

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**May 30, 2021**

Dear friends,

Please note the latest updates for our in-person worship services. This was decided by the Session in response both to Governor Carney's and the CDC's new guidelines for COVID-19.

1. Pre Registration will no longer be required for in-person worship services.
2. Sign-in when you arrive at church will be required for possible contact tracing.
3. Masks and social distancing (3-6 ft) will continue to be required.
4. Temperatures need no longer be taken when you arrive.
5. Singing will be led, through the end of June, by a soloist.
6. The congregation is encouraged to sing loudly in their hearts and very quietly with their lips (or hum).
7. Fellowship after service will happen outside, but, at this time, without refreshments.
8. A plate will not be passed for offering but baskets will be available for giving pledges/offerings on your way in or out.
9. Pew bibles and hymnals may now be used.

Session's reasoning for masks and social distancing for all is this.

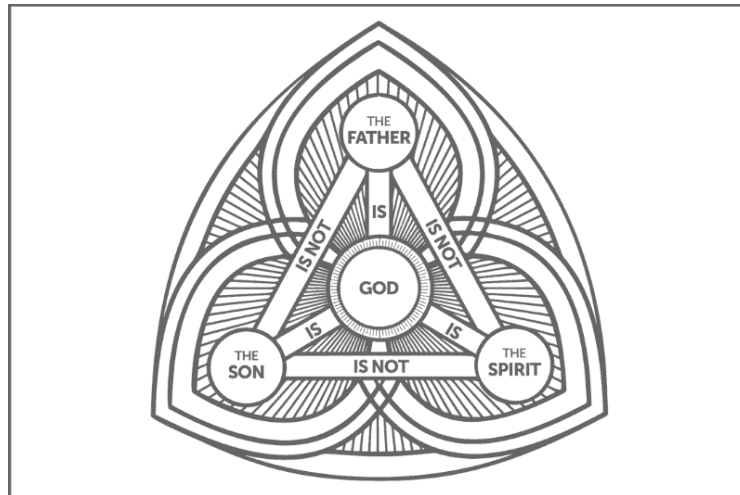
The latest CDC guidance for masks and social distancing is for what INDIVIDUALS CAN do-- not what CONGREGATIONS (in which both vaccinated and unvaccinated people gather together) SHOULD do. As a Session we are committed BOTH to CDC guidance AND to the principle that we will not cause stigma about either illness or vaccination status. We encourage compassion for all who are sick and vaccination, at the soonest time possible, for all who are unvaccinated. Our congregation includes people who are unvaccinated, including children, older persons who have not yet been able to be vaccinated, and some who have refused vaccination.

**Unvaccinated people of any age can get the virus and spread it to others who are unvaccinated. Visitors who join us for worship will also, likely, be of this same mixed status as our own congregation. Therefore, when we are among those who may be unvaccinated, we will be as the unvaccinated for the sake of the unvaccinated-- for their safety, and to avoid stigmatizing them. We are one body in Christ, no more protected than the least protected among us."**

Christ love,  
Pastor Shannon

# Trinity Sunday

A Mystery of the Trinity for Reflection



**Welcome**

*Charlotte Jacobs*

**Call to Worship**

*Charlotte Jacobs*

One: We begin in the name of the Triune One  
whose mystery exceeds our understanding.

**All: We gather in the name of the Holy One  
whose love exceeds all our bounds.**

One: Open yourself to us today, O God,  
for we would follow you.

**All: Teach us your ways and bring us your light,  
that we might serve you in your creation.**

**Opening Hymn**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" GTG #1*

**Greetings in Peace**

*Charlotte Jacobs*

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

(Exchange waves and smiles with your brothers and sisters in Christ.)

**Prayer for Illumination**

*Charlotte Jacobs*

Holy, Holy, Holy One,  
guide us by spirit of truth to hear the  
Word of life you speak,  
and to give glory, honor and praise  
to your threefold name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Epistle Reading**

Romans 8:12-17

*Charlotte Jacobs*

**Special Music**

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

*Ric Fernandes*

**Gospel Reading**

John 3:1-17

*Keep these words in your heart.  
The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.  
Thanks be to God*

**Sermon**

*"What's the Big Deal?"*

*David Norton*

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Jesus Christ is God with humankind.  
He is the eternal Son of the Father,  
who became human and lived among us  
to fulfill the work of reconciliation.  
He is present in the church  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to continue and complete his mission.  
This work of God,  
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
is the foundation of all confessional statements  
about God, humanity, and all the world.  
Therefore, the church calls the people  
to be reconciled to God and to one another.**

## The Offering

We read in Deuteronomy: *All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.*

We who are so blessed will soon return to a world that sorely needs both our love and our action. As you step out today, please remember the offering basket in the narthex and give as the Spirit moves you.

## Prayers of the People

(Please refer to the prayer list on page 5.)

## Hymn for Stepping Out

*"To God Be the Glory" GTG 634*

## Benediction

May the Blessing of the Trinity-  
Holy, holy, holy Lord-  
be always with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"  
And I said, "Here I am; send me!" **Amen.**

## Postlude

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**Thank you to those involved in worship today: Ushers: Carol and Ed Pillsbury;  
Liturgist: Charlotte Jacobs; Musician: Steve Johnson; Soloist: Ric Fernandes  
Sunday School Volunteer: No Sunday School  
Preacher: David Norton, CRE**

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NOTE: Pastor Shannon will be taking time off to get her family moved into their new home in Lewes. She will be out of the office and away from email/phone from May 24th-June 6th and will return on June 7th. Elder Dave Norton will lead worship on May 30th. Rev. Barbara Macfie will lead worship on June 6th.

Barbara Macfie will be on-call from May 24-June 6 for pastoral care and emergencies. She can be reached at: (302)945-9582 (home), (732)501-2097 (cell), and [bmacfie@me.com](mailto:bmacfie@me.com).

## **Remember in Prayer**

*Pray for all those touched recently by violence and natural disasters, the healing of national hostility and mistrust, efforts to feed the poor and provide shelter for the homeless in our area, and the following people:*

**Lois Baldwin** - prayers as she recovers from surgery on her broken wrist.

**Linda Book** – for continued strength to fight the side effects of multiple myeloma cancer.

**Rev. Kim Brinkmeyer** –continued healing and recovery.

**Chuck Burton** – extended family of Lois Rayner, dealing with Cancer issues.

**Pauline Cottingham** – fell and injured her arm and is experiencing pain. Also, her general health is declining.

**Peter Culin** – for Sue Culin’s brother-in-law, as he continues with chemotherapy.

**Susan Frost** – Sally Waugaman’s daughter, has been placed in Hospice care. Please keep her and the family in your prayers

**Linda Lingle** - friend of Debbie Magliette, having a Bone marrow transplant for Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

**Lacey Meade** – daughter of Betty Pratt, undergoing surgery June 2 as part of her cancer treatment. Please pray her surgery is successful and for a rapid healing process.

**Mekenzie** –the 21 year old grandniece of Don & Dee Austin, has a long recovery ahead to heal from broken leg and sprained ankle

**Pat Mossel** – Experienced a break in her scapula (shoulder blade) which was spontaneous and due to her brittle bones from osteoporosis. She is experiencing a great deal of pain, so please pray for healing.

**Pat Nicholson** - Niece of Jane Nicholson, prayers for healing and good health. She is experiencing fever and pain after knee replacement.

**Rev. Larry Neumark** -friend of Karen & Glenn Dixon who has a recurrence of prostate cancer.

**Betty Pratt** - swelling in her legs greatly reduced as she undergoes massage therapy.

**Janet Waugaman** – Sally Waugaman’s daughter, continues to lose mobility due to Multiple System Atrophy.

**Our church has a prayer chain of members who will pray for any person you ask. Contact Karen Dixon by phone at 302-858-8968 or email at [k\\_dixon221@hotmail.com](mailto:k_dixon221@hotmail.com).**