



Heavenly Father, God of Love, You gave us Your Son Jesus to be not only Physician of our souls

but also Healer of our bodies and minds. Lord Jesus, I turn to You in this time of illness. Please come to me now, and lay your healing hands on me. Let the warmth, peace and healing power of Your Spirit fill me now with Your life and love, I receive You, Lord Jesus! Heal me According to Your Divine Will, Lord Jesus, and enable me to serve You with a healthy body, soul, and spirit. May Your Joy, O Lord, be my strength this day. Amen. From Mike Pope

*Remember Our Homebound with cards and prayers:*

**Phyllis Bibbee**

Allegro  
3400 SE Aster Lane #362  
Stuart FL 34994  
772-678-4959

**Bowen, Joann**

Palms at St. Lucie West  
557 Nw Cashmere Blv #104  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986  
772-485-5162

**Early, Midge**

Sandhill Cove  
1701 SW Capri Street #265  
Palm City, FL 34990  
772-287-4748

**Johnson, Dot**

Brookdale – Stuart  
3401 Se Aster Lane # 124  
Stuart, FL 34994  
772-600-8890

**Rhodes, Janet**

5557 SE Running Oak Circle  
Stuart, FL 34997  
772-283-3905

**Smithers, Hank & Audrey**

The Brennity at Tradition  
10685 SW Stony Creek Way  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34987

**Staiman, Sally**

Allegro  
3400 Se Aster Lane #163  
Stuart, FL 34994  
772-678-4842

**Vaughn, Althea “Syd”**

1600 Se St. Lucie Blv #108  
Stuart, FL 34996  
772-220-3378

*Our Prayers are with: All of our Military personnel, first responders and their families, as well as our allies, caregivers, any and all victims of Human Trafficking...*

Arruda, Teresa  
Brown, Richard  
DuBois, Linda  
D., S. M.  
F, T.-L.

Gammisch, Amanda  
Gockenbach, Henry  
Gordon, Kathryn  
Greenwood, Margaret  
Henck, Jane

Hockey, Pat  
Hornor, Bob  
Ireland, Joe & Rhea  
Irwin, Al & Audrey  
Israel, Jane

Lamond, Heather  
Lee, Tammy  
Legris, Roger  
Little, Brenden

Marangio, Mary  
Marks, Mary Ellen  
McCloy, Terry  
Meyer, Garry & Kat  
Radcliffe, Sr., Ron S., Lynn

Smith, Suzanne  
Staup Family  
Strunk, Mary Beth  
Strunk, Millie  
Thomas, Nancy

Yioulos, Peter

To Add or Remove names from the prayer list, please call the church office, place a prayer request card in the offering plate or give to any Usher or Greeter. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. Thank you.

We will keep names on the Prayer list for **30** days. **Each month**, we will clear up the prayer list, if you would like your name or the name of a family member or friend to remain on the prayer list please call the church office. Thank you.

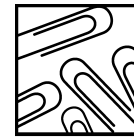
Please look for the audio of our Sunday services on our website at: [www.peacepresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.peacepresbyterianchurch.org) You can also follow along with the weekly bulletin or read the latest from our Banner of Peace church newsletter. Copies of the Audio CD's are available in the church office for \$1 to pick up, \$2 to mail and as always are **free** to the homebound or ill.



Please refrain from parking in the church's driveway. We must emphasize this because it is a fire safety/health hazard issue. We understand parking is at a premium during the winter season, but we cannot risk health and fire safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

<b>Sunday</b>	5/27	9 am	SBM Service**, Adult Bible Study, 10 am Worship Service (Childcare available), Children's Sunday School, 11 am Coffee Fellowship
<b>Monday</b>	5/28	6:30 pm	AA Meeting in Fellowship Hall; Women's Study 6:30 pm, Regular Meeting 8 pm. OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY
<b>Tuesday</b>	5/29		
<b>Wednesday</b>	5/30		
<b>Thursday</b>	5/31	10 am	Salerno Bay Manor Visitation Ministry
<b>Friday</b>	6/1		OFFICE CLOSED
<b>Saturday</b>	6/2		

**\*\*Praise and Celebration Service, a Sunday Service held AT Salerno Bay Manor Nursing Home at 9 am, hosted by Christian Education**



**Office Hours**

The church office will be closed on Fridays for the summer.

Potential New members will meet with Dr. Jim Bailey on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in his office at 9:00 am. They will again meet with Dr. Bailey and our current Elders on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> in his office at 9:00 am. They will then join the church at the 10:00 am worship service. Please call the church office for more information. Thank you.





## Trinity Sunday

June 9, 2017 by Jill Duffield

### **2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20**

For many years I considered Trinity Sunday a blip on the church calendar radar. I made a mental note to make sure I had my white stole at the ready between the rare red of Pentecost and the ubiquitous green of Ordinary Time. Trinity Sunday is the day that forces the preacher and teacher to wrestle with the mystery of what it means to speak of the Triune God, three in one. Trinity Sunday, a liturgical occasion we could – with no protest from the congregation – skip entirely. Heck, who would notice, really? And yet, I find myself this year believing that Trinity Sunday is as important a Sunday as the one that comes before it: Pentecost. I am convicted that at least this year, Trinity Sunday may well be as important a Lord's Day as Christmas or Easter. I am certain that, at least this year, we need to not tell it slant, as Emily Dickinson and Eugene Peterson instruct, but tell it straight and with prophetic boldness and clarity.

This Trinity Sunday, proclaim the truth that the God we worship is, in fact, the Triune God, three in one, a God of reciprocity and relationship, expansiveness and welcome, very much at work in the world creating, redeeming, sustaining and still speaking. Every year I come back to William C. Placher's book, "The Triune God," and every year it offers a new nugget pointing to the importance of the triune nature of our God. This time around I came across this, "In the incarnation, the three show that there is always within God a space large enough for the whole world, and even all its sin: the Word's distance from the one he calls Father is so great that no one falls outside it, and the Spirit fills that space with love. The Spirit maintains ... the space that Christ opens up 'at our disposal, as a new, open space.'" This year, we need that new, open, love-filled space as much as at any time I have ever known.

As I write this, hundreds have been killed as a result of a bomb blast in Afghanistan. As I write this, headlines about Kathy Griffin's gory photo of the president's mock beheading fill my newsfeed. As I write this, the headlines about Texas legislators coming to blows on the floor of the state house are in the rearview mirror. (One elected official threatened to shoot another in the head.) In recent days, a candidate in Montana (now duly elected) was charged with assaulting a reporter. A noose was found at the African American History Museum in Washington, D.C. LeBron James' home was vandalized with a racial slur. Ricky John Best and Taliesen Myrddin Namkai Meche are dead, stabbed to death because they stood up to a man yelling anti-Muslim slurs to two young women on a Portland, Oregon, train. A third man was injured. It is reported that Namkai Meche's last words were, "Tell everyone on this train I love them."

This year we desperately need to proclaim the truth of our Triune God, the Father, Son and

Holy Spirit. We need the world to know and feel and see and hear and experience the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit. Our sanctuaries need to be the new, open, love-filled spaces that create space for others within the embrace of the Trinity. We are called to bear the new, open, love-filled space of welcome to the world. Placher shares Daniel Migliore's description of the Trinity, writing, "they 'are incomparably hospitable to each other.'" Now is the time for us to be incomparably hospitable to each other as we emulate our God. The two New Testament texts appointed for today are last words of love, too. They are benedictions, instructions and blessings – Paul's and Jesus Christ's. In 2 Corinthians Paul tells his brothers and sisters to put things in order and to agree with one another. Followers of Jesus Christ are to listen to Paul's appeal and live in peace. Then comes the Triune blessing of grace, love and communion. I can't help but wonder if the instructions and the blessing aren't intimately related. Is grace made known to us through our ordered life together, a life of agreement in basic values, behaviors and truths? (For example: everyone is created in God's image, forgive as we have been forgiven, love God and neighbor.) Does the love of God come to and through us as we live in peace, even within the conflicts, uncertainties and acrimony, committed to compassion and covenant relationship no matter our differences? Do we experience the communion of the Holy Spirit when we stop pounding the table and instead gather around it together to be nourished and nurtured by Word and Sacrament? I don't know, but I do know our world desperately needs a witness counter to the one we are seeing over and over and over again all around us.

The Risen Christ tells the 11 to go to all nations; the instruction is expansive, unlimited, not bounded by any earthly category we may construct to divide. Go to all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teaching, too, all that Jesus has commanded. There is that expansive "all" again. No one and nothing are left out. Remembering that Jesus is with us always and to the end of the age – more expansion, more new, open, love-filled space within which to do the work of the Triune God, space big enough to include and embrace the world and all its sin, too. Trinity Sunday provides the liturgical portal to enter into the mystery of our God. The theological heft of this week is unmistakable. The ink spilled on "economic" and "immanent" and "social" and "modal" and "*filioque*" is also expansive, and not unimportant. Read all about those nuances. Study them throughout the year. Read Placher's book or, if you want to dig even deeper, tackle "After Our Likeness: The Church as the Image of the Trinity" by Miroslav Volf. (I may be finished with it by Trinity Sunday 2018.) Do some due diligence before you preach or teach on this most challenging of doctrines, but don't get so far down the rabbit hole of creedal correctness that you forget to proclaim the Good News inherent in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

This year of all years be prophetic and clear, teaching all that Jesus commands those who've been baptized in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Proclaim the new, open, love-filled space of our Triune God, the space where we are to love God with all we've got and our neighbors, *all* our neighbors, like ourselves. The world needs this Word, now. So, speak it, live it, wherever you are and wherever you go and however you are able. In those places of hate and violence, destruction and division, be the new, open, love-filled space that exists within the Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the space "so great that no one falls outside of it." No one.

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