

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Sunday, May 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday

ACCOLYTES (Bringing in the Light)

At the beginning of worship, the acolytes carry the light of Christ into the sanctuary. This symbolizes Christ's presence among the gathered people — a reminder that we don't create the light ourselves; God brings it to us.

As the candles are lit, we remember Jesus' words, "*I am the light of the world.*" Worship begins in that light.

PRELUDE

Tommy Clay, Jr.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Mary Garcia

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you! (We greet each other in appropriate ways.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

**ALL: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on
and forevermore.**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of
the LORD is to be praised.

**ALL: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory
above the heavens.**

Leader: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

ALL: who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Leader: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy
from the ash heap,

**ALL: to make them sit with princes, with the princes of
his people.**

ALL: Together let us worship God!

GATHERING PRAYER

ALL: O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the maker of all things seen and unseen, he Savior of all both near and far; By your spirit enable us to worship your divine majesty, so that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name, saying: Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. Amen

HYMN “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!” Hymn #245

1 "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND PARDON

ALL: Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of your steadfast mercy. You even pray for us. Yet we live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship.

Leader: And now in this moment of silence, those sins which are ours alone

Forgive us, O God. Turn us again to your life-giving ways; teach us to do what is right with gentleness and reverence, to resist harm, and to seek the good with courage. By your Spirit, make us a people who embody your justice and tender care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI “Glory Be to the Father” Hymn #581

“Glory be to 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.”

ANTHEM “It Is No Secret” Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE (NRSV UPDATED EDITION)

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a p.1, OT

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 p.143, NT

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20 p.26, NT

Genesis 1:1-2:4a p.1, OT

1 When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it

was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the

fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens,

2 Corinthians **13:11-13** **p.143, NT**

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of^[c] the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Matthew **28:16-20** **p.26, NT**

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

SERMON "But Someone Doubted" Ron Bloor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed)

Hymnal p.35

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (with the Lord's Prayer)

Hymnal p.35

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

Tommy Clay, Jr.

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Hymn #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.”

ALL: In Christ’s name we thank you. Amen

HYMN

Hymn #192

“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine)

Lord The Light Of Your Love Is Shining,
In The Midst Of The Darkness Shining,
Jesus Light Of The World Shine Upon Us,
Set Us Free By The Truth You Now Bring Us,
Shine On Me. Shine On Me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, Shine, Fill This Land With
The Father’s Glory; Blaze, Spirit, Blaze,
Set Our Hearts On Fire. Flow, River, Flow,
Flood The Nations With Grace And Mercy;
Send Forth Your Word,
Lord, And Let There Be Light.

Lord I Come To Your Awesome Presence,
From The Shadows Into Your Radiance,
By The Blood I May Enter Your Brightness,
Search Me, Try Me, Consume All My Darkness,
Shine On Me. Shine On Me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, Shine, Fill This Land With
The Father’s Glory; Blaze, Spirit, Blaze,
Set Our Hearts On Fire. Flow, River, Flow,
Flood The Nations With Grace And Mercy;
Send Forth Your Word,
Lord, And Let There Be Light.

As We Gaze On Your Kindly Brightness.
So Our Faces Display Your Likeness.
Ever Changing From Glory To Glory,
Mirrored Here May Our Lives Tell Your Story.
Shine On Me. Shine On Me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, Shine, Fill This Land With
The Father's Glory; Blaze, Spirit, Blaze,
Set Our Hearts On Fire. Flow, River, Flow,
Flood The Nations With Grace And Mercy;
Send Forth Your Word,
Lord, And Let There Be Light.

ACCOLYTES (Taking the Light Out)

At the end of the service, the acolytes take the flame back out of the sanctuary. This is not extinguishing Christ's presence — it is sending it.

The light that gathered us now goes ahead of us into the world, where we are called to carry Christ's love, justice, and compassion into our daily lives.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Because He Lives"

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because He lives

POSTLUDE

Tommy Clay, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Details on our website, Facebook, Realm & 386-385-3040.)

This week's prayer: Gracious God, giver of every good gift, open the heavens and send the rain we need. In Jesus name we pray, amen

Church Activities

Small Groups-Sunday 9:15 am; Tues. 3:00 pm; Wed. 4:30 pm.

Presbyterian Women-every 2nd Tuesday, 10:30am & 6:30pm.

Social Connections-Thurs.1pm in Zoom Rm.

Quilting Group-Friday's at 10:00 in the Zoom Room.

Outreach Ministries

Shower Ministry-Thurs. from 2-6pm

PC3 Ministry-Monday 2-6pm

Meridian/Grace Market Place-Thurs. 2-4pm in the Bartram Rm a representative for assistance.

CDC (Chemical Dependency Counseling)-Mon. 8-12; Tues. 8-6, Wed. 8-6, Sat. 8-6.

Financials

2026 Financial Report/Operating Budget through April 30th.

<u>Total Received</u>	<u>Total Spent</u>	<u>Surplus</u>
\$73,129	\$69,747	\$3,382

The Brick Opportunity *Let's get those orders in to build a space rooted in legacy, community, and faith, one brick at a time. (#39)*

For maximum profit all orders must be in by June 28th.

For more details go to our website fpcpalatka.com. (**profits through April \$2,868**)