



# South Mecklenburg

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## A Service of Worship

Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

10:10 a.m., Sanctuary & Livestream

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

### We Gather

**Prelude** *Hail Thee, Festival Day!* Franklin D. Ashdown

**Welcome and Concerns of the Church** Rev. Lindsey Odom

The Lord be with you. **And also with you!**

**"Paws" for the CAT** Whitney Gann

**Introit** *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity* THE FLIGHT OF THE EARLS

**\*Call to Worship** Ben Cassell

One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

**All: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God forever praised.**

One: From the beginning, God created us in love.

**All: Through Christ, we are redeemed in grace.**

One: By the Spirit, we are renewed and sent into the world.

**All: We gather as God's people to worship the mystery and majesty  
of our Triune God.**

One: Come, let us worship God together.

**All: Let us worship with joy, wonder, and praise.**

**\*Hymn 1** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* NICAEA

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Rev. Odom

**Merciful God, you are Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and you call us to live in your love and unity. Forgive us for the times we have turned away from you, when we have tried to live on our own, and when we have failed to love others as you have loved us. Please forgive us when**

we act as if we know it all and forgive us when we forget that you are greater than we can comprehend. Cleanse our hearts and renew us by your grace. Work in us and through us, that we may live as your faithful people, reflecting your love in all we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of God's Grace** (John 3:17)

Rev. Odom

One: "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are made new. Friends, believe the good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*Response of Praise**

No. 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, amen.*

## We Hear and Respond to the Word

**Church Family Moment**

Rebecca Guzman

- 1. Story Connection:** Listen to a readaloud of *What is God's Name?* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. Today is Trinity Sunday, when we remember the different ways we experience God. In Isaiah 6:1–8, Isaiah sees God in the temple and hears the angels singing, "Holy, holy, holy!" Isaiah experiences God as powerful, loving, and forgiving all at once. In the story, people use different names for God based on how they know God. Think about your own names and nicknames. Even though they are different, they all describe you. Christians talk about God as Creator, Jesus, and Holy Spirit: different ways we experience the one God.
- 2. Sing:** Print out a copy of an illustrated version of our first hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* and then sing along with this recording. What does the hymn reveal to us about who God is? What does the word "holy" mean?
- 3. Game:** Play "Holy Echo." One person says a word that describes God, like loving, peaceful, creator, or forgiving, and everyone echoes it back together, just like the angels in Isaiah's vision calling to one another, "Holy, holy, holy!"
- 4. Journal, considering the following:**
  - a. What illustrations of the Trinity have you seen?
  - b. What does it mean to experience God in different ways?
  - c. Why do you think Isaiah said, "Here I am; send me"?
  - d. What does it mean to be a child of God?



**Children's Liturgy**

Rebecca Guzman

*As the children four years old through third grade gather for Children's Worship, the congregation is invited to sing (hymn no. 19):*

***God of great and God of small,  
God of one and God of all,  
God of weak and God of strong,  
God to whom all things belong,  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.***

**Congregation: God be with you there.**

Children: God be with you here.

*The children will return to join their families following the sermon.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

Rev. Odom

**First Reading**

Matthew 28:16-20

Rev. Odom

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**Second Reading**

Isaiah 6:1-8

Dr. Sandy Hull

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

"Holy Smoke"

Dr. Hull

**\*Hymn 300**

***We Are One in the Spirit***

ST. BRENDAN'S



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

**\*The Affirmation of Faith (unison)** The Second Helvetic Confession

Rev. Melissa White

We believe and teach that God is one in essence and nature, all-sufficient, invisible, immense, eternal, Creator of all things both visible and invisible, omnipotent and supremely wise, kind and merciful, just and true. Notwithstanding, we believe and teach that the same immense, one and indivisible God is distinguished as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. According to their nature or essence they are so joined together that they are one God, and the divine nature is common to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer** Rev. White

... (unison) **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.**

**Offering Invitation**

Rev. White

**Offertory**

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

Donald Busarow

*As an alternative to the traditional offering plate, you may support the ministry of SMPC by giving online at [www.smpchome.org/give](http://www.smpchome.org/give) or texting SMPC to 73256.*

**\*Doxology**

No. 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**

Emily Mitchell

**Loving God, thank you for all the ways you care for us every day. We give these gifts back to you with joyful hearts. Help us work together as one church family to share your love with the rest of the world. Guide us with your love as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and help us follow Jesus more faithfully each day. Amen.**

## **We Go Out to Serve**

**\*Hymn 700**

***I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me***

I'M GONNA LIVE

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time! I'm gon-na  
 (an - y - time!) I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)  
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
 pray so (pray so)  
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, (my Lord,) an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Dr. Hull

**\*Congregational Response**

No. 700, stanza 1

*I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

**Postlude**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Alice Jordan

## Worship Service Notes

### Leading Worship this Morning

Dr. Sandy Hull, Transitional Pastor

Rev. Lindsey Odom, Associate Pastor of Youth & Missions/Outreach

Rev. Melissa White, Parish Associate for Congregational Care & Connection

Rebecca Guzman, Director of Spiritual Formation

Ann Carney, organ

Ben Cassell, Emily Mitchell, liturgists

**A/V Team:** Mary Katheryne Zagora, Michael Zagora

**Ushers:** Mitchell Davis, Dean Elledge, Mary Elledge, Jenny Gates, Bjorn Hansen, Craig Parrish

**Welcome Team:** Lorri Hattenhauer, Courtney Ritchie, Steven Ritchie

Part One of the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is the Book of Confessions, a collection of twelve faith statements from various points in history and various places around the world. The Second Helvetic Confession was written in Switzerland in the sixteenth century.

There are several options to remember or honor a loved one with the SMPC Flower Ministry. Find more details and sign up to reserve a Sunday via the QR code. Contact: Karen Malmut, karenmalmut@yahoo.com.



Join the Welcome Team! Our Welcome Team members are often the first point of contact for those attending our worship services and special events. Friendly faces are always welcome to serve! Sign up via QR code. Contact: Kathy Galati, kathyhg118@yahoo.com.

Welcome to South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church! If you are joining us in person or online, are a first-time visitor, a long-term member, or anything in between, we are glad that you are worshiping with us and we want to stay connected with you. To receive our emails, sent on Thursday mornings, contact Adrienne Jaquith, Office and Database Manager, adrienne@smpchome.org. SMPC uses Realm as a church directory and for event registrations. If you are new to Realm or have questions about it, please contact Adrienne Jaquith, and she will be happy to help!

Interested in joining South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church? To learn more about membership and the process of joining, contact Rev. Melissa White, Parish Associate, melissa@smpchome.org or 704-887-7488.

## **Congregational Notes** (as of May 27, 2026)

### **Remember in Prayer**

- The people of Bayonnais and all of Haiti that God would bring protection from violence, healing for the injured, provision for those in need, and strength and hope in the midst of hardship.
- Zach Bowyer, Director of Music and Organist, as he enjoys time for rest, reflection and spiritual renewal while on sabbatical.
- All those affected by conflict, displacement, and unrest around the world and at home.
- That God would guide us to serve others with compassion, justice, and mercy within our church, our community, and our world.

To join the prayer chain or send a prayer request:  
prayer@SMPChome.org

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### **Church Office Hours:**

**Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday: Closed**

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## WELCOME!

After worship, we hope you'll join us for lemonade and cookies near Coffee Grounds. Come meet friends old and new! Registry pads are located in your pews. Please sign and pass to your neighbor and perhaps introduce yourself to someone new!

### IT'S A PURRRRRFECT DAY TO TAKE THE CONGREGATIONAL ASSESSMENT TOOL (CAT) SURVEY!

Thank you to everyone who has taken the CAT survey! This survey is an opportunity to share your experiences and priorities for our congregation. If SMPC has your email, you should have received emails from the church with a link to the survey. We estimate that it will take about 20 minutes to complete, and it must be completed in one sitting. Computers and paper copies are available in the church office or Connection Center. You can also scan the QR code to complete the survey on your phone. If you love SMPC and are 13 or older, we want you to participate!



We also want to hear from our children! *CAT for Kids* is a survey specifically "tailored" for children. There is one for ages 9 and under and one for ages 10-12. The surveys can be found at the Connection Center. Please return your completed *CAT for Kids* to the basket at the Connection Center.

## THIS WEEK'S CLASSES & EVENTS

tuesday

**SMPC Tuesday Mahjong  
Narthex**

**JUNE 2**

**10:30 a.m. -**

**12:30 p.m.**

All levels of mahjong players are invited to join this group that meets weekly on Tuesdays. Contact Mary Katheryne Zagora, [mkzagora@smpchome.org](mailto:mkzagora@smpchome.org), to be added to the email list.

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wednesday

**Pastor's Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
McQueen Room or Zoom**

**JUNE 3**

**9:30 a.m. -**

**10:30 a.m.**

Transitional Pastor Sandy Hull leads this study. This is the last meeting before the group takes a break for the summer. June 3 is on Malachi. All are welcome! If you would like to join by Zoom, please contact Adrienne Jaquith, [adrienne@smpchome.org](mailto:adrienne@smpchome.org).

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thursday

**SMPC Thursday Mahjong  
Narthex**

**JUNE 4**

**1:15 p.m. -**

**3:15 p.m.**

All levels of mahjong players are invited to join this group that meets weekly on Thursdays. Contact Mary Katheryne Zagora, [mkzagora@smpchome.org](mailto:mkzagora@smpchome.org), to be added to the email list.

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thursday

**SMPC College Student Summer Gathering  
Hicks' Home**

**JUNE 4**

**4:00 p.m. -**

**6:00 p.m.**

College students who are home for the summer, join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and food! Register and event details are on Realm or [smpchome.org/events](http://smpchome.org/events). Contact: Lindsey Odom, [lindsey@smpchome.org](mailto:lindsey@smpchome.org).

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friday

**Friday Morning Men's Group  
Chapel 206**

**JUNE 5**

**7:30 a.m. -**

**8:30 a.m.**

This group meets on the first and third Fridays of every month for study and fellowship. All are welcome. Contact: Curt Ireland, [irelandcurtis00@gmail.com](mailto:irelandcurtis00@gmail.com).

**sunday**  
**JUNE 7**  
**9:00 a.m. -**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Slow Theology**  
**McQueen Room or Zoom**  
This is the last session of this class. Register on Realm or [smpchome.org/events](http://smpchome.org/events). Contact: Rebecca Guzman, [rebecca@smpchome.org](mailto:rebecca@smpchome.org).

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**sunday**  
**JUNE 7**  
**10:10 a.m.**

**Graduate Sunday Worship**  
We can't wait to celebrate our high school and college graduates!  
Contact: Lindsey Odom, [lindsey@smpchome.org](mailto:lindsey@smpchome.org).

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**sunday**  
**JUNE 7**  
**11:30 a.m. -**  
**12:30 p.m.**

**Third Thirty - BONUS!**  
**The Commons, Ages 60-90**  
In this session, we'll have a panel discussion about aging gracefully. You can attend this session even if you haven't attended previous sessions. A light lunch will be served. Register on Realm or [smpchome.org/events](http://smpchome.org/events). Contact: Melissa White, [melissa@smpchome.org](mailto:melissa@smpchome.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**A Caregiver's Journey, Tuesday, June 9, 1:00-2:30 p.m. McQueen Room -**  
Finding meaning and purpose as you care for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. Contact: Kathy Garner, [kathygarner15@gmail.com](mailto:kathygarner15@gmail.com).

**SMPC Youth School's Out Scoops at Cold Stone Creamery, Wednesday, June 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Cold Stone Creamery, Blakeney, Middle and High Schoolers -** School's out for the summer! Let's celebrate with ice cream! Register on Realm or [smpchome.org/events](http://smpchome.org/events). Contact: Lindsey Odom, [lindsey@smpchome.org](mailto:lindsey@smpchome.org).

**SMPC Youth River Tubing, Thursday, June 11, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Catawba River Outdoors, Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders through Graduated 12<sup>th</sup> Graders -** Come rock the river with us through some river tubing! We'll meet at the church and drive together. Transportation, snacks, and ice cream are provided. Cost is \$20. Register on Realm or on [smpchome.org/events](http://smpchome.org/events). Contact: Lindsey Odom, [lindsey@smpchome.org](mailto:lindsey@smpchome.org).

## SMPC SOFTBALL

The SMPC Softball Team (2024 Champions!) would love to have new full- or part-time players! The team plays all regular season games on the SMPC field, Mondays, 6:15 p.m. and Fridays, 7:15 p.m. (beginning June 1). Playoffs usually run through mid-August. There is a small entry fee and team shirt will be supplied. This is a fun group of guys and a great way to build connection at church. Let's bring home the big trophy this year! Contact: Michael Choren, [michaelchoren@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelchoren@yahoo.com), or Jimmy Galati, [jamesgalati63@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesgalati63@yahoo.com).

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & MISSION POSSIBLE

**Monday, July 20-Thursday, July 23, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** VBS is a FUN week of exploring the Bible through play, art, science and music! Mission Possible is our program for 5th and 6th graders that involves a week of fun and service. **Register on Realm or go to our website, [smpchome.org/vacation-bible-school](http://smpchome.org/vacation-bible-school) to learn more.**

**Vacation Bible School:** Ages 3 (Potty-Trained)-Rising 4th Graders  
**Mission Possible:** Rising 5th & 6th Graders  
**Contact:** Rebecca Guzman, [rebecca@smpchome.org](mailto:rebecca@smpchome.org)



**New! SMPC now texts!** If you would like to receive occasional texts from SMPC, including updates on the pastoral transition, scan QR code. Please note: if you signed up for the Lenten devotions via text, you will also need to opt in to this! Contact: Cheryl Perry, [cheryl@smpchome.org](mailto:cheryl@smpchome.org).

