

West Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church
Belleville, Pennsylvania



May 26, 2024
Trinity Sunday

Congregation reads text in BOLD

*If you are comfortable doing so, please stand.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PRAYER:

Faith seeks understanding and grows in the acceptance of mystery. The Trinity is one of the greatest mysteries of faith. Even Calvin did not seek to explain the Trinity, rather turned believers to the Scriptures that it might be revealed to them. Perhaps the essence of the Trinity is limitless and nameless love or as Augustine suggests: the unity of “one that loves, and that which is loved, and love itself.”

God, our Trinity, we thank you for the ways you are revealed to us. If ever we seem to lack evidence of your presence, let us be wrapped in the mystery of your love. Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God our Creator, we call You Father, Mother, Author of Life:

Draw us closer to You, O God.

Christ our Savior, we call You the Son, the Messiah, the One who Saves:

Draw us closer to You, O God.

Holy Spirit, we call You the Advocate, the Inspirer, Breath and Wind of God:

Draw us closer to You, O God.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory:

Draw us closer to You, O God.

Draw us in, Spirit, Christ and Creator, that we might journey with You more fully and deeply, in this life and beyond. Amen.

* HYMN: PH #139 *Come Thou Almighty King* (verses 1-3)

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

(based on Romans 8:12-17)

The separation we feel from God’s Spirit is not our ultimate reality. Acknowledging those things that distract us from God’s call on our lives can re-center our work, our play, and the flourishing of the community. Let us confess responsively that which we may need to acknowledge in order that we may live fully.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

For times we embrace war when you call for peace.

Forgive us.

For times we dehumanize our neighbor instead of loving them.

Forgive us.

For times we serve powers and principalities rather than you, our Servant Savior.

Forgive us.

For times we domesticate you to our national or tribal identities.

Forgive us.

For selectively hearing your good news of grace for us without considering the same for others.

Forgive us.

For seeing ourselves less than the full person you created in beauty with delight.

Forgive us and grant us peace.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** (John 3:16-17)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.” Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

***PEACE OF CHRIST:**

The Peace of Christ be with You!!

And, also with You.

***GLORIA PATRI:**

*Glory to be 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.*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (based on Romans 8)

May these words read be the soil from which the mystery of your presence in our world and in our lives may emerge. May your wisdom flower within the yet still broken vessels of our

flesh that, body and spirit, we may flourish with you in joy in order that the world, the very cosmos, may be born again.

SCRIPTURE:

First Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

MESSAGE: *A Mystery to be Known Not Solved* Rev. Ela J. Robertson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN: PH #525 *Here I am Lord*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Nicene Creed)

**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 worshiped 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.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and important life events

Dear One, Child of God, Angels of Love surround you.

**Dear One, Child of God, Angels of Love surround you,
Surround you, surround you, surround you.**

Dear Ones, Children of God, Angels of Love surround you.

**Dear Ones, Children of God, Angels of Love surround you,
Surround you, surround you, Surround you.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

This is a time to pray and discern how God may be asking you to use the blessings of your life to build up God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Those blessings may be your money, your time, or a skill you have worked to gain over time. God gave us all these blessings. Would you consider sharing some part these blessings for God's purpose in this world? Let us pray. Let us discern. Let us give.

*DOXOLOGY:

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Teach us to give our whole lives to you. May the treasure become not the money gathered here but the mission of your love in the world all our gifts co-create with you. For the giver, the gift, and the soon gifted, we give you thanks and praise. Amen

SENDING

*HYMN: PH #140 *Holy, Holy*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION:

Put aside your certainties and give room this day for mystery. Make space for the holy to grow your faith around, within, and perhaps in spite of the assumptions you have always had. Allow the Spirit space to be born again in your life in the days ahead. And may God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be and abide with you all this day and forevermore. Amen.

*SENDING SONG: *Spirit of the Living God*

*POSTLUDE

Worship Team

Pastor: Rev. Ela J. Robertson

Music Ministry: Sheila Burns

Lay Reader: Matt Waddell

Greeters: Ann Thompson and helpers

Offering helpers may be from the following: Penelope Carothers, Aidrian, Tammy Carothers and others.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

- May 26 **East Kish Memorial-Day Service**, Church Hill Cemetery, 2:00 pm
- June 16 **Return Baby Bottles**
- June 17 **One-day Day Camp at Krislund**
- June 17 **4 weeks of no-cost Day Camps begin at East Kish**
- July 21 **Service and Picnic at Greenwood Furnace**, 11:00 am,
pavilion by the lake and restrooms.

Call if you need a ride; we will arrange drop off at the little parking area near the site and assistance to the site.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be a Memorial Day Service, TODAY, at Church Hill Cemetery, at 2:00 pm.

Lisa Griffith is back from Germany for the June 2nd worship and will be offering music with Sheila and Pastor Ela for the communion service.



MISSION: From Mother's Day to Father's Day, we are, again, participating in the Baby Bottle Boomerang offering to benefit Crossroads Pregnancy Center. If you would like to participate, please pick up a baby bottle in the narthex to fill with money and return it on Father's Day.

KRISLUND: We are happy to have several young people in this area attending Krislund again this summer! Help children take advantage of this summer adventure and opportunity to build a budding relationship with God and the children of God.

NEW at KRISLUND: One-Day Day Camp with pick up for campers in Milroy. The sample schedule is below.

8:30	Pickup (Rutter's in Milroy)
9:00-9:15	Arrival & Games
9:30	Snack
9:45	Activity Block 1
10:30	Activity Block 2
11:15	Silly Songs & Games
11:30	Lunch
12:00	Worship Songs & Bible Devotional
1:00	Pool or Water Activities
2:45	Activity Block 3
3:30	Snack
4:30	Pack Up
4:45	Depart
5:15-5:30	Dropoff (Rutter's in Milroy)

You may call the pastor (740 338-7123) or leave a message on the office phone (717 935-2337) to set up a time to visit or talk.

◆Lay Reader Schedule◆

Sunday of Each Month:

First- Matt Waddell... Second- Bill Corbin... Third- Ann McNabb...
Fourth- Matt Waddell or other... Fifth- Brent Stoner

This year, East Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church will host four sessions of free day camp. Please call Gail Wagner at 717-667-6526 for further information and to register.

Art Camp: June 17 – 21, 9 am – 1 pm. For children who have completed 3rd grade & older. Lunch is provided.

Computer Programing Camp: June 24 – 28, 1 pm – 5 pm. For children who have completed 4th grade & older. A snack is provided.

Crafting & Cooking Camp: July 8 – 12, 9 am – 1 pm. For children who have completed 3rd grade & older. Lunch is provided.

Little Kids' Camp: July 15 – 19, 9 am – 1 pm. For children who have completed kindergarten through 3rd grade. Lunch is provided.

JOYS and CONCERNS

John Stroup, Bob Glick, Calvin Byler, Sally's son Scott, Elliana Byler, Anne Marie Yoder, Pam Ritchey, Levi Fultz, Cathy Drury, Hannah Faulkner, Jim Marthouse, Pat Byler, Kyung Sun Yim (Susie's mother), Jon Helfrick, Cindy Coder, Shawna Horn.

Please pray for those who have lost loved ones, especially friends and family on the recent passing of Bertha Penepacker, and friends and family of Robert Young and Laura Baggus.

Pray for and remember those who have served our country and their families.

Please pray for all those who are undergoing diagnosis, operations, and treatments.

Pray for those suffering mental challenges, loss of sense of self and self worth, depression, suicidal ideations and self harm, social isolation, debilitating anxiety and anger. Help us know how to help them.

Pray for learning and new life and God's guidance in children and young people.

Pray for our neighbors near and far. Pray that the tomb of death, war and violence be broken open by the peace Christ brings.

Pray for the safety and health of our Big Valley community.

Valley View Haven, Valley View Terrace

Alice Long, Larry & Jean Ecklund, Edie Meachum, Al Schutz, Barb Young

Westminster Woods: Bill Rumbaugh – 360 Westminster Drive, Huntingdon, PA. Ron Bailey - 109 Sycamore Way, Huntingdon, PA 16652

In the Military and Service: Rob Westover, Eric Kauffman, Shawn Seager, Michael Yutesle, and all those not listed children, relatives and members of our congregation.

Huntingdon Presbytery prayers for the upcoming week: Huntingdon Congregation (Pastor Brett Hoover), Dandamrongtham Congregation (Elder Samphong), Joel Blunk, Bob Hicks, Al Wilson, Lee McCardle, Jeanette Mater, Robert Zorn.