

**IN THE LORD'S SERVICE**

**Acolyte:** Madelyn Birchfield

**Cross Bearer:** Joye Lane

**Elders:** Shuford Abernethy & Kathleen Shuford

**Nursery Director:** Sonya Starnes

**Treasurer's Assistant:** Luana Wright

**REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Acolyte:** Hunter Jorgensen

**Cross Bearer:** Jennifer Lingle

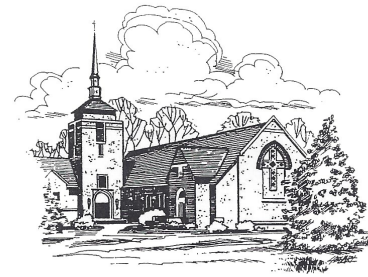
**Elders:** Tony Wells and Dawn Kilby

**Flowers:** Gina Setzer

**Lay Reader:** Tera Rockett

**Liturgist:** Kathleen Shuford

**Treasurer's Assistant:** Dawn Kilby



*Trinity Reformed*  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 28, 2024—10:30 A.M.**

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

**COMING BEFORE GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Peggy Stout

**PRELUDE**

Marty Light, Organist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Richard Bowers, Liturgist

This is the day the Lord has made.

***Let us rejoice and be glad in it!***

**\*HYMN**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"*

#323 Blue Book

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Richard Bowers, Liturgist

Lord, you are the vine and we are the branches. We take our life from you. Bless us in our gathering today as we seek to draw others into this blessed relationship you have granted to us. These things we pray in your mighty name. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Responsively*)**

Rev. Peggy Stout

Holy and Merciful God, we often neglect to nurture our relationship with you. We too quickly forget the love and mercy we have received from you, and our witness to the world often leaves much to be desired.

***Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to accept your loving pruning that we might bear the likeness of your Son and our Savior. Amen.***

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (*Responsively*)**

Rev. Peggy Stout

This is the good news of God's grace: God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the Risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

***Thanks be to God!***



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

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The Children's School Telephone: (828) 464-0057

## UPCOMING AT TRINITY

\*PRAISE RESPONSE "Great is Thy Faithfulness" #98 Blue Book

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*(Please be seated.)*

### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jessica Spain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison) Sydney Mateyunas, Lay Reader

Holy and Loving God, as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit.

*Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Open our  
minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may  
desire your ways. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 98:1-6 Sydney Mateyunas, Lay Reader

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

ANTHEM #1

"The Gift of Love"  
(by Hal Hopson)

Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 8:26-31, 36-38 Rev. Peggy Stout

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

SERMON

Rev. Peggy Stout

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #318 Blue Book

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Peggy Stout

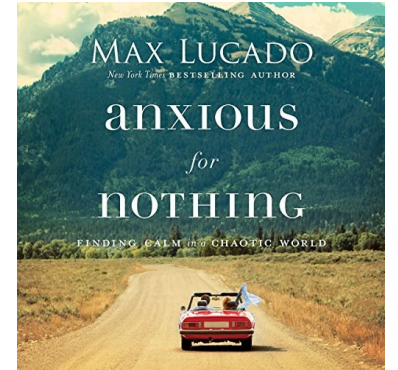
The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

*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.*

"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, 6/3)

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



Our church's new ministry to In My Father's House will focus on collecting donations all through the month of May. We will aim to support this ministry by donating specific requested items:

**Dry Goods:** Rice, Pasta, Boxed Cereal, Grits, Beans, Crackers  
**Canned Goods:** Canned Meat, Veggies, Beans, Soup, Fruit  
**Cleaning Products:** Lysol Wipes, Sponges, Disinfectant Spray



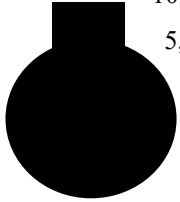
Please consider donating throughout the month of May. We will have boxes in the church office foyer labeled for "In My Father's House" donations.

**In My Father's House** is located above Gift & Thrift in Newton: 108 East 1st St.

Web: [www.inmyfathershousecssn.org](http://www.inmyfathershousecssn.org)

**ATTENTION:** The Children's School Schoolboard will meet this upcoming Tuesday, April 30th at 6:00 pm in the church library. Please plan to attend.

**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.*



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	99	8	35	142	\$4,304.00	
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

## *This Week*

### 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**

### MONDAY, APRIL 29

6:00 pm—Women’s Book Study

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

6:00 pm—Children’s Schoolboard Mtg.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

5:30 pm—Brotherhood Meeting  
7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

#### **National Day of Prayer**

6:00 pm—Sweet Adelines

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

#### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9:30 am—Sunday School (all ages)  
10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship  
Holy Communion  
10:30 am—You Tube Live Stream  
11:45 am—**Consistory Meeting**



### OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

#### Invitation

#### Offertory

#### \*Doxology

*“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.*

#### \*Prayer

*(Please be seated.)*

### INVITATION FROM OUR VISION CONSULTANT

Dr. Jeff Gardner

#### ANTHEM #2

*“Amazing Grace”*  
(arr. by Donald Moore)

Chancel Choir

#### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Peggy Stout

#### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

*“Threefold Amen”*

Chancel Choir

#### \*POSTLUDE

Marty Light, Organist

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**THE FLOWERS** on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Rev. Peggy’s niece, Alicia Stout, and Rev. Peggy’s “Memaw”.

Given By: The Congregation



**OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

*Psalm 98:1-6*

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

*Acts 8:26-31, 36-38*

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

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**

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

Yvonne Propst—recovering from surgery  
Jane Bartholomew—recovering from surgery  
John Furmage—dementia  
Margie Furmage—awaiting kidney cancer surgery  
Darlene Whittaker—undergoing chemo  
Scott Mallonee—recovering at home  
\*Michael Gantt (Son of Charles & Brenda Gantt)  
\*Kellie Wesson (Cousin of Molly Lamp)

**RECUPERATING AT HOME**

Larry Fox      Gene Hamilton  
Vickie Piercy   Margie Reaves  
Margie Griffin Ted & Becky Setzer  
Charles Gantt

**HOMEBOUND**

Martha Sigmon      Jeanne Whitmire  
Joan Saine      Wanda Sue Ammerman

**IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES**

**ABERNETHY LAURELS**  
**102 Leonard Avenue**  
**Newton, NC 28658**  
Joan Williamson (Room 240)  
Joe Schell (Apt 205)  
Check Mills (Hope Ct., Room 1052)

**THE GREENS AT VIEWMONT**  
**220 13th Ave. PINW**  
**Hickory, NC 28601**  
Julie Settlemyre

**MAGNOLIA LANE**  
**107 Magnolia Drive**  
**Morganton, NC 28655**  
Pat Roark (Room 1)

**PIEDMONT CROSSINGS**  
**100 Hedrick Dr**  
**Thomasville, NC 27360**  
Jack Power (Room 512)

**TERRA BELLA**  
**1088 Radio Station Rd.**  
**Newton, NC 28658**  
Jeanette Bitz (Room A12)

**UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE**  
**7166 Jordan Road**  
**Ramseur, NC 27316**  
Boyd Stout