TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 1, 2026

GATHERING AND PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!

PRELUDE: "Agincourt Cathedral Fanfare" *Gordon Young*

Readying Our Hearts (A time of silent prayer and reflection in preparation for worshiping God together.)

Scripture for Reflection and Memorization: Romans 16:27

"To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen."

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 46)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.
Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.
People: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts.
Leader: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
People: Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations He has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the shields with fire.
All: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

PRAYER OF ADORATION/INVOCATION

*GATHERING SONG: #106 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 1:1-7, 14-17 (Pew Bible pp. 1746-1747)

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God -- the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. . . .

I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed-- a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.
People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison prayer after a time of silent personal confession.)

God of light, we have been so blind when truth has been so clear. Instead of looking at our world with the eyes of Christ, we have chosen to see things from our own narrow perspective, and have responded to the needs of our world out of self-interest. Instead of seeking to discern the Spirit's leading, we have been more attuned to our wants, and have missed Your way. Forgive our failure to follow in the path of love's clear leading. Give us faith that trusts when it cannot see. And enable us to be guided by the Light that is Christ, Who is the bright Morning Star, and through Whom we can be that light to our world that You call us to be.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (adapted from Eph 1: 4-8)

Leader: God chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will -- to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves. In Christ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He has lavished on us, to the praise of His glory. Know therefore, that through faith in Christ Jesus you are forgiven of the guilt of your sins, and receive God's peace.

***All:** (*Gloria Patri*)
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.

ENCOUNTERING GOD THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 3:1-12 (Pew Bible p. 1820)

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles –

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "God Is Worthy of Our Praise" *Lloyd Larson*
Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 16:25-27 (Pew Bible pp. 1769-1770)

Now to Him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith -- to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! **Amen.**

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Romans: Soli Deo Gloria -- For the Glory of God Alone"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD THROUGH AFFIRMATION, OFFERING, AND PRAYER

*SONG OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

"Revelation Song" *Jennie Riddle*
Acoustic Worship Team

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing, "Praise to the King of kings!"
You are my everything and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lighting rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be
To You, the only wise King. (Chorus)

I'm filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name.
Jesus Your name is power, breath and Living Water,
Such a marvelous mystery. (Chorus)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND OFFERING

Invitation

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

(The first official doctrinal statement of the whole Christian church, it developed from the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325, was later revised at the Council of Constantinople in A.D. 381, and was finally adopted at the Council of Chalcedon in A.D. 451. The form below is a contemporary English version.)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements and the Giving of Our Offering

"We Sing Alleluia" *Walt Harrah*
Acoustic Worship Team

Verse 1
The Lord is in His holy temple. The Lord is on His heavenly throne.
We bring our praises unto Jesus, for all the love that He has shown.

Chorus: **Singing alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
Singing alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 2
We sense the beauty of His presence; we hear the great triumphant shout.
The Lamb for sinners slain is worthy. How can we keep from crying out? (Chorus)

Verse 3
The Lord is in His holy temple, and we are in His presence now.
The ones who've gone before have gathered as one before the Lord we bow. (Chorus)

(For those joining us in the Sanctuary this morning, you are invited, as you come forward to receive the Communion Elements, and as you feel so led, to place your offering in one of the plates up front. For those unable to be with us physically, you are encouraged to partake of the elements in your home at this time. Also, for those unable to join us in worship, we invite you to set aside your offering as an act of personal dedication at this time, either to be mailed in, dropped off at the church, or brought in when you are able to join us in worship. Let this time be one of receiving from and offering yourself to our Lord -- to the praise of His glory.)

Prayer of Self-Commitment and Dedication of Offering

*Sung Response (Doxology)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER OF INTERCESSION/SUPPLICATION

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.

BRINGING OUR WORSHIP INTO OUR WORLD

*SENDING SONG: #66 "To God Be the Glory"

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved he the world that he gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

*BENEDICTION: (Romans 15:5-6)

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "March Romaine" *Charles Gounod*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Note: Church's email address – **office@trinitychurchtroy.org**. Website address – **www.trinitychurchtroy.org**.)

1. If you would like to help support the work of Hope 7 in our local community, we encourage you to drop off **non-perishable food items, toiletries and other hygiene items** either at Trinity Church, or at Hope 7 directly (M-F 9:30-11:45), or call Sue Laz (518-892-4042) to arrange for a pick-up.

2. **We are receiving new or gently used clothes for the Capital City Rescue Mission** (CCRM). There is a box in the narthex for donations. You may bring your items to the church or call Sue Laz to arrange for a pick-up.

3. **Church "business-style" cards** are available in the narthex. You are encouraged to take some to hand out as you invite others to join us in worship.

4. **Sunday morning prayer, 8:30-9:00am** in the Prayer Room/Library. Join us as we pray for Sunday's worship as well as other needs, concerns, praises, and thanksgivings.

5. **Adult Sunday morning study** meets before worship (9:15-10:00am). We are currently studying the topic of World Religions using the book "World Religions and Cults" by Bickel and Jantz. All are encouraged to join us. **(Please note that there will be no Wednesday Evening Zoom Bible studies until the New Year since we'll be starting a topical sermon series to extend through December.)**

6. **Church Directory**, copies of the updated church directory are available in the narthex.

7. **Blood Drive – Saturday, November 7 from 8:30 – 12:30**. Please pray that all appointments will be filled to help save lives. If you can help by either assisting donors to get checked-in, or being at the refreshment table to make donors feel welcomed and socialize with them, or supplying baked goods, granola bars or oranges, please speak with Peter.

8. **Veterans Recognition, November 8th --** We will be recognizing service personnel who have served or are currently serving. To include someone in this recognition please speak with Sue Laz, call the church office at 518-283-2420 or send an email to office@trinitychurchtroy.org with their name, branch of service and dates of service.

9. **Revive Prayer Gathering, November 11th from 6:15-7:15.** We will gather to share a meal together, have a brief devotional time, and spend time together in prayer for revival and awakening in our hearts, in the church, and in our community. Pulled pork, rolls, and a green salad will be provided for the meal. You are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert to share – but it is not required.

10. **Fall Senior's Gathering – Saturday, November 14 from 1:00 – 4:00**. Enjoy delicious food, time to relax and visit with friends, and plenty of fellowship, laughter and fun. We'll have a lighthearted fun trivia that everyone can enjoy, nothing too difficult. Please **RSVP to Kelly by November 8** so we can order the proper amount of food.

11. **Free copies of the Upper Room (Nov/Dec edition)** are in the literature racks located by the sanctuary and side door entrances of the church.

12. **Pledge Sunday is November 8, 2026.** Please return your pledge sheet by November 8 even if you choose not to pledge for 2027, so our Stewardship Committee can account for all the pledges and plan appropriately for our 2027 Budget. Thank you.

13. **Please turn in your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox(es) by Sunday, November 15** so they can be brought to the local distribution site on time to be delivered to children around the world. Thank you for your prayers for and generosity toward this ministry.