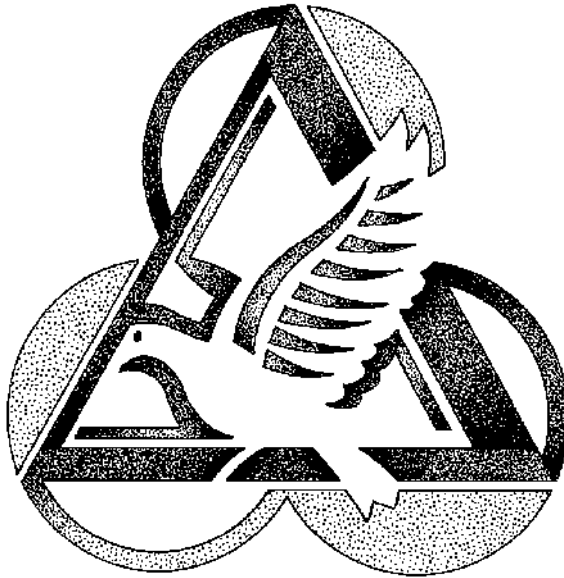


Welcome to *Amherst Presbyterian Church*. We are one of the visible churches for the invisible church that shall be gathered into one, under Christ, the head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fullness of Christ that fills all in all.

You are so welcome to our worship every Sunday.



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

2 C O R I N T H I A N S 13 : 13

Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023 at 10:30 AM

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

AMHERST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
The Presbyterian Church in the USA
All Are Welcome

*** We invite you to please stand, as you are able, for items preceded by an asterisk.**

PRELUDE: Air Handel

OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*** INTROIT:** Give Thanks # 2036 (*Sing the Faith*)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: How majestic is God's name in all the earth!
 We see God's glory in the expanse of the heavens.

People: **All plants and animals are God's creation.**
 All that God has made reflects God's goodness.

Liturgist: We are created in God's image, to relate to God.
 We receive great abundance and care from our Creator.

People: **God blesses us day by day with good things.**
 We are given dominion over the works of God.

Liturgist: Gather to praise God and greet one another.
 Celebrate all the ways God is revealed to us.

People: **We worship the Creator and Sustainer of all things.**
 We rejoice in Christ's promise of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in unison)

Amazing God, the more we learn of your creation, the more we are filled with awe and wonder. Yet, our vision narrows to our limited concerns, and we forget the immense reaches of the stewardship to which you appoint us. We have not taken good care of this tiny spaceship, Earth, which is our home. We have not cared well for one another as sisters and brothers. Our doubts outweigh our obedience. O God, help us fulfill our baptism and claim our discipleship, as forgiven and forgiving sinners. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(in unison)

We are created in the image of God and are blessed with the capacity to reflect God's will in our daily lives. God cares for us and invests us with responsibility. Thus God honors us with high expectations and confidence in our willingness to seek out life's best for all people. We are loved. We are forgiven. Our baptism is renewed.

PASSING OF PEACE

Pastor

Pastor: "The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you..."

People: "....and also with you."

* HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! # 138

FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Liturgist

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

SECOND READING

Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor

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 some 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."

Pastor: The Word of God, to all people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Great Commission”

Pastor

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION ~ *Please observe this time of silence.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Follow Insert

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

(in unison)

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.

SHARING OF JOYS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Pastor

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(in 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.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Liturgist

What will we return to God for all the bounty of the universe we have been given to enjoy? We cannot count the blessings of life which God supplies to us. The mandate of Christ is clear: “Go and make disciples of all nations.” That means

(continued on next page)

we must, first of all, accept our own discipleship in wholehearted obedience and self-giving service. God expects no less than all we have and all we are.

OFFERTORY: Morning Has Broken, arr. DuChamp

*** DOXOLOGY:** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow # 592

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER** *(in unison)*

Amid our doubts and the temptation to grab life's blessings for our own personal use, we come to dedicate our time, talent, and treasure to realize your reign on earth, majestic God. As we enjoy your bounty, we give that all our sisters and brothers might also come to appreciate the amazing gifts you entrust to us. Thank you for life and all its wonders. Amen.

*** COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Pastor: Go out to tell the world that God cares.
Celebrate the gift of life and all its possibilities.

People: **We are awed by God's vast creation.**
We are amazed at how God honors us.

Pastor: God has given us stewardship over creation.
We are given the care of every living thing.

People: **Land, sea, and air are ours to enjoy.**
All are entrusted to our careful watch.

Pastor: Generations before us have passed on God's gifts.
Generations to follow depend on our faithfulness.

People: **We pray for insight and generosity to save this legacy.**
We seek to live in peace and love with everyone.

ALL: **Amen.**

*** HYMN:** Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

(continued on next page)

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE: Jubilate Deo Harbon

Today's Worship Team

Ministers:	The People and Rev. Amir Tawadrous
Music Director:	Donna Lorenzo
Liturgist:	Leslie Palermo

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our friends and family in care facilities and at home, including:
Tom & May Chou, Doreen Connolly, Joan Hambleton,
John Kelley Jr., Betty Knowl, Lois McMillan, Gail Trankle

Devotion of the Week

Let us read **2 Corinthians 13:11-13** and **Matthew 28:16-20**.

Questions for your meditation:

What do you picture yourself doing as you read the Great Commission from Matthew? What thoughts and feelings arise as you imagine yourself responding to Jesus' charge ?

APC CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — June 4, 2023

- Today's flowers are from Colleen Gibson, for family and friends.
- Thank you so much to everyone who participated in yesterday's Spring Cleanup!
- The **Deacons** will meet today at noon.
- There will be an **APC Staff** meeting on Wednesday, June 7 at 10:00 AM. Please note that we will gather in the church office area for this meeting.
- **RUMMAGE SALE**... it's almost here! Today after church we need help bringing out tables from the shed and items from the church loft. Wednesday through Friday this week (June 7, 8, 9) we'll be setting up. **Saturday, June 10** is the big day! Join us anytime between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM, to help, to shop, to be a part of this great event! Cleanup will take place when the sale ends at 1:00 PM.
- The next **Session** meeting will be on Monday, June 12 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom.
- **Rachael Circle** will have their end of year luncheon on Tuesday, June 13 at noon at Unbridled Cafe. Please RSVP to Mary Ellen Jerge by June 9th, 716-430-0245.
- Duffield Camp and Retreat Center has openings for their summer camps: Science Camp (7/9-15), Music Camp (July 16-22), or Night Owls Camp (7/23-29). Camp Duffield is located on 137 acres of forested land in Delevan, NY. Just go to their website, www.campduffield.net for more information and to register. Camp Duffield is also seeking volunteer Counselors (adults) and Counselors in Training (CITs) ages 15 – 18, for summer camps. Volunteer Counselors may send one child or grandchild to camp for free for each week they volunteer. Volunteer CITs are able to attend Night Owl Camp for free (7/22-29). Please contact Summer Camp Director Pat Cookfair-Casseri to volunteer or with any questions at: pacookfaircasseri@gmail.com or 716-440-9833.

Next week — **Sunday, June 11** — Worship service at 10:30 AM

Amherst Presbyterian Church

151 S. Youngs Road

Williamsville, NY 14221



CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Phone: 716-633-4656 / **Email:** AmherstPC@verizon.net

Office hours: 9:00am—1:00pm, Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Rev. Amir's Cell: 773-961-6977 / **Email:** APCpastor@verizon.net

Rev. Amir's hours: 9:00am—12:30pm, Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, and by appointment
(scheduling your visit is recommended)

Church website: <https://amherstpreshurch.com>

Facebook: Amherst Presbyterian Church—closed group; ask to be invited