

**BACON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

A family of faith since 1922

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Church office hours - Mon., Wed., Fri., 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Trinity Sunday – June 12th , 2022

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Large Print bulletin available - ask an usher

Please silence all cell phones before worship.

* Please stand if you are able.

ENTER TO WORSHIP

We utilize Feasting on the Word, Year C words for worship.

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER

PRELUDE “Jesus Lives, and So Shall I” Larry Shackley

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

L: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

A: And also with you.

L: Let us now offer each other a sign of peace in genuine fellowship and reconciliation in community with one another.

MEDITATION & OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

L: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,

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

L: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,

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

L: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,

A: we behold in the Spirit of truth your glory and our calling. Bound to you forever, we will ever praise your name!

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #1 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All vs.**

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. 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!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & Words of Forgiveness (Responsive – read bold print)

L: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Yet we put aside your majesty, seeking our own power and gain. We set aside our responsibility for the earth entrusted to our care. By both carelessness and design, we pollute air, land, and waters.

A: In our greed, we use more resources than we rightly need. We confess that we do not fully comprehend the damage we have done to the birds of the air, the creatures of the sea, and the animals that live in forests and fields. Forgive us, we pray.

L: Let your majesty fill our senses, and pervade our actions, that we may become better stewards of creation.

A: Call us, in every infant’s cry, to care for one another so that all your people flourish. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive – read bold print)

L: Friends, we are still standing in the grace of Christ. Because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, we are set free to love God and neighbor, and to work for the reconciliation of the world.

(Response) We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living Word, you still have many things to say to us. Speak, and we will try to bear them. By your Word, may the Spirit guide us into all truth, that our lives may glorify you. Amen.

Introduction: *In Psalm 8, David bursts forth in praise as he gazes upon the vast splendor of the heavens God created. David's adoration is inspired by his recognition of a fundamental paradox: How can god, whose glory is set "above the heavens" whose fingers establish the moon and stars in their place, be "mindful" of humanity? What is the answer to David's question after all – What is humanity? Let us explore that today...hear God's word.*

FIRST READING ... Psalm 8

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

- ¹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- ² Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
- ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
- ⁴ what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
- ⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.
- ⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
- ⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
- ⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- ⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God!

HYMN #188 seated "Jesus Loves Me!" verse 1

1. Jesus Loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” Joel Raney

SECOND READING ... Romans 5:1-5 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Walking through the Joys and Sorrows of Life**
Pastor Lisa Giacomazza

***HYMN AFTER SERMON #14 “For the Beauty of the Earth”** vs. 1, 2 & 4

1. For the Beauty of the Earth, for the glory of the skies, for
the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and
stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this hymn of grateful praise.
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent child,
friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this hymn of grateful praise.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Out of the abundance of God's own life, we have received the abundance of God's creation, God's word, and God's love. Why, then, should we live as though we are threatened with scarcity? Let us return to God a portion of all that we have been given, with joyous and glad abandon.

OFFERTORY **“For the Beauty of the Earth”** Arr. Marvin Gaspard

***DOXOLOGY #606 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 and THANKSGIVING (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.

*ACOLYTES CLAIM THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***BENEDICTION HYMN #296 “Go in Grace and Make Disciples” all vs.**
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1. Go in grace and make disciples. Baptize in God's holy name.
Tell of death and resurrection; Easter's victory now proclaim.
Christ's commission sends us forth to the nations of the earth.
Go in grace and make disciples, midwives for the world's rebirth.

2. Go and follow Christ's example, not to vanquish, but to heal.
Mend the wounds of sins divisions. Servant love to all reveal.
Roles and ranks shall be reversed; justice flow for all who thirst.
Go and follow Christ's example. Forge a world of last made first.

3. Go in Pentecostal spirit, many tongues and many gifts.
Feed the hearts of hungry people. Spread the gospel that uplifts.
Till the day of Christ's return, as disciples, teach and learn.
Go in Pentecostal spirit; let God's flame of witness burn.

***CHARGE**

BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Jesus Shall Reign” Anna Laura Page

Questions for Reflection

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?

Next Nominating Committee meeting is on *Tuesday, June 14th* at 1 pm.

Nature Worship begins on *Sunday, June 19th*. We will worship outside weather permitting through the fall. Please bring your own comfy outdoor chair.

100TH Anniversary Event – SAVE THE DATE for our celebration dinner on *Saturday July 23rd* at the Volare Lodge. Please reserve your spot by emailing secretary@baconmemorial.org. We are looking for photos or any artifacts you may have that we can share at the celebration. Please let Irene Barry or Jeff Trethewey know if you have some items we can borrow for the event! Coming soon – Bacon Memorial Anniversary shirts!

NAP (Niagara Area Presbyterians) Worship and Summer Picnic – July 10, 2022 – We will have a joint worship service with our brothers and sisters in faith from Riverside, First Presbyterian and Island Presbyterian churches on Sunday July 10th at 10:30 am in Oppenheimer Park. We will let you know the shelter number once it is reserved. Please bring a dish to pass. Come and bring a friend!

Bacon Memorial annual outdoor worship and potluck picnic at Hyde Park on August 21, 2022 at 10:30 am.

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Opportunities at Bacon

There will be someone in the office to answer calls

Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Sun. June 19, 2022

Sunday Worship Service on and Sunday School... 10:30 am - Father's Day

AA meeting..... 7:00 pm

ATTENDANCE: June 5, 2022

Weather – 70 degrees, Sunny

Adults.....51

Children.....9

Hand delivered.....2

Mailed.....6

e-mailed.....7

Facebook.....

You tube.....1

We are committed to continuing our on-line worship on a weekly basis and we encourage you to continue to watch and share our message with your family and friends. Our on-line worship can be found on the **Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church You Tube channel**. You will find a link on our webpage at **www.baconmemorial.org**. You can download a copy of the bulletin from our webpage so you can follow along with us! If you would like a printed copy of the sermon, you may download from the website or you may call the church at 716-283-5744 and we can send you a written copy of the sermon by e-mail/mail weekly. Thank you and may God lead us to find an end to this virus.

But if we walk in the light, as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:7

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