

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE (09-27-26)

Acolyte: Madelyn Birchfield

Cross Bearer: Austin Setzer

Elders: Deb Hill and Johnny Lamp

Treasurer's Assist: Michael Lingle

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Acolyte: Abigail Kuzmitsky

Cross Bearer: Andy Kanipe

Elders: Cindy Abel and Dawn Kilby

Flowers: Jean & Ed Gurley

Lay Reader: Jason Herman

Liturgist: Richard Bowers

Treasurer's Assist: Shuford Abernethy

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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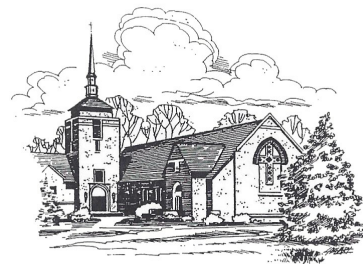
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Trinity Reformed

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 27, 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)*

Deb Hill, Liturgist

O magnify the name of the Lord with me.

Let us exalt God's name together!

***HYMN**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#98 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Deb Hill, Liturgist

O God, in mystery and in silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of devastation, hope out of despair, and growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone, but labor to make us whole.

Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives and to be attentive to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give to your people. Amen.

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

Rev. Peggy Stout

Most Loving and Gracious God, forgive us our sins: those we commit knowingly and those we do without perception of how we have hurt others and you, O Lord.

Open our hearts to hear your truth, to understand our failures, and to reach a new level of wisdom, that in all we say and do, we may bring glory to your name and love and compassion unto our neighbor.

We ask all of these things in the name of 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. 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** “Surely the Presence of the Lord”
 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
 I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
 I can hear the brush of angels’ wings,
 I see glory on each face;
 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

(Please be seated.)

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON Jillian Helton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*) Deb Crofts, Lay Reader
*Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit.
 Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our
 minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may
 desire your ways. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalms 145:1-7* Deb Crotts

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"* Chancel Choir
(David M. Cherwien)

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 20:1-16* 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 meet at 6:30pm in the Chapel on Thursday nights.

Women's Bible Study

(Led by Luana Wright & Marcia Mancini)

5-week Bible study on the book of Galatians & the Fruit of the Spirit began **Mon, Sept. 21st**. We meet from 6-7:15pm in the Parlor on Monday nights.

SPECIAL OFFERING—NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The UCC's Neighbors in Need Offering will be collected **next Sunday**.
Envelopes can be found in your bulletin OR the back of the Sanctuary.
Thank you for your generous giving.



Join us at our interest meeting after worship on **Sun, Oct. 11th at 11:45 am.** We are hosting an interest meeting for those who would like to participate in Trinity's Christmas Pageant. If you have any questions, please ask Jessica Spain. (828-228-0035)

CAROLINA STYLE CHORUS

will be having their “Festival of Tables”

***Ghouls Night Out II on
Saturday, Oct. 17th at 4 pm***

For more info & Q's about
tickets, see Kristi C.,
Dolores M., or Tera R.

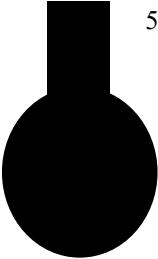


YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Group to Carowinds!

We're excited to take our youth group to Carowinds on **Sun, Oct. 11th** for a fun day together! We're asking each parent to send **\$25 per youth** to help cover the cost of admission and food for the day. Youth are also welcome to **invite a friend** to join us! *If your youth brings a friend, please note that it will be an additional \$25 to cover admission and food for them as well.*

Please let us know ***no later than Oct. 7th*** if your youth will be attending, and as always, reach out if you have any questions. We'll share additional details about departure and return times as we get closer to the trip.



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	86	14	39	139	\$2,497.00
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

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.

This Week

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
9:00 am—Volunteer as ASHURE Ministry
6:00 pm—**Women’s Fall Bible Study**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
5:30 pm—Consistory Officers Meeting

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
6:00 pm—Sweet Adelines
6:30 pm—**Men’s Fall Bible Study**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
10:00 am—LEC RES. (Hendrix)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Men’s Sunday
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—**Brotherhood Meeting**
5:00 pm—**First Sunday Fellowship**

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Peggy Stout

*HYMN “How Great Thou Art” #2 Blue Book

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS
Invitation Rev. Peggy Stout

Ministry of Intercessory Prayer
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 Stand Amazed in the Presence” #223 Blue Book
(vs. 1, 4, & 5)

*BENEDICTION Rev. Peggy Stout

*CHIMES

*POSTLUDE Marty Light

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**THE FLOWERS** on the altar today are given to the Glory of God in memory of my parents, Helen and Fred Bowman, and Bonye’s parents, J.E. and Mary Ruth Broady. Given By: Gerald Bowman

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 145:1-7 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. <sup>2</sup> Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. <sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. <sup>4</sup> One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. <sup>5</sup> They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works. <sup>6</sup> They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds. <sup>7</sup> They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20:1-16 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

<sup>3</sup> “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. <sup>4</sup> He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ <sup>5</sup> So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup> About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

<sup>7</sup> “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

<sup>8</sup> “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

<sup>9</sup> “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup> ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

<sup>13</sup> “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ <sup>14</sup> Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup> Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

<sup>16</sup> “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <div>PLEASE REMEMBER</div> <div>Jessica Spain—CVMC<br/>Jeanne Whitmire—Conover Rehab<br/>Lawrence Warf<br/>Wanda Sue Ammerman<br/>Darlene Whittaker<br/>Vickie Piercy<br/>Stan &amp; Margie Griffin<br/>Yvonne Propst<br/>Mabel Lawing<br/>Jane Bartholomew<br/>Jane Hamilton<br/>Carolyn Reitzel<br/>Jo Ann Simmons<br/>Shirley &amp; Ken Poovey<br/>Lynn Dee David<br/>Aimee Falder</div> <div>RECUPERATING AT HOME</div> <div>Rev. Earle Potts<br/>*Garry Hill</div> <div></div> | <div>OTHERS</div> <div>*Karren Shinn (M. Lingle’s Mom)<br/>*Mark Alexander (D. Alexander’s Brother)<br/>*Mike Sigmon (friend of H. Shuford)<br/>*Candace Moore (C. Stanford’s Mom)<br/>*Rowe Eckard (D. Eckard’s Brother)<br/>*Michael Gantt (C &amp; B Gantt’s Son)<br/>*Mike Simmons (T. Simmons’ Brother)<br/>*Bill Barnard (B. Adams’ Brother)</div> <div>ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES</div> <div>SPRINGS OF CATAWBA<br/>Hickory, NC 28601<br/>Cyndy Adams (under Palliative Care)</div> <div>MAGNOLIA LANE<br/>Morganton, NC 28655<br/>Pat Roark (Room 1)</div> <div>CLEMMONS VILLAGE<br/>Clemmons, NC 27012<br/>Danna Perkins (Room 1)</div> |

**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).