

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE (09-20-26)

Acolyte: Madelyn Birchfield

Cross Bearer: Austin Setzer

Elders: Deb Hill and Johnny Lamp

Treasurer's Assist: Jason Herman

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Acolyte: Madelyn Birchfield

Cross Bearer: Austin Setzer

Elders: Deb Hill and Johnny Lamp

Flowers: (Gerald Bowman)

Lay Reader: Deb Crotts

Liturgist: Deb Hill

Treasurer's Assist: Michael Lingle

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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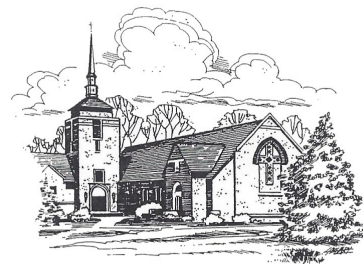
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Trinity Reformed

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 20, 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

Chelsea Westbrook, Guest Organist

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

Ashley Setzer, Liturgist

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Let us worship this our God—the God of heaven and earth.

***HYMN**

"Morning Has Broken"

#5 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Ashley Setzer, Liturgist

O Lord, our God we come in the name of Christ, drawn by your Spirit, eager to hear your Word.

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with your Spirit and prepare us for faithful service in your kingdom. Amen.

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

Rev. Peggy Stout

Holy and Loving God, we confess that we are often not eager to wrestle with you or to take responsibility for the sin in our lives—

Forgive us, O Lord!

For the times we have reacted without thought and without love; for the hurtful words spoken and helpful words left unsaid—

Forgive us, O Lord!

For the times we have preferred revenge rather than forgiving—

Forgive us, O Lord, and fill us not only with the desire but the commitment to follow in the ways of Christ.

We ask all of these things in the name of your Son and our Savior, 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. 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	“O How He Loves You and Me” (vs. 1)	#622 Blue Book
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O how He loves you and me, O how He loves you and me;
He gave His life, what more could He give:
O how He loves you, O, how He loves me,
O how He loves you and me.

(Please be seated.)

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON Jessica Spain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*) Todd Dickerson, Lay Reader
Eternal God, in the reading of the scriptures, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known, and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 20:1-7* Todd Dickerson

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *"I've Got Peace Like a River"* Chancel Choir
(arr. by Mary McDonald)

GOSPEL READING *John 6:1-15* 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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles' Creed*)
Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say:

HAPPENING AT TRINITY

Men's Bible Study

(Led by David Kibbie & Joe Bishop)

4-week Bible study “from Risen to Ascension”, Christ’s last 40 days on earth, began **Thurs, Sept. 17th**. We will meet at 6:30pm in the Chapel on Thursday nights. Please join us, and bring your Bibles!

Women's Bible Study

(Led by Luana Wright & Marcia Mancini)

5-week Bible study on the book of Galatians & the Fruit of the Spirit to begin **Monday, Sept. 21st**. We will meet from 6-7:15pm in the Parlor on Monday nights. *Please see the interest form in the sanctuary.*

CURRENT EVENTS



Cookbook Donation

David Eckard would like to donate several of his wife Sherry's cookbooks to those who would be interested. Please feel free to help yourself to the cookbooks in the church library.





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

ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER					
	Sanctuary	Lahu	Live Stream	Total	Offering
Sept 6	91	21	51	163	\$4,188.00
Sept 13	96	17	NA	113	~~
Sept 20					
Sept 27					
Total					

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, SEPTEMBER 20

Seventeenth 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—Hotdog & Ice Cream/Cake

Fellowship with St. Matthews
(at Trinity)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:00 pm—Women’s Fall Bible Study
Begins

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

5:30 pm—Consistory Officers Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:30 am—Hugs & Stitches
6:00 pm—Sweet Adelines
6:30 pm—Men’s Fall Bible Study

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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 “Since Jesus Came Into My Heart” #639 Blue Book

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 “To God Be the Glory” #363 Blue Book

*BENEDICTION Rev. Peggy Stout

*CHIMES

*POSTLUDE Chelsea Westbrook

Fellowship with St. Matthews

We’re having our special music program & evening fellowship ***TODAY at 5pm.*** Please join us for this churchwide hotdog supper and cake & ice cream fellowship in our Fellowship Hall with our Lahu families and friends from St. Matthews. We’ll see YOU there!



THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Bonye Bowman and to celebrate Kellan’s birthday.

Given By: Gerald Bowman

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 20:1-7 (NIV)

¹May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you. ²May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion. ³May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings. ⁴May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. ⁵May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests. ⁶Now this I know: The LORD gives victory to his anointed. He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand. ⁷Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

John 6:1-15 (NIV)

¹ Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near. ⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!” ⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, ⁹ “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. ¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” ¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

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
Wanda Sue Ammerman
Darlene Whittaker
Vickie Piercy
Stan & Margie Griffin
Yvonne Propst
Carolyn Reitzel
Jane Hamilton
Mabel Lawing
Jo Ann Simmons
Shirley & Ken Poovey
Jeanne Whitmire
Lynn Dee David
Jane Bartholomew
Aimee Falder

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Rev. Earle Potts
*Garry Hill



OTHERS

*Mark Alexander (D. Alexander’s brother)
*Mike Sigmon (friend of H. Shuford)
*Candace Moore (C. Stanford’s Mom)
*Rowe Eckard (D. Eckard’s brother)
*Michael Gantt (C & B Gantt’s Son)
*Mike Simmons (T. Simmons’ Brother)
*Bill Barnard (B. Adams’ Brother)

ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES

SPRINGS OF CATAWBA

Hickory, NC 28601

Cyndy Adams (under Hospice Care)

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).