



## Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

Trinity Sunday - June 7, 2020

**Greetings Everyone** — Today is Trinity Sunday, and on Trinity Sunday we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

The celebration of Trinity Sunday began among Western Christians in the 10th century and developed slowly until it was formally established on the Sunday after Pentecost by Pope John XXII (1316-1334).

### Unfathomable mystery

**An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 149-150)**

Unlike other festivals in the church's liturgical calendar, Trinity Sunday centers on a doctrine of the church, rather than an event. It celebrates the unfathomable mystery of God's being as Holy Trinity. It is a day of adoration and praise of the one, eternal, incomprehensible God.

Trinity Sunday, in a sense, synthesizes all we have celebrated over the past months which have centered on God's mighty acts: Christmas-Epiphany celebrating God's taking flesh and dwelling among us in Jesus Christ; Easter celebrating Christ's death and resurrection for us; Pentecost celebrating God the Holy Spirit becoming our Sanctifier, Guide, and Teacher. It is, therefore, a fitting transition to that part of the year when Sunday by Sunday the work of God among us is unfolded in a more general way.



The triune God is the basis of all we are and do as Christians. In the name of this triune God we are baptized. As the baptized ones we bear the name of the triune God in our being. We are of the family of the triune God. We affirm this parentage when, in reciting the creeds, we say what we believe. Our discipleship is rooted in the mighty acts of this triune God who is active in redeeming the world. The triune God is the basis of all our prayers — we pray to God the Father, through Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit. The Trinity holds central place in our faith.

In celebrating Trinity Sunday, remember that every Lord's Day is consecrated to the triune God. On the first day of the week, God began creation. On the first day of the week, God raised Jesus from the grave. On the first day of the week, the Holy Spirit descended on the newly born church. Every Sunday is special. Every Sunday is a day of the Holy Trinity.



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### So, What Brings You Here?

**Randy York**

When I walk in the morning, I usually meet up with a neighbor named Sam. We share a short conversation and then continue on with our rambling. This Monday past, we spoke about attending church and he said something that hung with me. What he mentioned was that some people at his church were feeling that they were “not fulfilling their obligation” since church service had been stopped due to the virus. That is an interesting thought to ponder: going to church because you feel you must.

As we near returning to regular church service, it’s worth considering why we come in the first place. Is it because of tradition or obligation or is it because of a sense of wonder and expectation?

Obligation is easy enough to relate to. It was what identified the son who stayed at home in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. “Look for all these years I have worked like a slave for you,” is his reply to his father as he complains upon the welcome his returning brother was given. His way of life was of duty, not of grace. His relationship with his father was a responsibility not a delight. He felt that he had to be there. Truth be told, I’ve been there. I remember being at a point where church became a mere Sunday ritual; just something to get done. At one point, even that proved burdensome to the point that instead of going into Mass, I sat outside in my car in the parking lot with the Sunday paper. It seemed that Jerry Izenberg’s sports column rang truer to me than whatever the priest was leading inside.

But circumstance and life experience has provided a better understanding and appreciation of worship and a closer “working” relationship with God has highlighted the wonder underpinning that worship.

That wonder flows from three main sources:

#### *The wonder of creation*

Since I retired the weather has become more central to my life. I am up and walking around 5:30 each morning, so I usually check the forecast two or three



times the night before. It’s fairly dark when I start; just me and the stars and a few early birds on background vocals. About my second or third lap, the dawn begins to break and the sunlight washes a golden glow across the sky, perhaps joining with any present clouds to add some violet tinges to the sky’s palette. I feel a sigh of deep gratitude to the God of this wonderful creation.

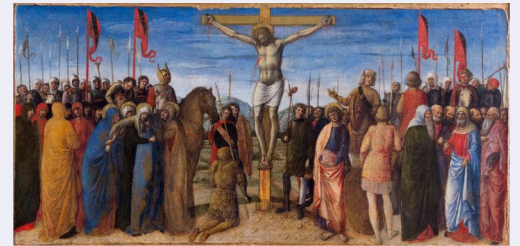
#### *The wonder of provision*

As I write these thoughts, over 40 million folks have lost their jobs; over 100,000 souls have been taken by the virus. I watch nightly as the fabric of our nation unravels. Yet here I am. I have been blessed with a loving, compassionate companion to share my ride, work that has prospered my life, family, friends, and neighbors who have lent a hand, and a church that has sustained my faith. God has provided for me in every way with more blessing than certainly I deserve. A day does not go by without a prayer of thanks in recognizing how profoundly fortunate I am.



#### *The wonder of forgiveness*

God’s provision should not allow us to fly above and insulate ourselves; rather it should drive us to engage with the community where we live. Why? The answer rests in God’s forgiveness. Forgiveness can remain just a concept to us if we have only considered it from a distance. The wonder contained in it hit me head on while watching the movie *The Passion of the Christ*. I recall I leaving the theater totally spent from viewing the violence endured by Jesus Christ for me, because of me. Carl Boberg stated it perfectly in a poem that became the great hymn



#### **“How Great Thou Art”:**

*And when I think of God, his son not sparing  
Sent him to die I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin*

Consider also that before the passion, Christ laid aside his majesty to take on a human nature. In considering these awesome truths does your mind rest in mere thanks or does your heart ring out joyfully like the late evangelist Richard Penniman: A wop bop a loo bop, a wop bam boom!

Keep in mind that as we enter the church building, we bring the sanctuary with us, because within the sanctuary of our bodies, each day, God has met with us. When we return to congregational worship may the personal sanctuaries we bring be tempered by the wonder for creation, thankful for provision and humbled by forgiveness.







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### PRAYER REQUESTS

From All of Us — Prayers, Sympathy, & Condolences for **Bob Lee & Family** upon the sudden death this week of his brother, **William "Peanut" Lee**.

**Roland & Janet Newell** — For **Ginny Heal**, who is undergoing shoulder surgery on Tuesday.

**Becky Jensen** — For continued prayers for the **PNC** as they carry on their mission.

**Margo Mattis** — For her Mother, **Jean Miller**

**Wendy Kasper** — Asks for prayers for healing and strength in the midst of her chemotherapy.

**Sheila Zier** — Prayers for healing and strength and encouragement for her daughter, **Brittany** as she is battling a serious long term disease.

*All: We have a small team of volunteers reaching out for prayer requests. If they cannot or are unable to reach you, then please e-mail [RickCheslo@gmail.com](mailto:RickCheslo@gmail.com) so we can include your in our prayers in future editions.*

### Member Moments—Phil Leifels



**Phil heads up the Missions & Outreach Committees & he is our resident Tech Wizard. Let's get to know him better:**

**Where did you grow up?** My family started in Virginia, before moving up to Philadelphia when I was six and then ultimately settling in Willingboro.

**How long have you attended Providence Presbyterian?** Since 1999.

**What is your favorite Church memory?** The welcome I received on my first visit. Everyone was so warm and friendly. It made me want to come here.

**What is your favorite hymn?** "In The Garden"

**Do you have a Prayer Request?** That we can all live together as one people.

Barbara Hammell has placed copies of the May/June Upper Room devotional in the back of the Church. Come by on Sunday & pick up a copy while taking advantage of the drive-thru offering! This clever young couple rode their bikes!

#### Reminder - Save a Stamp!

Come to the Drive - Thru Offering from 8:30 am to 9:00 AM and 11:00 to 11:30 AM each Sunday morning.

We average 12 to 14 cars each week. Come join the parade and Say Hey to Jack! Also don't forget to Honk or Ring Your Bell on your way out!





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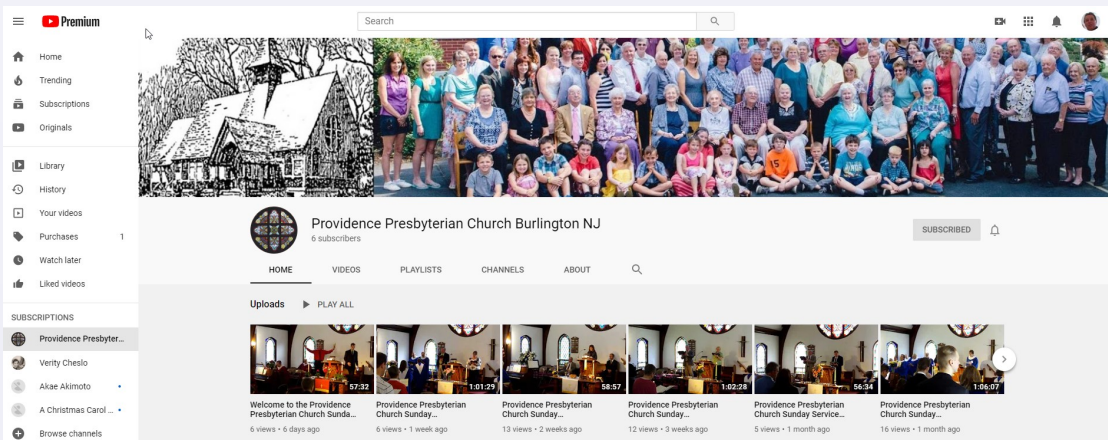


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### Don't Forget We Are On YouTube!

See vintage services from our archives. There is a new posting each week. The direct link is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLAXFkRJWgH8pLkGX988Bg/videos> The Link is nerdy, but you can also Google "Providence Presbyterian Church Burlington YouTube" and we rise to the top of the list. Accept no imitations! **Also Get Past Issues of this Newsletter at [ProvPresCh.org](http://ProvPresCh.org)**



### Bustleton's Best

#### Church Cookbook Recipe of the Week

Mark Farner of Grand Funk Railroad sang this line, "Can I get a Witness?" Well I can testify that this soup will be the salvation to your "What can I pull out of the freezer in a hurry?" dilemma. You can also prepare it on short notice too. It really is "Some Kind of Wonderful."



### Beefy Vegetable Soup

Jane Cheslo

*"A Cheslo family favorite from the pages of The Southern Living Cookbook. We keep this soup as a staple in our freezer. It makes a filling and healthy dinner when evenings are jammed with activity. We like it pared with simple Bisquick biscuits, cornbread, or asiago cheese bread from the store. It is also a great soup to make ahead, freeze and take on camping trips. We've never had a Girl Scout or Boy Scout patrol that didn't empty the pot! Healthier preparation tips are included."*

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| 2 lbs Ground Beef (or Turkey)  | undrained (Choose no salt added for healthier alternative)  |
| 1/2 cup butter or margarine  | 1 (15 ounce) can tomato sauce   |
| 1/2 cup all purpose flour  | (Choose no salt added for healthier alternative)  |
| 1 1/2 quarts water   | 1 1/2 tablespoons beef-flavored bouillon granules (Choose Herb-Ox sodium free or substitute about 1/3 cup beef gravy) |
| 1 cup chopped onion (Dice small when cooking for children)           | 1 1/2 t salt - (Substitute garlic powder for healthier alternative)   |
| 1 cup chopped carrot (We like frozen crinkle cut. They cook evenly.) | 2 t pepper  |
| 1 cup chopped celery (Dice small when cooking for fussy eaters)      |   |
| 1 (10 ounce) package frozen mixed vegetables                         |   |
| 1 (28 ounce) can diced tomatoes,                                     |   |

Brown ground beef in a large Dutch oven, stirring to crumble. Drain well, and set aside. Melt butter in same Dutch oven; add flour and cook over low heat 3 to 5 minutes or until a smooth paste forms. Gradually add water, stirring constantly; cook over medium heat until bubbly, stirring occasionally. Add ground beef and remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 1 hour. Yield: 13 cups.  
Quicker cooking tips: To cut simmering time to about 30 minutes cook the onions with ground beef, use frozen carrots and dice celery small.  
Larger Batch Cooking - The recipe requires no adjustment for doubling, except a larger pot! My 8 quart Dutch oven will hold a 1 1/2 recipe batch. 8 quarts will feed 12 hungry teenage campers dinner!





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## Graduations!

### June

Ethan Walker—Burlington Township High School

## Birthdays!

Your Name Hear! Let us know all about the big day!

Please e-mail [RickCheslo@Gmail.com](mailto:RickCheslo@Gmail.com) if there are others who are graduating, celebrating a birthday or any other life event, and we will recognize you here.



## The Photos The Photos Wherefore art Thou Photos?

I built a new planter box in the foreground mostly with remnants in my lumber pile.

Anyone have any Veggies yet?

PLEASE send in your Photos this week!

Send your Pictures for publication to [RickCheslo@Gmail.com](mailto:RickCheslo@Gmail.com)



## Notices

### Excellent Caregiver Available

If anyone in your circle of family or friends has the need for an elderly care provider, Barb York highly recommends Kate who cared for her Dad before he passed. Kate also cared for Doug & Dorothy Ruck before they moved to Florida

Kate has excellent experience and a medical background. She is caring, compassionate and a truly loving person. She is looking for a 24/7 hour position. She has a license to drive, which many agency caregivers do not have.

If you're interested, please call Kate at 908-413-1324.

### Refrigerator

Free to a Good Home!

Currently in the Manse.

Contact Bob Lee for details.

### Church Office Hours

Barb Hammell is manning our Church Office to keep us on top of all our Business needs & obligations. **Thank you Barb!** Her hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. The office telephone is (609) 499-2753



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Make peace not war

Give hug.



no argument

Have joy.



no sorrow

Show care.



no hurt

Make love,



no hate

Give respect,



no Hostility!

