

Sunday, May 31st, 2026
Sermon Series: "Living Hope."
"The Heart of Hope"
(Pentecost)

The God of Scripture...A Trinity.

Mark 1.9-11 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

"The central dogma of Christian theology, that the one God exists in three Persons and one substance, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...one God equally in three distinct **modes** [or *persons*] of existence, yet remains one through all eternity." (*Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*)

ὑπόστασις (*hypostasis*): Lit., "To stand under" "Essence" (Person)

The Doctrine of the Trinity Reveals...

God's _____.

Genesis 1.1-3 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

John 1.1, 14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us

"Perichoresis:" Perichoresis describes the three persons, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, three distinct persons, but all of one "ousia" or essence, indwelling in each other, partaking in each other, and "dancing" around each other in a creative, spontaneous dance of love and joy and relationship

Our _____.

John 3.16-17 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

(Answers: Identity. Hope).



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