

Manor Minutes
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- Pastor's Cabinet Meeting – June 1, 5:30pm
- Rummage Sale set up – June 2 & 4, 9am-1pm
- Rummage Sale set up – June 3, 1pm-5pm
- Choir Practice – June 4, 6:30pm
- Rummage Sale – June 5, 8am-5pm
- Rummage Sale – June 6, 8am-2pm

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June 7 – Graduate Sunday

Fairhill Manor will be celebrating **Graduate Sunday** on **June 7**. If you are graduating or have a family member who is, please contact the Church Office to let us know. You can call the office (724) 225-8610 or send an e-mail to fairhillmanor@yahoo.com with the name of the graduate, school they are graduating from and their relationship to Fairhill member. Information is needed by **June 1**.

June 7 – Community Blessing Gathering
1-4pm @ Main Street Pavilion

A few people are needed to represent our congregation at this event. There will be temporary tattoos and pamphlets about FMCC to hand out. If you are able to help for an hour or two, please contact Rev. Chris or Pastor Gena.

June 8 – Vitalant Mobile Blood Drive

The Blood Mobile will be set up in the FMCC parking lot, 11am-3pm.

June 21 – 50-year member recognition

June 26 – Wild Things Game

Sign up in the Narthex or call the Church Office (724) 225-8610. Deadline to purchase tickets is June 12.


TRINITY SUNDAY



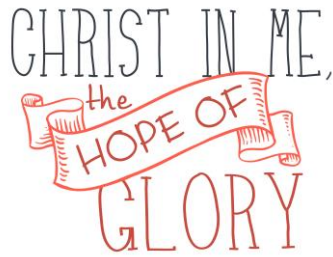
Bible Quiz

The "Trinitarian formula" occurs only once in the Bible. In which New Testament book do we read "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and who said these words?

- A. Romans; Paul
- B. 1 Peter; Simon Peter
- C. The Acts of the Apostles; Luke
- D. Matthew; Jesus



Answer: D (See Matthew 28:19.)



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Rev. Chris Stillwell, Senior Minister
Rev. Gena Sheller, Associate Pastor
Elders: Chuck Riggle, Bread
Jody Mullis, Cup

May 31, 2026 – 10:15am

Prelude

Sam Johnson, organist

Welcome

Pastor Gena

Call to Worship

Barb Bailey

Leader: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: Your voice causes the seas to roar and the winds to howl.

Leader: You have set your glory above the heavens.

People: The moon and the stars sing your praises.

Leader: What are human beings that you are mindful of us? Who are we that you care for us?

People: Yet you have made us a little lower than the angels.

All: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Opening Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

Sam Johnson, organist

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

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Expressing Gratitude For Our Sunday School Teachers and Children Worship & Wonder Volunteers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Gena

Triune God, One-in-Three and Three-in-One, we come to worship you - Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are a mystery to us, beyond our understanding, yet you came to live as one of us, and even now you live within us. Holy, holy, holy are you, God Almighty. The whole earth is full of your glory. God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

God as Creator, you made all that is seen and unseen and called every last bit of it good. We look at the birds of the air and the beasts of the field and see your glorious work. We see the splendor of nearby flowers and trees, we see the awesomeness of our planet from a distance, and we marvel at the beauty you created. The diversity and intricacy, the grandeur and vastness of creation astounds and awes us.

God in Jesus, you came not to condemn, but to save. You shined light in the darkness and grace and truth accompanied you. You fed the hungry, healed the sick, sought out the lost and ate with sinners. No one was beyond your concern. You regarded the unseen, touched those long marginalized and had compassion even for those who could not bring themselves to leave what they knew in order to follow you. Your mercy stuns us. Your love astounds us.

God as Holy Spirit, we cannot help but realize that we are in relationship with all of humanity. When your wind blows, we are swept up in your plan to bring unity, wholeness and abundant life to each and every corner of creation.

Creating God, create again in us a loving care for your creation, tending and nurturing it as you have asked us to. Redeeming God, grant us your power to love others as you did. As your body in this world, make us ambassadors of your reconciliation, grace, and welcome, especially in places most in need of your compassion and justice. Sustaining God, may your refining fire burn away all that prevents us from fully following you. Illumine the way we are to go. Enliven our discipleship and send us out to preach, teach and baptize, to feed, tend and heal, to advocate for the least, seek out the lost and stand with the oppressed.

Triune God, One-in-Three and Three-in-One, we come to you this morning asking for mercy on those in need of your strength, your healing, and your peace. Please be with those who are bearing more than their fair share of sickness, pain, and grief. Please be with those in harm's way because of violence in their home, their community, or their whole land. Please be with those who are traveling by choice or by force. Call to our minds now those who especially need your presence this morning...

We pray all of this in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Creator and Redeemer and Sustainer, using the words our Savior 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response:

“He Is Lord”

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

First Scripture Lesson

Joshua 3:14-4:7; 19-24

Gary Ford

Anthem

“Tune My Heart to Sing God’s Praise,” by Lloyd Larson

Choir

Children’s Message

Pastor Gena

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world, colors varied dark and light, they are precious in His sight; Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Today is Trinity Sunday. Have you ever heard that word before – Trinity? The beginning part of the word gives us a clue about its meaning – “tri.” You may know these three letters from the beginning of “tricycle.” What is a tricycle? A tricycle is something like a bicycle but it has 3 wheels. You may also know these three letters from the beginning of “triangle.” A triangle has 3 corners, or three angles. So “tri” has something to do with having 3 of something.

When we use the word “Trinity,” we are thinking about God as having 3 parts, or 3 people, or 3 ways of interacting with us, or 3 natures. What do you think might be the 3 parts of God? Sometimes we say that God is the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we say that God is the Creator, the Redeemer (the one who saves us), and the Sustainer (the one who keeps us going).

But at the same time, we are worshipping one God along – not 3 Gods. So, how does that work?

People have been trying to describe and explain the Trinity for a very long time. We get close to understanding how 3 things can also be one thing, but it is still a mystery to us. And that's ok.

Let's look at a couple things that people use to try to explain the Trinity – how 3 things add up to one thing, and how one thing can be 3 things at the same time.

An egg is just one thing. But we know that the egg has three parts: the shell, the whites, and the yolk. An apple is just one thing. But an apple has three parts too: the peel, the flesh, and the core.

We experience water in three different ways – as ice (a solid), as water (a liquid) and as vapor or steam (a gas). It's all the same thing, but it is three different things too.

This ball looks like just one ball. But it has three different parts that fit together to make it.

All of these things show us how three things could be one. And one thing could be three. Just like the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are three but just one God. Sometimes we think of the Father God as being up there. We know that God in Jesus lived here on the earth with us. And God as the Holy Spirit is all around us. So we can say that God is up there, down here and all around. I think that's the most important part of the Trinity. God is everywhere: far away and close by and even within us. We are never alone.

Dear God, thank you for being everywhere – far away, close by us, and inside us. Help us to know we are never alone. Amen.

Second Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

Rev. Stillwell

Sermon

“Be a Memorial of What God Has Done”

Rev. Chris Stillwell

This past Monday was Memorial Day, where we remember those who have gone before and the legacy they have left us. Instituted as a way to remember soldiers who fought and died for our freedom it has also become a time to remember our loved ones who have passed. Often times, we celebrate this holiday of remembrance by going to a gravestone or marker that had been left as a memorial of that person's life and decorating it with flowers and wreaths as a sign that we remember them as well. Memorial Day is not a specifically Christian holiday, but it is reminiscent of what the Israelites did when they finally entered the Promised Land.

You'll recall that the Israelites were wandering through the desert being led by Moses just after God helped them to escape slavery in Egypt. God had promised to lead them safely, and God did by parting the waters of the Red Sea so that a wall of water stood on their left and right and the Israelites waded through to safety while the Egyptians became stuck in the mud and were killed when God caused the waters to return.

A great deal happened while the Israelites were in the desert. Foremost among them is that Moses led them to Mt. Sinai where God gave him the laws by which the Israelites would live. These laws were a covenant between the people and God and they were placed in an ark and carried with them wherever they went.

Unfortunately, the people were impatient. They cried out against both Moses and God again and again while they were in the desert, and as they waited for Moses to come down from the mountain their patience gave out, and they turned away from the God who had led them from Egypt and worshipped a golden calf.

God was so outraged that none of the Israelites of that generation would see the Promised Land to which God was leading them. Therefore, the Israelites had to wander throughout the desert for forty years.

As our story resumes, the previous generation has died off including Moses. Joshua has taken over as the leader of God's people and they are ready to cross the Jordan River into the land that God has shown them. As they prepare to cross this river that divided the desert from the Promised Land, God decides to show the people that Joshua walks with God as Moses did before him. Therefore, Joshua tells the people that just as God had parted the waters of the Red Sea for the Israelites as they left Egypt so will God part the waters of the Jordan as the priests carry the ark of the covenant across the Jordan River.

The 12 men bearing the ark led the people across the river. As the feet of the men dipped into the water the flow of the river was cut off and formed a wall on their left while the rest of the river was completely dry. The men remained in the river with the ark as the whole assembly of Israel crossed the river, and when the last person had crossed then they too crossed and the Jordan river flowed once more.

Finally, once all the people were over God commanded Joshua to have the twelve men who carried the ark to pick up a stone from the middle of the river, one for each tribe of Israel, and place them where they camped. This was done "So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever." The place where the memorial was placed was called Gilgal, which in Hebrew means "circle", for at this place God's promise and actions had come full circle. God had returned the descendants of Abraham to the land that God had promised Abraham and had done so in the same way that God had rescued Israel from slavery in Egypt, and the circle remained unbroken.

This is a common practice in the Old Testament. When Noah left the ark the first thing he did was build an altar. Abraham also built an altar when he had arrived to the land that God had shown him. Abraham's grandson, Jacob, had a dream of angels climbing a ladder, and when he woke he anointed with oil the rock that he had used as his pillow for a monument. Throughout the Old Testament the characters use rocks and stone to mark an important happening or a time and place in which God intervened in the world. Building memorials is also a common practice in our world today. The difference is that we tend not to build memorials to what God has done in the world but to what humans have done in the world .

At any significant war battlefield there will be a memorial that tourists can visit saying when the battle took place, who fought in it, how the events unfolded, and which side won. Throughout the surrounding country side you can see the blue signs of historical markers commemorating the important events that have happened in Western Pennsylvania. Whether marking the Whiskey Rebellion, the French and Indian War, or the settling of a town, these signs point out many of the interesting things that have taken place. We also memorialize the birthplaces of important people. You can go to the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln and any other president and learn about them. You can see the homes of famous authors and stars, you could even walk over to the Union Grill to read the historical marker that announces that Thomas Campbell's Declaration and Address was published there which led to the founding of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

We build monuments to just about everything that people have done, and on the surface it would appear that we do not build memorials to what God has done but we do that as well. It's just that we do it a little differently. There are no signs that announce that God delivered someone from trial in a certain place. There are no markers letting the traveler know that God handed down some laws here. And we will not see a memorial commemorating the time that your prayer was answered. Instead, what we will see as memorials to what God has done in this place over the years are peculiar piles of stones and rocks cemented together into peculiar shapes that together make up the churches that dot this countryside.

Churches are memorials to what God has done. They represent not only the faith of the people who worship in them now but that of those who worshiped there hundreds of years ago and everyone in between. They attest to the act that, though, businesses, homes, and school have come and gone still God

remains. They not only tell the story of God's faithful commitment to the covenant that was established with the Israelites thousands of years ago thousands of miles away, they also announce that God is faithful to us now in this time and in this place.

This church is a memorial to what God has done, and usually, like the memorial that Joshua had the Israelites make, it is made of stone, but a memorial does not have to be built with stones. It can also be made of flesh and bones. A memorial can be a building or statue that commemorates what has happened but we, ourselves, can also be a memorial of what God has done. We can attest in our own lives the way that God works in the world. Many of you have struggled to make ends meet only to find the help you needed at just the right time.

Some of you were sick and it was your faith that got you through your difficult period. Many if not all have lost loved ones sometimes unexpectedly and it was your faith and relationship with God that helped you to grieve your loss and celebrate their memory.

We can be and should be memorials to what God has done. Always reminding people the God is real and cares for us. Constantly letting people know that a life lived to its fullest is a life lived in relationship with God whom we know in Jesus Christ. But being a memorial to what God has done and is doing doesn't mean that we have to preach at people until they run from us like an unwelcome prophet.

No, because, you see, the thing about memorials is that they are always quiet and understated. They are never too flashy, they are never in your face, they never let their greatness get in the way of the great people or event they are memorializing.

That to me is the best way to be a memorial to what God has done, and I believe that you are up to that challenge. In these pews I see people who are not fanatical, not showy, but committed, reflective people with a deep and abiding faith that simply shows itself in the way that you live and interact with others.

What strikes me about the people in this congregation is how respected they are in the community. When I tell someone that I am the minister of Fairhill Manor Christian Church they usually start by saying how nice the people are there, and then, just in case I don't believe them, they will specifically mention someone here who taught them or their child, who helped them in need, or who just always has a kind word for them.

As we remember today what God has done for us, and remember what God did for the Israelites in the time of Joshua, let us also remember one thing more about memorials, and that is this. They never have the option of not being a memorial. Whatever they have been set to help us remember they will do that until they crumble. You, like the rocks that were pulled from the river Jordan, also are called to be memorials to what God has done. It is a task that we are given to uphold until we pass away into the river of time.

Call to Offering

Serena Dube

God desires our offerings— not because God is in need, but so we can experience the joy of God's pleasure. We bring our gifts as people who long to be a part of the great thing God is doing.

***The Doxology**

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

Dedication of Offering Prayer

Rev. Stillwell

Sovereign God, you have set us as stewards over the works of your hands. May the offerings we bring you this day reflect the seriousness of your commission to be stewards of your gifts; may they be signs of our willingness to joyfully share your bounty with the world.

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Stillwell

I have never been to Mt. Rushmore, but I hope to make it there one day. I am especially concerned about going because I don't know if you are aware of this or not, but it is in trouble due to erosion and cracking. Although it is likely to remain for quite a while due to constant maintenance, like all things in this world it will not last forever. It is sad to think that one day this great monument to the greatest leaders of our time will one day not exist.

There are things that you grow up believing will always be there. Along with the statue of Liberty, the Liberty Bell, the Golden Gate Bridge, and the Lincoln Memorial, Mt. Rushmore was just such a thin, but as I have grown older I have come to learn to not put much faith in human creations, for no matter how good they are, they will not last, they will not always be there.

That is why I am thankful that there is a monument that I know will last forever. That is the monument instituted by God around this table. Here we have a memorial to what God has done through Jesus Christ that is timeless, always available and never in any danger of wearing out. As these are all attributes of the God to which this monument attests let us rejoice as we partake in this memorial that there is still something that will never fail.

Communion Hymn

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

Sam Johnson, organist

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Prayer for the Bread & Cup

Chuck Riggle

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we humbly bow down before you on this beautiful last Sunday of May. We are extremely grateful that you watch over us and that we can communicate with you at any time. We are also extremely grateful for the opportunity to honor your beloved son and our savior, Jesus Christ, in this holy act of communion. Now, as we partake of this bread and cup, which represents our saviors' broken body and shed blood, let us be reminded of His ultimate sacrifice and that we should strive to pattern our lives as he has outlined for us as concerned Christians. In His Holy name, Amen.

Words of Institution

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Sharing Holy Communion

You will receive the bread and cup together. Please hold them; we will take each together as one body. Disciples of Christ believe in an Open Table. All who profess Christ and follow Him are welcome to share His meal. Gluten free wafers are available in the Narthex.

Call to Discipleship

If you need a community to belong to, if you are thirsty for the word of life and want to live as a disciple of Jesus, join us in his ministry and mission. You are welcome and needed here. If in the work and worship of this congregation you are being nurtured and fed in Christ our Lord, we invite you to join us in his service. There is a place for you in this family of faith.

Closing Hymn

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Jody Mullis, pianist

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

Benediction

Rev. Stillwell

Go with the blessings of the Holy Spirit. Go with the blessing of holy Wisdom. Go with the blessing of the Son of God. Go with grace and peace



Do you have a prayer request or need help? Please feel free to contact Rev. Chris (412-956-6590) or Pastor Gena (724) 263-0033 directly and confidentially. Or scroll down on the opening page of our website (www.fairhillmanorchurch.org) to "Requests for Prayer or Help." There you can send an email which will go directly to Rev. Chris. We are One Body in Christ!

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The brave men and women who serve our country make incredible sacrifices every day. We are forever grateful for their service and dedication. Please remember the military members that are deployed and away from their family that they may return to their homes safely.