

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE (10-04-26)

Acolyte: Madelyn Birchfield

Cross Bearer: Austin Setzer

Elders: Deb Hill and Johnny Lamp

Treasurer's Assist: Shuford Abernethy

Ushers: Andy Kanipe

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Acolyte: Abigail Kuzmitsky

Cross Bearer: Andy Kanipe

Elders: Cindy Abel and Dawn Kilby

Flowers: (Jean & Ed Gurley)

Lay Reader: Jennifer Lingle

Liturgist: Sydney Mateyunas

Treasurer's Assist: Joye Lane

TRINITY FOUNDATION

Trinity Foundation will receive requests for 2027 projects beginning on **October 25th, 2026 thru December 20th, 2026**. Applications are in the church office and should be completed & submitted to the Trinity Foundation Mail Box in the church office lobby.

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

TRINITY ONLINE GIVING



TRINITY REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

217 Second Avenue NE

Conover, NC 28613

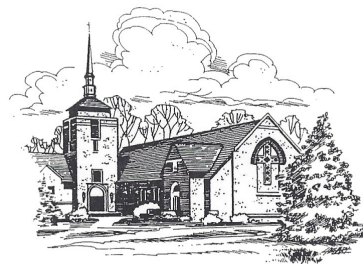
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Trinity Reformed

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MEN'S SUNDAY
October 4, 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

Michael Lingle, Consistory President

PRELUDE

"Sabbath Song"

(by Dennis Eliot)

Marty Light, Organist

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

Richard Bowers, Liturgist

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***HYMN**

"This Is My Father's World"

#6 Blue Book

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

Richard Bowers

Holy and Sovereign God, we invite you to be present today—

To receive our worship and to find the desires of our hearts pleasing to you.

Open our hearts to fresh ways of serving you and your world.

Open our minds to new ways of sharing all that you have given to us.

Open our souls that we may be filled with your abundant love and grace.

In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

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

Kelly Barringer

Merciful God, you are the God of generosity—you gave all of yourself through Christ so that we could have life.

Forgive us for failing to recognize that what we have is yours and is given to us to share with others.

Instill in us the sense of community that the early church had—where members shared and distributed to all who had need so that no one lacked for anything.

Show us daily how to be good stewards of all that you have given and to meet the needs of our church, our community, and our world.

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.

(Please be seated.)

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*) Jason Herman, Lay Reader
Eternal God, fill us this day with your Holy Spirit that we may be sensitive to your Presence, attentive to your Word, and faithful to your Way. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

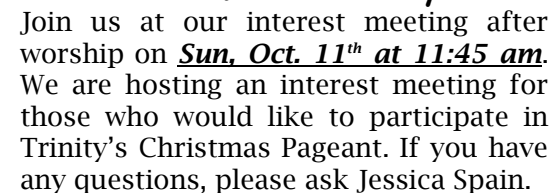
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Words of Invitation

Shuford Abernethy, Elder

5-week Bible study on the book of Galatians & the Fruit of the Spirit. We meet from 6-7:15pm in the Parlor on Monday nights.

The UCC's Neighbors in Need Offering will be collected **TODAY**. Envelopes can be found in your bulletin OR the back of the Sanctuary.

Please join us **TODAY** for our “First Sunday Fellowship” meal and guest speaker Josh Farmer, Development Director for Ashure Ministry in Newton. At 5pm, Josh will share about the ministry they provide and needs with which we can help. At 5:30 pm we’ll serve dinner, **and we’re asking for your help!** “Dinner Around the World”—please bring your favorite American, Italian, Chinese, Mexican, Thai, etc. food and let’s share with one another. (Drinks and desserts will be provided.) We look forward to some good food & fellowship with one another. *(Ashure Ministry is formerly ECCCM)*



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



YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE 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.

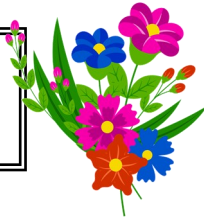


27,184
21,747
15,810
10,540
5,270

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	~~	113	~~
Sept 20	86	14	39	139	\$2,497.00
Sept 27	80	18	16	114	\$3,042.00
Total	353	70	~106	~529	\$9,727.00*

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

THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of our Trinity Church Family.
Given By: Jean & Ed Gurley



This Week

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

6:00 pm—Women's Fall Bible Study

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:30 pm—A.A. Meeting

7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:30 am—Hugs & Stitches

6:00 pm—Sweet Adelines

6:30 pm—Men's Fall Bible Study Ends

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Women's Sunday

9:30 am—Sunday School (all ages)

10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship

10:30 am—You Tube Live Stream

11:45 am—Christmas Play Interest

Meeting (Youth & Parents)

12:00 pm—Youth Group to Carowinds

The Prayer of Intercessions

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

Communion

Sharing of the Bread

Sharing of the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*Responsively*)

Eternal God, at this table, you have confirmed your Presence with us. We have been embraced by your love and strengthened by your Holy Spirit.

Now, send us forth into the world to love and care for all of your people. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology

"Your Love Defends Me" (Hannah Kerr & Matt Maher)

"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

Michael Lingle

Marty Light, Soloist

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

Austin Setzer

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.

*HYMN

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#318 Blue Book

*BENEDICTION

Gerald Bowman

*CHIMES

*POSTLUDE

"Give Me Strength, O Lord"

(by Lucy Ann Warriner)

Marty Light

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-17, 20 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> And God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup> “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

<sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

<sup>7</sup> “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> “You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

<sup>20</sup> Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Philippians 2:1-11 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**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

Samantha Hill—hospital in Brunswick County

Jessica Spain

Lawrence Warf

Wanda Sue Ammerman

Darlene Whittaker

Vickie Piercy—more testing Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>

Stan Griffin

Yvonne Propst

Mabel Lawing

Jane Bartholomew

Jane Hamilton

Carolyn Reitzel

Jo Ann Simmons

Shirley & Ken Poovey

Lynn Dee David

Aimee Falder

### OTHERS

\*Karren Shinn (M. Lingle’s Mom)

\*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)

### RECUPERATING AT HOME

Rev. Earle Potts

### ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES

#### SPRINGS OF CATAWBA

Hickory, NC 28601

Cyndy Adams (under Palliative Care)

#### MAGNOLIA LANE

Morganton, NC 28655

Pat Roark (Room 1)

#### CLEMMONS VILLAGE

Clemmons, NC 27012

Danna Perkins (Room 1)

#### CONOVER REHAB & NURSING

Conover, NC 28613

Jeanne Whitmire (Room 106B)

Margie Griffin (Room 410)



We extend our deep sympathy, love, and prayers to Duane and Kathy Alexander in the death of Duane’s brother, Mark Alexander (9/28). Please keep their family in your prayers.