



# The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

Celebrating Trinity Sunday and our Sunday School Program

Sunday, May 22, 2016

11:00 a.m.

Questions for reflection, before, during, and after this morning's service: Trinity Sunday is not so much a day for explanations as it is a day for reflection on the majesty and mystery of the fullness of God: God as Creator, Lawgiver, the One who performs mighty acts; God as Messiah and Lord, Savior, Liberator, known to us in Jesus Christ; God as Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, Advocate, Comforter. How does thinking of God in this Trinitarian way inform, even increase, your understanding of God? Do you experience God, or relate more easily to God, in one of the three "Persons" of God more than the other two? What causes you to relate to God more closely in this way?

### *Gathering*

As you come to worship, take a few moments to bring yourself before God—your present state of mind and preoccupations, as well as your desire to meet God during this time.

[Our service begins when the voluntary begins, and we turn our attention toward God, in worship.]

The \* indicates where the congregation stands; **bolded responses** indicate congregational responses.

VOLUNTARY    *"O Lux Beata Trinitas"* (O Trinity of Blessed Light)

*—medieval Trinitarian hymn, setting by Camil Van Hulse*

GREETING AND WELCOME

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,

**we behold in the splendor of creation your majesty and our responsibility.**

O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,

**we behold in the face of Jesus Christ your divinity and our humanity.**

O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,

**we behold in the Spirit of truth your glory and our calling.**

Bound to you forever, we will ever praise your name!

**Blessed are you, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit!**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

\* OPENING HYMN 4 *Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich*  
"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

[Our Prayers will begin with a time for silent confession; then the Minister will conclude the prayers of forgiveness.]

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Brothers and sisters: God loves us, cares for us, forgives us, and even crowns us with honor and glory.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

\* SUNG RESPONSE 645 verse 1 *Mit Freuden Zart*  
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

♪ "Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!" ♪

\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, as you seek God's love and joy among the peoples of the world!

**And also with you!**

Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A LETTER TO GOD'S FAMILY IN ROME Romans 5: 1-5 [Page 155]

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 16: 12-15 [Page 110]

The wisdom of God for all people; the call of God for all who live.

**Thanks be to God.**

Celebration and Recognition of our Sunday School Program

REPORT CARDS

RECOGNITIONS OF STUDENTS & TEACHERS

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

\* BLESSINGS

Word Proclaimed

ANTHEM "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" --Norwich

*This is a setting of a hymn by a late Medieval English mystic, Julian of Norwich, by Zebulon Highben*

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world. CREATOR, source of ev'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun. Mothering CHRIST, you took my form, offering me your food of light, grain of life and grape of love, your very, body for my peace. Mothering SPIRIT, nurt'ring one, in arms of patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.

SERMON --Rev. David Stipp-Bethune

**"Outward, not Upward!"**

Response in Faith

\* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH --The Confession of Belhar, adapted

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. AMEN.**

\* HYMN 11 *Aberystwyth*

"Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud"

Response in Giving

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

[The Minister leads the prayers, and we conclude by praying our Lord's Prayer as indicated below.]

...In Christ Jesus, let us pray together, using as our words the ones he taught us:

**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.**

GIVING UPDATE

## INVITATION TO PRESENT GOD'S TITHES, OUR GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

“David's Farewell Prayer” --Gilbert M. Martin

Blessed are you, O Lord, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the glory, the splendor and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great, and to give strength to all. And now, O God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name. Lord, watch over this house of God forever; shape the purpose and the thoughts of your people and direct their hearts to you.

\* SUNG RESPONSE # 1 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” Verse 4 --Nicaea

♪ “Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!” ♪

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Holy God, you have poured out so much for us—the beauty of the world, the care of family and friends, meaningful labor, and the gift of the church. We give you thanks for these and many other gifts. Most especially, we thank you for pouring your love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Through these offerings, may your love spill over in glad abundance that brings relief, renewal, and hope to those in need. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### *Sending*

\* HYMN

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*Perichoresis*

“The Play of the Godhead”

\* ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* BLESSING & CHARGE

\* VOLUNTARY

“*Te Deum*”

--Denis Bédard

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While our worship service ends, our Christian service is just beginning...

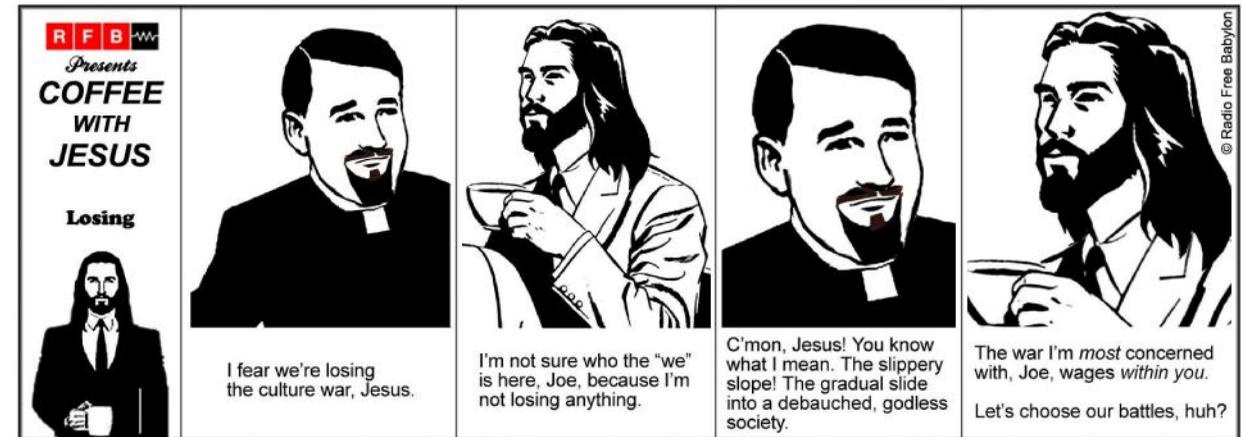
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**The flowers for This Morning's Worship Service** were generously shared with us by the Hiebert Family in memory of loved ones.

**Leading This Morning's Worship Service Are:** Georgia Marshall Schrom, Minister of Music; Rev. David Stipp-Bethune, Pastor; Vicki Murphy, Worship Leader; and our Senior Choir.

**Service Notes for This Morning's Worship Service:**

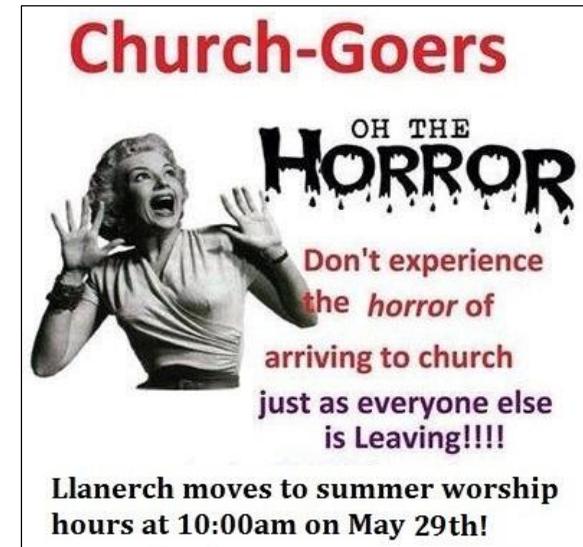
1. Our Call to Worship, Prayer of Dedication, and parts of our Great Prayer of Thanksgiving were suggestions or adapted from the Feasting on the Word worship Companion: liturgies for Year C, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long.



## Happening @ Llanerch:

On Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> we return to our SUMMER WORSHIP TIME, 10:00AM! You don't have to change your clocks, but you do need to change your Sunday morning routine! Just mark your calendar that on Memorial Day Weekend we move worship to 10:00am—and it'll stay that way for the duration of the summer, or through Labor Day Weekend!

Be sure to bring your “homework assignment” with you NEXT SUNDAY, when we worship at 10:00am and get ready to bless the end of school and the beginning of summer! We have a special part of worship designed for everyone!



You can already start signing up and getting excited for Vacation Bible School. We need leaders, volunteers, supporters, helpers, teachers, decorators, and pray-ers! VBS is July 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>!

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**A Psalm for the End of My School Year and the Beginning of Summer!**

*Praise God for people, subjects, and activities at school:*

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*Tell God about the things you are sorry about from school this year*

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*Tell God what you are looking forward to this summer*

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*Write or draw a last line for your psalm.*

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**PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP WITH US:**

11 a.m. on Sunday Mornings

**WE REALLY DO WANT TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK:**

Our hope and prayer is that our worship services, programs, and ministry opportunities are both meaningful and helpful to you, and we'd appreciate knowing how well or how not-so-well that we're doing. Comments, feedback, and helpful criticisms are welcome—please make notes or suggestions, and sign them. You can drop them off, mail them to the church office, or e-mail them to the church office or pastor. Please be aware we can only consider signed responses. Thank you for your help.

**PARTICIPATE IN THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER:**

Our congregation believes and attests to the power of prayer. We pray "together" in church and we pray "together" as individuals. Here are some of the things we are praying:

**For the Graduating Classes of 2016 | For the victims of domestic and sexual violence | For Jack Bellwoar** (who suffered a stroke and has other major health complications) and **for Gail | For Phoenix Hoyle, June Hoyle's grandson** (June is our Preschool Director) | **For Kelly DiIorio's Mother** (who is fighting lung cancer) | **For Matthew | For Ben | For Father John Denny** (fighting cancer) | **Thanksgiving and safe-keeping for first responders, good neighbors, helping people, and disaster planning | For our congregation in our New Beginnings discernment small group meetings | For our congregation, our elders and deacons, our pastor | Our Church Staff:** Kelly DiIorio, Georgia Schrom, David Pokorny, and Rev. David Stipp-Bethune | **Our Preschool staff, students, and families | For the Families, Friends, Communities, and our nation in the wake of the circumstances that led to the loss of life--that justice may roll down like waters.**

By adding these prayers to your personal prayers, we engage God together.

**PARTICIPATE IN HELPING OTHERS:**

We receive gifts for CHESTER EASTSIDE MINISTRIES food and outreach ministries on the third Sunday of each month. **Our next offering is Sunday, June 19th!** Please bring your gifts to worship on June 19th and include them in the special dedication during worship!

## Your Session would like you to be aware...

We're committed to keeping communication open and being transparent about our financial situation. Below is the First Quarter Comparative Financial Statement. You will notice that our Special Contributions are substantially ahead of the budget, due to receiving a large bequest.

In the next few weeks, there will be an opportunity to for you to hear an in-person report and ask questions. In the meantime, you're welcome to peruse the numbers and work on your questions.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE GENERAL FUND			
ACTUAL VS BUDGET			
YEAR TO DATE AS OF MARCH 31st			
	2016	Budget	Difference
<b>INCOME</b>			
Plate	871.00	600.00	271.00
Adult	30,133.36	28,500.00	1,633.36
Special Envelopes	1,796.23	1,350.00	446.23
Investment Income	1,554.12	750.00	804.12
Special Contributions	50,902.12	4,350.00	46,552.12
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>85,256.83</b>	<b>35,550.00</b>	<b>49,706.83</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Ministry of the Gospel	19,201.83	19,105.00	(96.83)
Worship & Music	5,872.86	5,889.00	16.14
Maintenance of the Church	7,683.25	8,118.75	435.50
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Christian Education	238.99	437.50	198.51
Administration	8,480.71	9,326.75	846.04
Financial	789.91	1,156.25	366.34
Mission & Evangelism	140.00	1,600.00	1,460.00
Parish Life	-	203.75	203.75
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>47,208.50</b>	<b>50,187.00</b>	<b>2,978.50</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>38,048.33</b>	<b>(14,637.00)</b>	<b>52,685.33</b>

## JOIN US FOR Vacation Bible School 2016 "Surf Shack" July 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>!



- ) For Children ages 3-12 years
- ) Open to everyone—all are welcome!
- ) Certified Staff and volunteers
- ) VBS meets 9am – 12noon all five days with a snack included
- ) Music, Science, Bible Story, Recreation, Crafts, and Fun
- ) \$30 Registration/child INCLUDES free T-Shirt!

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Contact our Church Office at 610-789-1639 to receive a registration form in the mail or by e-mail.

You can also download the registration form from the VBS page on our website:  
[http://web.lanerchpres.org/?page\\_id=84](http://web.lanerchpres.org/?page_id=84)





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Members of the Congregation

## OUR MISSION

The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch is an inclusive Christian community whose members have been: saved by God's grace, united by God in Jesus Christ, and given by God as a light to the nations. Our mission is patterned after the example of Jesus Christ, who came "not to be served but to serve." To that end, we seek to think with the mind of Christ, to love with the heart of Christ, and to act as the Lord requires, doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God.

## WELCOME!

We are grateful that you are choosing to worship with us! Worship at "Llanerch" is our signature event each Sunday, and we hope and pray that you find today's service meaningful and that you experience authentic fellowship with our faith community. Child care for younger children is provided in our nursery (ask one of our ushers if you need directions) and a time of fellowship with coffee and treats follows our worship service. Information about our ministry and activities is included in our bulletin and in the brochure in your pew. You may also connect with us online at [www.llanerchpres.org](http://www.llanerchpres.org) or find us on Facebook (The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch). Our pastor is Rev. David Stipp-Bethune and can be contacted through the church office, or the Pastor's Study at 610-789-1820, or via e-mail: [revdrstipp@msn.com](mailto:revdrstipp@msn.com).

## KNOW YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO JOIN US IN THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

- Today            05/22 We celebrate our Sunday School Program and Trinity Sunday in Morning Worship! Worship is followed by an Ice Cream Party for the whole congregation!
- Monday         05/23 Deacons meet at 7:00pm. Christian Education Team meets at 7:30pm.
- Tuesday        05/24 The Church Has Left the Building Organizational Meeting at 1pm at the Woodlands Presbyterian Church.
- Thursday       05/25 The Generosity and Finance Team meets at 7:00pm.
- Sunday          05/29 We celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; and our worship time moves to our summer schedule, 10:00am!



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