Standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

Chorus

Tag

For my God is the Ancient of Days

I Come with Joy

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

Glorious Unfolding

Verse 1

Lay your head down tonight
Take a rest from the fight
Don't try to figure it out
Just listen to what I'm whispering to your heart
'Cause I know this is not
Anything like you thought
The story of your life was gonna be
And it feels like the end has started
Closing in on you
But it's just not true
There's so much of the story
That's still yet to unfold

Chorus 1

And this is going to be a glorious unfolding
Just you wait and see and you will be amazed
You've just got to believe
The story is so far from over
So hold on to every promise God has made to us
And watch this glorious unfolding

Verse 2

God's plan from the start
For this world and your heart
Has been to show His glory and His grace
Forever revealing the depth and the beauty of
His unfailing love
And the story has only begun

Chorus

Bridge

We were made to run through fields of forever
Singing songs to our Savior and King
So let us remember this life we're living
Is just the beginning of the beginning

Chorus 2

Of this glorious unfolding
We will watch and see and we will be amazed
If we just keep on believing
The story is so far from over
And hold on to every promise God has made to us
We'll see the glorious unfolding

Ending

Just watch and see (unfolding)
This is just the beginning
Of the beginning (unfolding)

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Intentional Through the Week at Home and in Small Groups

What does it mean to be a blessing to someone? Who will you bless this week?

My intention for this week is:

Morning Prayer for the Week

God, as I go through this day,
grant me your Spirit of wisdom,
that I may see the work you are doing,
join in with gratitude and gladness,
and be the blessing you have summoned me to be. Amen.

Evening Prayer for the Week

O God, I come to this evening with gratitude.
This day has offered blessings,
some noticed and others unnoticed.
May I rest well
and arise renewed
to greet another day,
filled with fresh blessings. Amen

Readings for the Week Genesis 12:1-9

(Read daily, and look for opportunities to discuss or contemplate these words)

Questions for Reflection

1. How do you understand the word blessing?
2. In what ways have you experienced blessing in your life?
3. What does it mean to be a blessing to others? Who will you bless this week and how

Intentional in Community

Consider using these reflection questions with a small group or prayer partner.
Share your intentions and/or your experience of living them out with someone else in the Trinity community.

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for the following friends and families of Trinity

Joys:

+ Celebrating the return of Sean Long, son of Petey and Richard Long, from military duty in the Middle East.

+ **Lucy Driskill** and her friend **Sarah Watchman** are on a six-month hike of the Appalachian Trail. We will keep the congregation posted on their journey.

Concerns:

+ Prayers for the family and friends of **Paul Sullivan**, who died on May 20.

+ Prayers for **Aaron Fulp-Eichstaedt**, **Pastor Judith's** husband, recovering at home following hospitalization for an infection.

+ Prayers for **Gabe Paulraj** for successful healing and recovery after recent orthopedic leg surgery.

+ Prayers for **Nancy Long**, sister of **Dan Campbell**, for healing and strength for dementia requiring 24/7 care.

+ Prayers for **Anna Marie Yates**, mother of **Alice Yates**, for her comfort and care, as she has been battling myelodysplastic syndrome; please also pray for wisdom in care-giving decisions.

+ Prayers for **Stephanie Irving**, aunt of **Cameron Pedretti**, with pancreatic cancer.

+ Prayers for **Jack Lutz**, brother of **Ted Lutz**, for his declining health and as decisions are being made about his future care.

+ Prayers for **Jean Meek**, in rehab at The Jefferson, after surgery for a broken leg.

+ Prayers for **Marilyn Scholl** as she is currently trying several alternative health practices to shrink or eradicate her breast cancer to avoid surgery.

+ Prayers for **Sandy Montgomery**, recovering at home after surgery for a broken ankle.

+ Prayers for all our military personnel currently deployed in the Middle East and beyond.

+ Prayers for **Beth Geiseman**, recovering after surgery for breast cancer and anticipating a second surgery.

+ Prayers for **Laura Mendelson**, mother of **Ellen Cathopoulos**, recovering from breast cancer surgery.

+ Prayers for **Ansley Calhoun** following surgery for a broken leg.

+ Prayers for relatives of **Randy Benn - Martie** (cancer), **Doug** (cancer), and **Jennifer** (bone infection).

+ Prayers for **Jean Chubb**, mother of **Nathan Chubb**, in treatment for pancreatic cancer.

+ Prayers for **Cathy**, a friend of **Pastor Judith**, in treatment for pancreatic cancer.

+ Prayers for **Theresa Dike**, a colleague of **Clay Guthridge**, who is recovering from a cerebral event. Theresa is walking and regaining some speech.

+ Prayers for those who are managing the needs of both children and aging parents.

+ Prayers for **Marilyn Brookens**, who is in a memory care facility in Iowa. Please send all correspondence to: Marilyn Brookens, c/o Alan Ostergren, 2506 7th Ave. Ct. SW, Altoona, IA 50009.

- + Prayers for love, stamina, and moments of joy for all who are caregivers and for those they care for.
- + Prayers for those in difficult family relationships: for mutual love, compassion, and understanding.
- + **Bill Plitt**, in treatment for multiple myeloma.
- + **Rowan Smith**, three-year-old great-nephew of **Laurie Setzer**, with cancer. Please pray for strength as cancer spots were recently found on his brain, and the doctors have given him 3-6 months to live.
- + **Jason Ferguson**, brother of **Janae Ferguson**, has a recurrence of cancer. Pray for another remission.
- + **Barry Schneider**, **Troy Schneider's** uncle, has ALS.
- + **Jackie Alling**, living at Vitality Assisted Living.
- + **Lani**, **Nene Pisigan's** cousin, and the mom of two young children, has a recurrence of cancer.
- + **Nene Pisigan's** parents in the Philippines are with long-term illness and financial hardship.
- + **Ron Shimabukuro**, friend of **Yvonne McIntire**, is recovering at home.
- + **Brooks Bare**, for strength, comfort, healing, and patience during his incarceration.
- + Prayers for those whose family members have died in ICE custody or during immigration enforcement actions.
- + Prayers for our country, that people who disagree can choose respectful and non-violent means of protest.
- + Immigrants and refugees all over the world are displaced by war, violence, poverty, and natural disasters.
- + Prayers for the innocent victims of war.
- + We pray for a lasting peace in Israel and Palestine and for the day when the people living in Israel and Palestine can live together without hostility, oppression, or fear.
- + **Fakhira Haloun**, a Palestinian Israeli and friend of **Priscilla Hoffman-Stowe**, and for all living through the trauma of the ongoing violence in Gaza and the wider region.
- + **Daoud and Jihan Nassar**, for safety and to retain ownership of their land in the West Bank.
- + For peace in Ukraine and an end to the Russian invasion of Ukrainian regions.
- + Genocide in Sudan and the conflict in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.
- + Prayers for wisdom for our leaders as they handle the situations in Venezuela and Cuba, and for the people who live there.

Trinity Presbyterian Church helps sponsor the missionary work of those who serve in the international field. We are currently supporting **Mark Adams** and **Miriam Maldonado** (husband and wife) on the US/Mexico border, and we continue to seek new ecumenical global partners to support as the PCUSA has shifted its model for international engagement.

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