

# Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

## Gathering

PRELUDE

*Traci Bopp, Keyboard*

*During the prelude, please take a quiet moment to prepare your hearts and minds for worship*

INTROIT “Hymn To The Trinity” *by John Leavitt* Chancel Choir; *Kim Lampe, Director*

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

*Rev. Dave Sippel, Pastor of Discipleship, Mission, and Outreach Leadership*

## Expansion of Our Hearts

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

*Based on Psalm 8*

Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ,  
inspired by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by God,

**We come to worship one, holy God.**

O God, our own God,  
how wonderful is your name in all the earth.

**Your majesty is the music of the starry skies,  
yet even children of dust can sing your praises.**

In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler  
let your gratitude and joy be made known.

**O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!**

*\*Today's Call to Worship was written by Bruce Prewer*

\*GATHERING SONG #209 *(Blue hymnal)* “**This Is the Day**” *Brooke Burgin, Song Leader*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*Chloe Roberts*

Holy and triune God,  
You alone live in perfect relationship,  
One God in three persons,  
Mutual and loving,  
Ever seeking reconciliation and unity.

**You have called us to live in your completion, yet**

**We confess that our relationships are imperfect and**

**We are incomplete without you.**

**We are selfish and greedy.**

**We are anxious and resenting.**

**We feel the shame of our foolish behavior and brokenness.**

**We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another**

**And from you.**

**Forgive us and restore us,  
Draw us close and bind us together in your mercy.  
May we long for wholeness and peace,  
May we strive toward gratitude and grace  
In the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ,  
By the working power of your  
Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

*\*Today's Prayer of Confession was written by Katherine Lee Baker*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE May the peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you!**

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Solid Rock” *arr. Hugh S. Livingston Jr.* Chancel Choir

## Reception of God's Word

PREPARATION FOR READING

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us  
in the reading of Holy Scriptures. **Our hearts and minds are open.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *(insert)* Genesis 1:1-1:28,31-2:4a (NIV) *Joann Warner, Reader*

MESSAGE "Let there be"

*Rev. Stacey Duensing Pearce, Pastor of Worship, Care and Strategic Leadership*

## Transformation of Our Lives

SONG OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE *(insert)* “**Creator**”

*by Phil Wickham, Kristyn Getty & Brian Fowler*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY #815 *(blue hymnal)*

## Compassion For the World

\*SENDING SONG #63 *(Blue hymnal)* “**All Creatures of our God and King**” v. 1,2,5

\*BENEDICTION This time of worship has ended. **Let the service begin.**

\*POSTLUDE

*\* Indicates to please stand, if able.*

*The altar flowers are offered in memory of Robert Paul Hudson, given by The Hudsons,  
and in memory of Karen Mazur, given by Kathy Crowley-Shea & John Shea.*



*Hearing assist technology is available during worship services. To find out how to connect your hearing aids or to borrow a hearing assist device, please see a greeter.*

Genesis 1:1-1:28,31-2:4a (NIV)

*1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

*3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.*

*6 And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." 7 So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. 8 God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.*

*9 And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.*

*11 Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. 12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.*

*14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. 16 God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, 18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.*

*20 And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." 21 So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." 23 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.*

*24 And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.*

*26 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."*

*27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."*

*31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.*

*2 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.*

*2:1 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.*

*4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.*

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks Be to God**

# Creator

## **Verse 1**

Praise Him all you creatures great and small  
Praise Him summer winter spring and fall  
Howling wind rushing streams  
Rolling hills and crashing seas  
Lift your voice and worship your Creator

## **Verse 2**

Praise Him gleaming moon and burning sun  
Praise Him all you spinning spheres above  
Shining stars golden beams  
Choir made of galaxies  
Lift your voice and worship your Creator

## **Chorus**

Holy  
You are holy  
Earth and heaven  
Sing forever  
Holy  
You are holy  
All creation  
Praise Creator

## **Verse 3**

Praise Him who stepped into what He made  
Paid our debt and pulled us from the grave  
Every heart He set free  
Every soul that's been redeemed  
Lift your voice and worship your Creator

## **Verse 4**

This my great and everlasting hope  
I've been saved and heaven is my home  
I can't wait for that day  
When I see You face to face  
For I was made to magnify my Maker  
Yes I was saved to walk beside my Savior  
I'm created to worship my Creator

## **[Chorus]**

*by Phil Wickham, Kristyn Getty & Brian Fowler*



## TODAY & THIS WEEK – MAY 31, 2026

**WELCOME TO FRC:** On fifth Sundays, we have one, kid-friendly worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. No Sunday school will be offered, but there will be packets for kids to use in worship. A continental breakfast will be offered prior to worship beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Friendship Hall. This Trinity Sunday, Pastor Stacey will preach on the creation story in Genesis 1 & 2. Her sermon is entitled "Let there be".

**ORGAN TEMPORARILY OUT OF COMMISSION:** There are ceiling repairs happening above the organ and so organ use will be on hold until the repairs are complete.

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### OUTDOOR WORSHIP & SUMMER SERVICE TIMES

#### BEGINNING FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 21:

**9:00 a.m. Outdoor Service in the Backyard of Friendly Manse (w/Livestream)**

**10:30 a.m. Indoor Sanctuary Service (Shorter Service, No Livestream)**

Join us for summer worship! Beginning June 21, we will offer two services each Sunday. An outdoor service will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the backyard of the Friendly Manse (chairs provided; feel free to bring your own). At 10:30 a.m., a shorter service will be held in the Sanctuary. Only the 9:00 a.m. service will be livestreamed, with indoor viewing available in Friendship Hall for those needing relief from heat, bugs, or space for children. In case of rain, the early service will move to the Sanctuary.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** Beginning in June, the office will be operating on summer hours. We will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. This schedule continues through Labor Day.

## THINGS TO KNOW

### "EXPANDING OUR WELCOME" - A CHURCH LISTENING

**PROCESS:** The FRC Consistory is inviting our whole faith family into a listening process about expanding our welcome....especially to members of the LGBTQ community. Please read more about the whole process in the most recent cover article in the Go Forth. Copies of the Go Forth are in the back of the worship space. There are ongoing sessions you can join in. Group Listening Session on Monday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Blue Room. The Bible Study dates are Tuesdays, June 9 & 23 from 7-8:30 p.m. and/or Sunday, June 14 from 12:30-2 p.m. There is also an opportunity to sign up for a personal session with consistory. To sign up for any of these options, go to the Welcome Center in Friendship Hall. You can also use this QR code to sign up online specifically for the group listening sessions.



### VBS REGISTRATION OPEN NOW - RAINFOREST FALLS

**AUGUST 3- 7 FROM 9 AM-NOON:** Registration for our 2026 Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School is open for kids age 5 through 6th grade. The \$35 per child registration fee includes all our program supplies, a daily snack, a t-shirt, and music download card. Space is limited for participants and volunteers are needed. Register on the church website under Grow/Children & Youth/Spark Kidz

## MISSION/OUTREACH/SUPPORT

**FRC NEEDS TO REPLACE OUR CHURCH VAN:** Our vibrant FRC youth ministry relies on the FRC van for transportation to their yearly retreats, mission trips, and even local outings. Pastor Dave and a fundraising team are aiming to raise \$40,000 for a used Ford Transit 15-passenger van. You can give online on our website to the "Van Fund".

**YOUTH MINISTRY BEEFSTEAK FUNDRAISER FRIDAY, JUNE 12 TO SUPPORT OUR "VAN FUND":** Please consider coming to a wonderful night of beefsteak dinner and fellowship with your church friends. The dinner will be held at the Bloomingdale Firehouse on Hamburg Turnpike. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Bloomingdale Fireman's Hall, 97 Hamburg Turnpike, Bloomingdale, NJ 07403. Tickets are \$65 per person. Please go online to purchase your tickets now. You can also bring a check to the office to register. See the May/June Go Forth for more details. [https://givebutter.com/2026\\_frc-van\\_beefsteak](https://givebutter.com/2026_frc-van_beefsteak)

### MAY COMMUNION OFFERING - EAGLECREST ALASKA

**MISSIONS:** Through community projects, day camps, cookouts, and special events, Eaglecrest brings the presence of Christ to the people they serve. Donations may be given by check, placed in the collection during worship, or made securely online through our website under "Mission of the Month". Please make checks payable to FRC and note "May Communion" in the memo line.

**TRAVEL SIZE ITEMS NEEDED:** We continue to collect travel size hygiene items for Bessie Green. There is a box outside the office, or they may be left in the Food Pantry closet in the Friendship Hall lobby. Reminder - FRC is NOT accepting any clothing or household goods at this time. PLEASE do not leave bags of these items on the property.

### PEQUANNOCK FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED LIST:

\*Packaged milk, especially 1% and 2%, \*Stewed tomatoes  
\*Pudding and Jell-O cups, \*Shampoo and Conditioner  
\*Salad dressing, French, blue cheese, vinaigrette, \*Pickles and olives in jars, \*Rice Sides and Pasta Sides, \*Dish detergent, \*Coffee – regular, decaf, and instant, \*Rice in microwavable cups, \*Instant potatoes in pouch or microwavable cups, \*Canned or pkg fruit especially mandarin oranges, apricots, and pears, \*Sugar, 1-2 lb

bags, \*Beef broth, box or cans, \*Microwavable meals, esp. Nissen bowls, Pasta Sauce, Baked Beans, Canned Chicken, Tissues, Toilet paper, Spam and Vienna sausages, Jelly (variety), Peanut Butter, Cleaning Products, Paper towels, Snacks, especially chips, pretzels and crackers, Nuts and dried fruits, Beverages of all kinds, esp. juice

*\*Indicates most needed*

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

**FUEL YOUTH GROUP:** Middle school and high school youth are invited for snacks, activities and a lesson to get growing. FUEL meets in Friendship Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friends are always welcome!

## PRAYERS & CONCERNS

### UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES:

**Karen Mazur**, May 31 at 2 PM in the sanctuary followed by a repast in Friendship Hall

**Bart Liberti (Whitney Brewer's husband)**, June 7 at 2 PM in the sanctuary followed by repast in Grace Chapel

**Debbie Priestner**, June 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

### WITH APPRECIATION:

*"Dear FRC friends, Thank you so much for your support during my recent back injury. I felt God's presence through your kind and caring actions. Whether you sent me a card, called me to just talk, sent me a meal, or drove me to an appointment each action was deeply appreciated. What a fabulous FRC family we have! Love, Sue Breznak"*

### CONCERNS:

**Prayers for peace** in the Middle East, especially between the United States, Iran, Israel and Lebanon. Prayers of protection for US service members who are deployed.

Prayers for **Rev. Linda** serving the hungry and homeless in Lebanon who are displaced due to war. Linda is connected in mission to us through our Classis and Ponds Reformed Church. Pray for her ministry that God will supply resources in great need, and for peace and strength for her spirit.

**Katie Wilson**, Ed and Linda Wilson thank you for all your prayers. They continue to work! As always God is listening and responding. Katie is doing well with the stents and recovering quickly from the surgery to remove her ovaries. Uplifting / funny cards are welcome at 130 E Hartwell Ln. Philadelphia, PA

**Ann**, friend of Eileen Bundz, has cancer and will be starting treatments next week.

**Tom Larkin**, undergoing radiation treatments. Prayers for successful results. Cards to 3 Fairview Ave., Pequannock 07440

**Jane Young**, transferred to Care One.

**Marlene**, Jo Bradford's cousin, will begin palliative care.

**William DeBell**, Susan's husband, health concerns

### LONG TERM CONCERNS:

**Lois Wickham**, **Michael Angelucci** (son of Gail Trappe's friend), **Michele Brauman** (sister-in-law of Joanna Minassian & Meg Sturm), **Jamie Spillane** (college classmate of Karen & Tom Kamp), **Jennifer Carpentieri**, **Cindy**, **Anna Miller** (future daughter-in-law of Kathy & John Shea and future niece of Judy Shivy) **Joyce Gruzdis**, **Michael Clark** (Sharon Hollick's son-in-law), **Peggy Biondi** (friend of Amy Muller) receiving chemo, **Beverly Adams** (Jennifer Adams' mother) blood cancer, **Carol** (friend of Leeanne Leck) pancreatic cancer, **Sue Rayner**, lung cancer, **Kristen**, vision issues, **Christopher Martin** (Pat Lento's relative) myocarditis, **Steven Janowicz** (son of former members Joyce and George), **Colleen Erickson** (niece of Rose & Frank Chara), **Lorraine Nichols**, **Judy Napoli**, **Karen Milligan**, **Heather** (Tony's daughter-in-law), **Nancy Crefeld** (Pete's mom), **Kathryn Dontje** (Barbara Ball's daughter), **Brenda** (Barbara Ball's daughter), **Judy Lento** (Pat Lento's sister in law), **Charles Cunningham**, **Jim**, (Lynn Rayner's brother), **Candace** (Jane Young's sister), **Amy Griffith**, **Adele Ebert** (Shell's mom), **Johanna Clark** (sister of Michael Clark)

## FINANCIALS

### HOW TO DONATE TO FRC:

**In Person:** Drop your check at the office or place it in kiosk or the offering plate during worship.

**Give Electronically:** You can have your weekly or monthly contribution debited from your checking or savings account and transferred directly into the church account safely and electronically. Visit our website [www.firstreformedchurch.com](http://www.firstreformedchurch.com) and choose the blue "Donate" button. You can also scan the QR code



<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		
	Week Ending	
	5/17/2026	5/18/2025
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,147.00	\$ 1,224.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 6,188.40	\$ 5,015.60
Total Weekly Contributions	\$ 8,335.40	\$ 6,239.60
Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)*	\$ 717,863.84	\$ 665,510.00
Weekly Goal*	\$ 13,805.07	\$ 12,798.27
Weekly Collection Surplus/Deficit	\$ (5,469.67)	\$ (6,558.67)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (61,242.52)	\$ (65,677.95)

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	Week Ending	
	5/24/2026	5/25/2025
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,595.00	\$ 2,887.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 5,246.70	\$ 5,018.10
Total Weekly Contributions	\$ 7,841.70	\$ 7,905.10
Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)*	\$ 717,863.84	\$ 665,510.00
Weekly Goal*	\$ 13,805.07	\$ 12,798.27
Weekly Collection Surplus/Deficit	\$ (5,963.37)	\$ (4,893.17)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (67,205.89)	\$ (70,571.12)