

First Presbyterian Church – West Seneca, NY

Worship on the Lord's Day

May 18, 2008

10:00 AM

Trinity Sunday

DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Greeting

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Prelude: *Earth And All Stars*

-Burkhardt

Call to Worship

Leader:

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

People:

Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

***A Song of Praise:** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

***Confessing Our Failings**

(Unison)

Leader:

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.

People:

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

All: We deserve God's condemnation.

***A Time of Silent Confession**

***Declaring and Hearing God's Forgiveness**

(Unison)

Leader:

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

People:

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

***Giving Glory to God**

(Gloria Patri # 579)

***Exchanging the Sign of Christ's Peace**

LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prayer of Invocation

(Unison)

Leader:

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

People:

The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

Anthem:

A Time for Children

New Testament Readings: 2 Corinthians 13:1-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon: "It's About Three in One" Dr. Brown

***A Song of the Trinity:** "Come, Great God of All the Ages" #132

RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Leader:

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

People:

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

**Our Prayers and The Lord's Prayer
Presenting Gifts to God**

Offertory: *Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service* -arr. Burkhardt
***Praising God's Goodness** (Doxology # 592)

ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

*** A Song of the Trinity:** "Come, Thou Almighty King" # 139
*** The Blessing of God's Presence**

Leader:

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord

People:

Glory be to God the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*** Postlude:** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* -Burkhardt

* Those who are able, please stand

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Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Lance Brown
Usher: Tim Miller
Layreader: Janice Jones
Counters: Bill Halligan & George Shaffer
Building Check: Personnel
(May 25th – Church & Society - June 1st - Membership)

SUNDAY NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all who worship here this morning. Please join us for coffee after the worship service.

Large print copies of the Order of Worship, The Hymnal and the NRSV Bible are available at the back of the church.

Phonic Ear hearing assistance program is available. Please see an usher for more details.

The Rosebuds on the Communion table are in honor of the births of Sylvia Lin Doll and Cameron Dalin. Sylvia is the daughter of Aaron & Rachel Doll and the granddaughter of Bob & Kathy Doll. Cameron is the son of Karen & Dan Dalin and the grandson of Donna Cieslinski.

CALENDAR

Today	- May 18	10:00 a.m.	Worship Rev. Dr. Lance Brown preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Tues.	- May 20	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Sun.	- May 18	10:00 a.m.	Worship - Carla Kline preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

Explore the canopy! It's time to register for Rainforest Adventure vacation Bible school! Registration forms are on the table in the back of church. The completed forms can be given to Dawn Corless or put in Corinne's mailbox. The children will decorate their own t-shirt this year, so on the first day of VBS bring a plain t-shirt in with your child's name on it. The children are encouraged to wear their shirts on that Friday. VBS will be held August 4th - 8th from 9am-12pm at St John's Lutheran Church. We hope to see you there.

Attention older youth and adults: Would you like to explore the canopy? Then the Rainforest Adventure VBS needs you. I am looking for volunteers to help with crafts. If you are available anytime the week of August 4th-8th please see Dawn Corless.

We are in need of some supplies. You can put the items on the table in the back of Church. See Dawn Corless with any questions. Thank you!

- toilet paper tubes
- cardboard egg cartons
- long sturdy cardboard tubes (not paper towel tubes)

Welcome to the What's Your Goal program! If we First Presbyterian Church can meet one of the following goals Cornerstone Manor will win earn extra money. All we need to do is recycle more paper than we did last year! If we recycle a total of **18.3 tons (36,600 lbs.)** during the 4 months (May 2008 - August 2008) of the program period Cornerstone Manor will earn an extra \$250 and if we recycle a total of **19.06 tons (38,120 lbs.)** Cornerstone Manor will earn an extra \$500. Please ask at work, friends, neighbors, and relatives for there bags of paper, junk mail, and old newspapers. I will keep us updated in the Sunday bulletins so keep an eye out on how we are doing. Thanks, Tim Miller

West Seneca West Baccalaureate: On Monday, June 9th at 7:00pm we will host the West Seneca West Baccalaureate. I am looking for people to bring in snacks for the reception. I am also looking for help that evening. If you can help, the sign up sheet is on the table in the back of Church. See Dawn Corless with any questions.

Attention all high school and college graduates. Your Church family would like to celebrate your graduation. We are looking for information such as your name, the school you are graduating from, any awards or honors received, activities you participated in and future plans. This information can be given to Dawn Corless, put in Corinne's mailbox or e-mailed to the church (office@wspres.org) no later then June 8th.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members of our congregation

Bruce Barrows ♦ Dick Fischer ♦ Nancy Hay ♦ Sue Maciejewski ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert

Family & Friends of our congregation

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Claudette Bapst (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Steve Dalin (Karen Dalin) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Lorraine Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Carolyn Halley (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Esther Hiller (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Garrett Kensy (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw (Rita Hanna) ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Steve Milley (Leanne Wurl) ♦ Josh Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Sandy Northem ♦ Mary Orofino (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Christopher Rutski (The Fischers) ♦ Elizabeth Shaffer (George Shaffer) ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Patrick Weir (Sandy Pakehnam)

Service Men & Women

Chris Kalinowski ☉ Matthew Jones ☉ Patrick Baskerville ☉ Sammy Russo ☉ Kimberly Trudeau ☉ Steve Odebralski ☉ Jason Zimmerman ☉ Andrew Zalikowski ☉ Nick Turvey ☉ Kristen Pelc ☉ Ben Schauss ☉ Phillip Schott ☉ Josh Winkler ☉ Russell Molnar ☉ Pat McCullough ☉ Ryan M. Ratigan ☉ Larry Lloyd ☉ Joshua Feldman ☉ Dan Dudziak ☉ David Ferg ☉ Zachery Goggins ☉ Alison Lankes ☉ Erik Brown

Each week we invite you to hold in your prayers different families and individuals in our church. As an act of faithfulness we pray for each other. This week we pray for:

John & Marge Christmann Bill & Nancy Hay Russell Molnar Muriel Whieldon

Attendance for May 11th

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