

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

(04-26-26)

Acolyte: Madelyn Birchfield

Cross Bearer: David Setzer

Elders: Deb Hill and Johnny Lamp

Treasurer's Assistant: Ron Young

April

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Acolyte: Hunter Jorgensen

Cross Bearer: Jason Herman

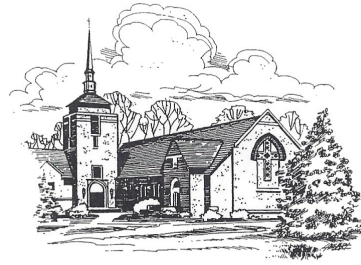
Elders: Cindy Abel and Dawn Kilby

Flowers: Vickie & Wayne Trotter

Lay Reader: Jennifer Lingle

Liturgist: Andy Kanipe

Treasurer's Assist: Jason Herman



Trinity Reformed

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2026—10:30 A.M.

**Designates "Those who are able please stand"*

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

(by Hugh Livingston, Jr.)

Kelle Love

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

Joye Lane, 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.

***HYMN**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

#118 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(Responsively)*

Joye Lane, 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** *(Responsively)*

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. Encourage us where we are discouraged and 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.



Trinity Church currently uses **Abundant Life Florist** in Newton for our altar flower vases (828-465-1996). We also use **Kibbie's Flower Farm & Design Co.** for piano vases and other flower arrangements (828-979-6369) Please call to order (or cancel) your flowers, no later than the Tuesday before your scheduled Sunday.



Our Mission — To love God, love one another, and love the world through adoring worship, affectionate community, and active service.

THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

All Church Members, Ministers

Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor

Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Pastor

Martha Caldwell, Director of Adult Traditional Choir

Marty Light, Organist

TRINITY ONLINE GIVING



TRINITY REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

217 Second Avenue NE

Conover, NC 28613

Office Telephone: (828) 464-8226; Fax: (828) 464-1622

Office Hours: 8:30am - 3:30pm

Web site: www.trinitytoday.org

E-mail address: trinityucc@trucc.net

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

***PRAISE RESPONSE** *“His Name Is Wonderful”* #230 Blue Book
*His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord;
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He’s the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He; Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
(Please be seated.)*

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Rev. Peggy Stout
(Shannon Matthews (Baptism), Jay Finlayson, Tim & Annette Setzer)
Let us, the members of Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.
Congregation: We welcome you with joy as we share together the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in the knowledge and love of God and be witnesses of our Risen Savior.

CHILDREN’S SERMON Jillian Helton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Unison)* Brenda Adams, Lay Reader
Holy God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 40:28-31* Brenda Adams
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *“My All in All”* Chancel Choir
(arr. by Benjamin Harlan)

NEW TESTAMENT READING II Corinthians 4:16-18 Rev. Peggy Stout
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN** *“They’ll Know We Are Christian by Our Love”* #677 Blue Book
(v. 1, 2, 4)

HAPPENING AT TRINITY



New Members to Join!
TODAY we will have new members joining the church during worship and a reception to follow in the office foyer (cookies and other goodies, lemonade, coffee, etc.). Please join us and help us welcome our newest members!

Youth Group to Slick City
TODAY!
Please send your youth with \$\$ for fast food lunch on the way to **Slick City in Charlotte**, where they will also need \$5 for the reusable, required socks. Come have some fun and invite a friend! Please contact Patrick (828-578-0119) or Ashley (828-217-7509) with any questions.

Open Gym Nights
Wednesday Evenings from 6-8pm
OPEN GYM: Our LEC (Gymnasium) will be open **this Wed., Apr. 29th from 6-8pm!** Bring a friend—our doors are open! ***Feel free to bring your own additional equipment** (jump ropes, volleyball, etc.) **when you come!**



FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP
Sunday, May 3rd at 5:00pm
Please join us for our First Sunday Fellowship meal and a church-wide evening program for kids, youth & adults—to include **fellowship dinner and game night!** **Menu:** *Pizza, breadsticks, and tossed salad, and drinks*



Attention Graduates: If you are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school in Spring 2026, please share your info, accomplishments, future plans, and a picture with the church office (handwritten or through email) by **Friday, May 1st.**



COMING SOON...

Mother’s Day Luncheon
On **Sunday, May 10th at 11:45am,** we will be hosting our Mother’s Day Luncheon after worship in the LEC. Please come & eat and join us in thanking those leading ladies who care for us so well.





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


<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL</u>						
	Sanctuary	Lahu	Live Stream	Total	Offering	
April 5	125	30	64	219	\$4,784.00	
April 12	124	21	48	193	\$5,998.82	
April 19	88	24	43	155	\$3,731.00	
April 26						
Total						

~Goal for a four week month is \$21,747 and for a five week month is \$27,184
— Denotes combined Traditional & Lahu service OR No Live Stream

This Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
New Members to Join
Prayer Basket Sunday 
10:30 am—You Tube Live Stream
11:35 am—**Brotherhood Meeting** (Chapel)
11:45 am—**Youth Group to Slick City in Charlotte**

MONDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 am—Volunteer at ASHURE (ECCCM)

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

5:30 pm—Consistory Officers Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

6-8 pm—**Open Gym**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 (cont'd)

6:30 pm—A.A. Meeting
7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

6:00 pm—Sweet Adelines

FRIDAY, MAY 1

SATURDAY, MAY 2

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
Holy Communion
10:30 am—You Tube Live Stream
5:00 pm—**First Sunday Fellowship**

The flowers on the **ALTAR** today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration! Congratulations to Kelsey and Caleb on your marriage. We love you!

Well Wishes from Mom, Dad, and Kara



OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Rev. Peggy Stout

Ministry of Intercessory Prayer

Offertory

“Morning Prayer”

by Laura Berquist

*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.

*Offertory Prayer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

Scott Love

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

“This Is My Father's World”

#6 Blue Book

*BENEDICTION

(“Passing of the Peace”)

Rev. Peggy Stout

*POSTLUDE

“Jubilation”

(by James Denton)

~~~~~

Kelle Love



We express our deepest sympathy, love, and prayers to Julie & Andy Kanipe and their extended family in the unexpected loss of their son-in-law, Travis Bunn. He passed away last Sunday (4/19). Travis was the husband of Terri Kanipe Bunn. Visitation for Mr. Bunn will be held at McEwen Funeral Service - Mint Hill Chapel (7428 Matthews Mint Hill Rd., Mint Hill, NC 28227) TODAY, Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm. The memorial service for Mr. Bunn will follow at 1pm.



**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 40:28-31 (NIV)*

<sup>28</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.  
<sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the weak.  
<sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;  
<sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the LORD  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

*II Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV)*

<sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

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 in our church. *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. *(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**

- Lawrence Warf—lung biopsy (4/22)
- Wanda Sue Ammerman
- Dolores Mueller
- Jo Ann Simmons
- Jane Hamilton
- Angie Lowman
- Darlene Whittaker
- Debbie & Frank Dickerson
- Sandy Lawrence
- Libby Overcash
- \*Lynn Dee David
- Aimee Falder
- Jane Bartholomew
- Carolyn Reitzel
- Debbie Spencer-Ahrens



**RECUPERATING AT HOME**

- Stan & Margie Griffin
- Rev. Earle Potts
- Ken Poovey

**ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES**

**TRINITY VILLAGE**

**Hickory, NC 28601**  
Sherry Eckard (Room 125)

**SPRINGS OF CATAWBA**

**Hickory, NC 28601**  
Cyndy Adams

**CV ASSIST. LIVING—ROCK BARN**

**Conover, NC 28613**  
Jeanne Whitmire (Room 107)

**MAGNOLIA LANE**

**Morganton, NC 28655**  
Pat Roark (Room 1)

**CLEMMONS VILLAGE**

**Clemmons, NC 27012**  
Danna Perkins (Room 1)

**OTHERS**

- \*Candace Moore (C. Stanford's Mom)—heart surgery (4/22)
- \*Mike Simmons (T. Simmons' Brother)
- \*Michael Gantt
- \*Bill Barnard (B. Adams' Brother)
- \*Tammy Billingsley (friend of D. Crotts.)
- \*Troy Poovey (friend of L. Sherrill)
- \*Jodie Coffey (D. Rockette's Daughter)

**Welcome!** *If you desire to seek a closer walk with God or would like to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, please feel free to speak to Rev. Stout about your desire. If you wish to become a member of this church, or just want more information about our church, please speak to Rev. Stout to explore your interest. Please feel free to see Rev. Peggy at church, or call her at the church office (828-464-8226) or on her cell number (828-302-0039).*