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Church of the Hills  
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Trinity Sunday

“Jesus is With Us Always”

Genesis 1:1-5

Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor Richard Aylor

May 31, 2026

***We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God’s Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.***

**Prelude**

performed by Sheresa Wilbanks

**\*\*Opening Chant**

“Spirit of the Living God”

Purple Hymnal 288

Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.

**Welcome**

Pastor Richard Aylor

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**People: And, also with you.**

**\*\*Opening Hymn**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Purple Hymnal 1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
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**\*\*Invitation to Confession**

David Molden

Leader: Creation displays the glory of God, but our sin keeps us from rejoicing in the love God reveals.

**People: Yet Christ Jesus the Son carried our sins to the cross, and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us so that we can praise God, our Maker, Savior, and life-giving Lover.**

Leader: Let us confess our sins, that we may receive such grace.

**\*\*Prayer of Confession**

**Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into our service. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Flame of Love, purify us from sin; Eternal Now, lead us to your truth; Risen One, baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone, God who is Trinity. Amen.**

**\*\* Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer of all the world, and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life forgets the sins of all who repent.

**People: Therefore, we are forgiven, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all.**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And, also with you.**

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

**\*\*Response to Forgiveness**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” Purple Hymnal 286 (v. 1)

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

**Prayer for Illumination**

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

**All: Sing into our ears, O Spirit, the holy word of life. Tell us who we are and to whom we belong so that we may live with gratitude for all that you have done. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 1:1-5

1 When God began to create<sup>a</sup> 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.

**Ministry of Music**

**New Testament Reading**

Matthew 28:16-20

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**

“Jesus is With Us Always”

**\*\*Response to Sermon**

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Purple Hymnal 298 (v. 1, 2, 5)

Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.” Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity: with the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.” That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: with the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.” Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend, and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: with the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

**\*\*Apostles’ Creed**

**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 on 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.**

## Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

**\*\*Doxology**                    “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”                    Purple Hymnal 716 (v. 1)

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and  
endless store, nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly  
cross, grave’s shattered door: gifted by you, we turn  
to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall  
rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

## Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

**\*\*Closing Hymn**                    “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”                    Purple Hymnal 366

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to  
earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy  
faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with  
thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every  
troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us  
find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as  
its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy  
life receive; suddenly return, and never, never-  
more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee  
without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless  
let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly  
restored in thee: changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our  
crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## **\*\*Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

**People: Alleluia. Amen.**

## **Postlude**

*Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service. To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you during this time.*

**Meet our new Music Director, Sheresa Wilbanks!!!!**



Sheresa Wilbanks has retired from her 28 years of being a public High School Choral Director. She also has been involved in music ministry for all of her adult life. She graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education and a Master of Arts in Education and Administration from the University of Phoenix.

Tim, her husband of 43 years and being involved in ministry has been the most integral part of their lives together. They have two sons, Chase, 42 and Keilan, 40. Both are married and live in the Denver area. Their pride and joy are their grandchildren, Avery Blue, 4 years old and Parker, 8 months old.

Sheresa is currently the choral director of The High Plains Chorale in Elizabeth, CO. Her heart lies in her family. She enjoys spending quality time with them. In her spare time, cuddling with her two golden doodles and riding her horse, Bella Rose brings her immense joy.

## **For Pastoral Care:**

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

## **A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:**

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

## **Office Hours:**

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (aside from staff lunch hours). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

## **Deadlines:**

**The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.**

**Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.**

**Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.**

## **Church Officers:**

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\*Hymnals are indicated for those that may have them at home.

Blue - "The Presbyterian Hymnal"

Red - "Songs for Praise and Worship"

Purple - "Glory to God"

Yellow - "Hymns for the Family of God"

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