

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE (08-23-26)

Acolyte: Ocean Spain

Cross Bearer: Patrick Setzer

Elders: Shuford Abernethy, Andy Kanipe

Treasurer's Assist: Scott Love



REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

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Elders: Shuford Abernethy, Andy Kanipe

Flowers: Jo Ann Harper & Brenda Gantt

Lay Reader: Deb Crotts

Liturgist: Cindy Abel

Treasurer's Assist: Luana Wright

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.



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

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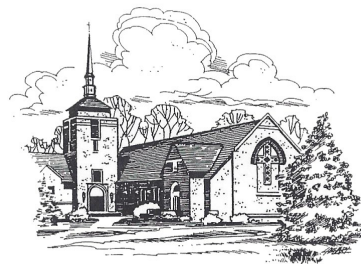
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Trinity Reformed

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 23, 2026—10:30 A.M.

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

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

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE

Marty Light, Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsively)*

Shuford Abernethy, Liturgist

We've come to worship God—who loved us before we were born, who knows us even better than we know ourselves, whose presence never leaves us, and whose love never ceases.

This is our God! Let us worship together!

***HYMN**

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

#347 Blue Book

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

Shuford Abernethy, Liturgist

All-knowing God, we gather together with praise and thanksgiving for who you are and for all you have done for us. No matter where we go or what we do, your love encircles us, gently leading and guiding and blessing.

Examine, O Lord, our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess, challenge us with your Word, and guide us to paths that lead to life abundantly. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

Rev. Peggy Stout

Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our anxious thoughts. Point out anything in us that offends you, and guide us on the road to eternal life.

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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

“His Name is Wonderful”

*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, Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He;
Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.*

#230 Blue Book

(Please be seated.)

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Sydney Mateyunas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Dolores Mueller, Lay Reader

*God of light and love, make us attentive to your Word, as to a lamp
shining in a dark place, that seeing your truth we may live faithful
lives. Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 32: 1-5

Dolores Mueller

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Let’s Have Some Old-Time Religion”

(arr. by Mary McDonald)

Chancel Choir

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

Rev. Peggy Stout

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

SERMON

Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#349 Blue Book

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

(see insert)

Rev. Peggy Stout

HAPPENING AT TRINITY



TODAY Sunday, August 23rd we have a baked potato luncheon and Dessert Auction following the worship service. This youth fundraiser is for our future mission trips and youth projects. We hope you will stay for an afternoon of fellowship, good food, and amazing desserts!

Hey, Singles & Good Timers!

Join us for lunch here at Trinity!
When: *Tuesday, Aug. 25th at 11:45am*
Where: *Trinity Fellowship Hall*
Cost: *\$10*
Updated menu to be shared soon! Please see the sign-up sheet to let us know you’ll attend.



Youth Group to Crawdads Baseball
Our youth group is taking a trip to LP Frans Stadium for a Crawdads baseball game on Saturday, September 5th. It’s “Video Game & Jersey Giveaway” night. We will meet at the church at 5:30pm and head to the game. Everyone is welcome to dress as their favorite video game character or wear your favorite jersey! If you have any questions, please reach out to Patrick or Ashley.

COMING SOON...

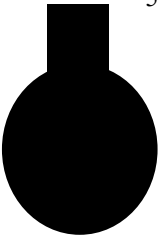
Men’s Bible Study

4-week Bible study “from Risen to Ascension”, Christ’s last 40 days on earth, to begin Thurs, Sept. 17th. We will meet at 6:30pm in the Parlor or Chapel on Thursday nights. *Interest form to be shared soon!*

Women’s Bible Study

5-week Bible study on the book of Galatians & the Fruits of the Spirit to begin Monday, Sept. 21st. We will meet from 6-7:15pm in the Parlor on Monday nights. *Interest form to be shared soon!*





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

ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST						
	Sanctuary	Lahu	Live Stream	Total	Offering	
Aug 2	81	20	55	156	\$4,514.00	
Aug 9	86	28	35	149	\$2,248.00	
Aug 16	101	16	33	150	\$5,027.00	
Aug 23						
Aug 30						
Total						

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

We express our deepest sympathy, love, and prayers to Debbie Dickerson in the loss of her husband, and Todd and Mark Dickerson in the loss of their father, Frank Dickerson. He passed away on August 13. The memorial service for Mr. Dickerson will be held here on Friday, Sept. 4th at 4pm.

This Week

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am—Sunday School (all ages)
10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
10:30 am—You Tube Live Stream
11:45 am—**Youth Fundraiser: Baked Potato Luncheon & Dessert Auction** (LEC)

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 am—Volunteer at ASHURE Ministries

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

11:45 am—**Singles & Good Timers Luncheon** (Trinity F. Hall)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

6:30 pm—A.A. Meeting
No Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

9:30 am—Hugs & Stitches
6:00 pm—Sweet Adelines

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am—Sunday School (all ages)
10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
Guest Musician
Prayer Basket Sunday
10:30 am—You Tube Live Stream

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Apostles' Creed)*

Nick Anderson ?

Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say:

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.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Rev. Peggy Stout

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.

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN

"I Am Thine, O Lord"
(vs. 1, 2, & 4)

#455 Blue Book

*BENEDICTION AND COMMISSION *(Unison)*

Rev. Peggy Stout

We go now to bless and serve others in the love of God, with the mercy and compassion of Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*CHIMES

*POSTLUDE

Marty Light

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**THE FLOWERS** on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my grandson Nate Misenheimer on his birthday today.

Given By: Becky Setzer





## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Psalm 32:1-5 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
<sup>2</sup> Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. <sup>3</sup> When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

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

## \*GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)*

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"  
<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."  
<sup>23</sup> "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.  
<sup>26</sup> "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' <sup>27</sup> The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.  
<sup>28</sup> "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.  
<sup>29</sup> "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'  
<sup>30</sup> "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.  
<sup>32</sup> "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.  
<sup>35</sup> "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.  
***All praise to you, Christ our Lord!***

**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  
Darlene Whittaker  
Wanda Sue Ammerman  
\*Frank Wells  
Jo Ann Simmons  
Yvonne Propst  
Jane Hamilton  
Mabel Lawing  
Jeanne Whitmire  
Shirley & Ken Poovey  
Carolyn Reitzel  
Lynn Dee David  
Steve Thornburg  
Jane Bartholomew  
Elizabeth Jackson  
Aimee Falder

### **RECUPERATING AT HOME**

Stan & Margie Griffin  
Rev. Earle Potts  
\*Garry Hill



### **OTHERS**

\*Candace Moore (C. Stanford's Mom)  
\*Eric Spenser (D. Crotts' Friend)  
\*Rowe Eckard (D. Eckard's brother)  
\*Michael Gantt (C & B Gantt's Son)  
\*Tammy Billingsley (friend of D. Crotts.)  
\*Mike Simmons (T. Simmons' Brother)  
\*Bill Barnard (B. Adams' Brother)  
\*Bobbie Sigmon (Terry Hall's Niece)

### **ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES**

#### **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)

***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).***