

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Acolyte: Madelyn Birchfield

Cross Bearer: Joye Lane

Elders: Shuford Abernethy & Kathleen Shuford

Nursery Director: Sonya Starnes

Treasurer's Assistant: Scott Hill

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Acolyte: Madelyn Birchfield

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Elders: Shuford Abernethy & Kathleen Shuford

Lay Reader: Sydney Mateyunas

Liturgist: Richard Bowers

Treasurer's Assistant: Luana Wright



Trinity Church currently uses Abundant Life Florist in Newton for our altar flower vases. Please call (828) 465-1996 to order (or cancel) your flowers, no later than the Tuesday before your scheduled Sunday.

If you have any questions, please contact Bethany in the church office, and to mention to whom you wish to have the flowers dedicated.

THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

All Church Members, Ministers

Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor

Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader

Martha Caldwell, Director of Adult Traditional Choir

Marty Light, Organist

TRINITY ONLINE GIVING



TRINITY REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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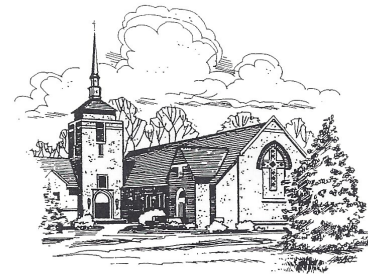
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Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024—10:30 A.M.

**Denotes—Those who are able may stand.*

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE

"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

(by William Bradbury/arr. by David Paxton)

Marty Light, Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 139)

Cindy Abel, Liturgist

We've come today to worship God — who loved us before we were born, who knows us better than we know ourselves, whose presence never leaves us, and whose love for us never ceases. This is our God! Let us worship together.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#377 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (Responsively)

Cindy Abel, Liturgist

God of signs and wonders, open our eyes to the marvelous evidence of your care for us.

Open our ears to hear the voice of our Good Shepherd calling us by name.

Link us with one another in your body, the Church, in which the needs of each are the concern of all, and shower your goodness and mercy on all of us today, that we may be equipped to share your blessings with others. ***Amen.***

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Peggy Stout

Holy and Sovereign God, sometimes we feel smug in our own abilities to manage our lives and we tend to ignore you. Like sheep, we tend to stray or even run away on our own separate paths from your love.

Forgive us, O Lord, and gather us back into your loving fold. Make us one with Christ that we might bear witness of your healing and your love.

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

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.

***PRAISE RESPONSE**

*“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”
(v. 1 & chorus)*

#159 Blue Book

*There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, Filling us with your love;
And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise:
Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.*

(Please be seated.)

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Jillian Helton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Unison)*

Natalie Inman, Lay Reader

Holy and Loving God, we pray that as the scriptures are read and proclaimed, that you will send your Holy Spirit—to move us to understanding, to help us to believe the gospel, and to give us courage to live out the good news of your love. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

Natalie Inman, Lay Reader

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

*“Hymn of Promise”
(by Natalie Sleeth)*

Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I John 3:16-18, 23-24

Rev. Peggy Stout

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Peggy Stout

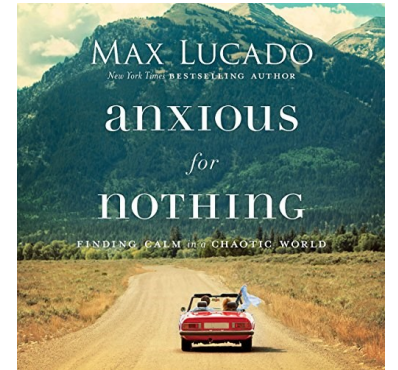
Our **Spring Congregational Meeting** will be held **today at 11:45am** immediately following worship. We hope you will stay after worship for a few minutes to hear and vote on some important things coming up in the business of our church.

UPCOMING AT TRINITY

“Anxious For Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World” by Max Lucado

**Ladies’ Book Study: Monday’s at 6pm
(4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20)**

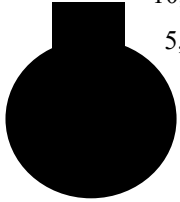
To begin Monday, April 29th from 6-7:15pm here in the Church Parlor. Light snacks & refreshments will be provided. Please let Luana Wright, Marcia Mancini or Rev. Peggy know if you’d like to attend.



Special Announcement to Our Trinity Church Family

In case you haven’t heard, we are embarking on a visioning process for Trinity Church. It is important that each of you be involved. Your input is highly valued and needed as we plan for the future. The Vision Team has met with Rev. Dr. Jeff Gardner. Now it is your turn to participate as we reflect on our core values. In the next few weeks, the Vision Team will be asking two specific questions. These discussions will occur during regularly planned meetings, such as during Sunday School, Good Timers, Singles Group, Choir, Lahu services, home visits and so on. We will offer another gathering time following our Sunday worship on **April 28th** in the Chapel. If you need to schedule a different time to meet, please contact one of the members on the Team, and we will do our best to accommodate your request. Thank you in advance as we look forward to hearing what you have to share!

Vision Team: Rev. Peggy Stout, Kathy Alexander, Shuford Abernethy, Pat Bowers, Michael Lingle, Jerry Mallonee, Susan Mallonee, Sydney Mateyunas, Marcia Pencola, Tommy Simmons, Jessica Spain, and Luana Wright.



27,184
21,747
15,810
10,540
5,270

<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL</u>						
	Sanctuary	Lahu	Live Stream	Total	Offering	
Apr. 7	93	14	40	147	\$3,650.00	
Apr. 14	86	14	53	153	\$2,831.00	
Apr. 21						
Apr. 28						
Total	<hr/>					

Goal for a four week month is \$21,747 and for a five week month is \$27,184*.
— Denotes combined Traditional & Lahu service

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation
Offertory
***Doxology**

“Close to Thee” Silas Vail & Fanny Crosby/arr. by Donald Moore
“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Pat Bowers

***Prayer**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostle’s Creed*)

Let us confess the faith of our baptism:
***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is at the
right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the
life everlasting. Amen.***

***HYMN** *“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”* #606 Blue Book
***BENEDICTION** Rev. Peggy Stout
***CHORAL RESPONSE** *“Amen, Amen”* Chancel Choir
***POSTLUDE** *“D Major Celebration”* Marty Light, Organist
(by Jean François Dandrieu)

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**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Consistory discussed clapping during the worship service and unanimously agreed that if the Spirit moves you—please clap. *It’s not about praising the choir or the speaker—it’s about praising God through all forms of worship.*

*This Week*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
9:30 am—Sunday School (all ages)  
10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship  
Children’s School Report  
10:30 am—You Tube Live Stream  
11:45 am—**Spring Congregational Mtg.**

**MONDAY, APRIL 22**  
9:00 am—Volunteer at Ashure  
(Formerly ECCCM)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23**  
6:30 pm—**Consistory Officers Mtg.**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**  
7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25**  
9:30 am—Hugs and Stitches  
6:00 pm—Sweet Adelines

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
9:30 am—Sunday School (all ages)  
10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship  
Prayer Baskets  
10:30 am—You Tube Live Stream  
1:00 pm—**Vision Team Meeting**

**THE FLOWERS** on the altar today are given to the  
Glory of God and in memory of my parents,  
Joe & Louise Epley, and in honor of my granddaughter  
Anna and her husband, Josh Gurlick.  
Given By: Vickie Trotter





**OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

*Psalm 23*

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

*I John 3:16-18, 23-24*

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

**Congregational CARE NOTES today!** There are care notepads provided at the end of each pew. Please take a moment to write a note of care, thought, or appreciation to someone on the church prayer list. *Please write their name on the top of the paper.* We will take up the notes after the service and mail them directly to the person's home. *You may also place them in the offering plates when passed down the pews.*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, and visits**

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| <p><b><u>PLEASE REMEMBER</u></b><br/> Yvonne Propst—recuperating from surgery<br/> Richard Bowers—recuperating from surgery<br/> John and Margie Furmage<br/> Scott Mallonee—recuperating at home<br/> Darlene Whittaker—undergoing chemo<br/> *Michael Gantt (Son of Charles &amp; Brenda Gantt)<br/> *Kellie Wesson (Cousin of Molly Lamp)</p> | <p><b><u>IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES</u></b><br/> <b><u>ABERNETHY LAURELS</u></b><br/> <b><u>102 Leonard Avenue</u></b><br/> <b><u>Newton, NC 28658</u></b><br/> Joan Williamson (Room 240)<br/> Joe Schell (Apt 205)<br/> Check Mills (Room 250)</p> |
| <p><b><u>RECUPERATING AT HOME</u></b><br/> Larry Fox      Jane Bartholomew<br/> Vickie Piercy   Margie Reaves<br/> Margie Griffin Ted &amp; Becky Setzer<br/> Charles Gantt   Gene Hamilton</p>                                                                                                                                                  | <p><b><u>THE GREENS AT VIEWMONT</u></b><br/> <b><u>220 13th Ave. PINW</u></b><br/> <b><u>Hickory, NC 28601</u></b><br/> Julie Settlemyre</p>                                                                                                            |
| <p><b><u>HOMEBOUND</u></b><br/> Martha Sigmon      Jeanne Whitmire<br/> Joan Saine      Wanda Sue Ammerman</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p><b><u>MAGNOLIA LANE</u></b><br/> <b><u>107 Magnolia Drive</u></b><br/> <b><u>Morganton, NC 28655</u></b><br/> Pat Roark (Room 1)</p>                                                                                                                 |
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