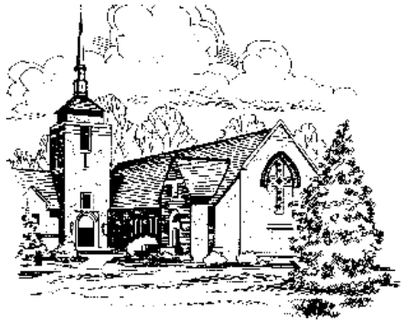


Trinity Reformed
United Church of Christ

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 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 *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"* Marty Light, Organist
(Dutch trad./arr. by Richard Blake)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsively)* Jessica Spain, Liturgist
Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song!

***HYMN** *"O Worship the King"* # 336 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(Responsively)* Jessica Spain, Liturgist
God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.
Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Responsively)* Rev. Peggy Stout
Redeeming God, there is always life, healing, and wholeness for us in you, but too often we fail to come to you with our problems.
Forgive us, O Lord, when we get too busy and forget the true source of strength in our lives.
May we seek to walk closer to you and may our lives give witness to the difference our faith and prayer can make for us and others.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** *(Responsively)* Rev. Peggy Stout

Friends, the good news of the gospel is this: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.

Thanks be to God!

***PRAISE RESPONSE** *"Spirit of the Living God"* #155 Blue Book

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

(*Please be seated)*

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON Jillian Helton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Unison)* Scott Love, Lay Reader

Guide us, O God, by your Holy Spirit that we may hear and understand your Word and faithfully obey your will and way—through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 130:1-4, 7 Scott Love, Lay Reader

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *"God Is Our Refuge"* Chancel Choir
(Allen Pote)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 9:1-15 Rev. Peggy Stout

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER** Rev. Peggy Stout

Holy God, we celebrate that where people are gathered together in love, You are present and good things happen, and life is full. We celebrate that we are immersed in your mystery and our lives are more than they seem:

We belong to each other and to a universe of great creative energies whose source and destiny is you, O God.

We celebrate that your Spirit beats in the heart of Jesus of Nazareth: the good news of your healing, embracing, and liberating love was heard and received by the broken, the lonely, and all bound by life's sorrows and struggles. We celebrate that your Spirit of peace and hope is present with us and through us:

In our struggle to love we incarnate your holy presence in our world—

And so, aware of the hurts and longings all of us carry, the awe and wonder that is around us, and the gifts of faith and this community of faith, we pause to remember the sacredness of your presence with us and to seek your help for ourselves and for others: *(Pause for silent prayer).* In our awareness of you, may we act and speak and live for your glory. We ask all these things in the name of 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.

***HYMN** *"He Lives"* #299 Blue Book

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS Rev. Peggy Stout

Invitation

Ministry of Intercessory Prayer

Offertory "*Meditation on 'Mercy'*" Louis Gottschalk/Lani Smith

***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** *"Blessed Assurance Jesus Is Mine"* (vs, 1 & 3) #67 Blue Book

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Peggy Stout

***CHORAL RESPONSE** *"May the Grace of Christ our Savior"* Chancel Choir

***CHIMES**

***POSTLUDE** *"Faith Eternal"* Marty Light
(by Edward Broughton)



OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 130:1-4, 7 *(NIV)*

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; 2 Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be
attentive to my cry for mercy. 3 If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could
stand? 4 But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
7 Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him
is full redemption.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 9:1-15 *(NIV)*

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's
disciples. He went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in
Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or
women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. 3 As he neared Damascus on
his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the
ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"
5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.
"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. 6 "Now get up and go into the
city, and you will be told what you must do."
7 The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did
not see anyone. 8 Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he
could see nothing. So, they led him by the hand into Damascus. 9 For three days he
was blind and did not eat or drink anything.
10 In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a
vision, "Ananias!"
"Yes, Lord," he answered.
11 The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man
from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. 12 In a vision he has seen a man named
Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."
13 "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the
harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. 14 And he has come here with
authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."
15 But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim
my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel.

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE (10-25-26)

Acolyte: Abigail Kuzmitsky
Cross Bearer: Andy Kanipe
Elders: Cindy Abel and Dawn Kilby
Treasurer's Assist: Richard Bowers



REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Acolyte: Aubrey Herman
Cross Bearer: Dennis Falder
Elders: Pat Bowers and Joye Lane
Flowers: Susan & Jerry Mallonee
Lay Reader: Todd Dickerson
Liturgist: Michael Lingle
Treasurer's Assist: Jillian Helton

CHILDREN'S CHURCH AT TRINITY: Attention Parents ~ We invite children from 4yrs—5th grade to head upstairs for Children's Church immediately following the children's sermon. They will go meet Jessica Spain or one of our volunteers who will be leading the class. Children's Church is a time of Bible stories, crafts, etc. This Sunday, your children will be with **Stacy Helton & Jillian Helton.**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am—Sunday School (all ages)
10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
Prayer Basket Sunday
10:30 am—YouTube Live Stream
12:00 pm—**Jr. Baker's Dozen Order Forms Due!**
5-7 pm—**Trinity Fall Fest & Trunk-or-Treat**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26
9:00 am—Volunteer at Ashure Ministry
6:00 pm—**B. of Worship Meeting**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27
5:00 pm—**Singles Supper at Boxcar Grille**
5:30 pm—Consistory Officers Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
12:00 pm—**Children's School Trick-or-Treat Carnival**
6:30 pm—A. A. Meeting
7:00 pm—Choir Practice

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
All Day—**BBQ Cooking** (Kitchen RES.)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
Happy Halloween!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
**Daylight Saving Time Ends!* (fall back 1hr)
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday
9:30 am—Sunday School (all ages)
10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
Holy Communion
10:30 am—YouTube Live Stream
11:45 am—**Brotherhood Meeting**



REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls and visits:

Please Remember: Vickie Piercy (surgery on Oct. 29), Jeanne Whitmire, Lawrence Warf, Wanda Sue Ammerman, Darlene Whittaker, Jessica Spain, Samantha Hill, Shirley & Ken Poovey, Stan Griffin, Yvonne Propst, Mabel Lawing, Jane Bartholomew, Jane Hamilton, Carolyn Reitzel, Jo Ann Simmons, Lynn Dee David, Aimee Falder

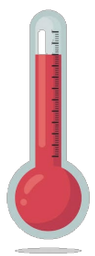
Others: Karren Shinn (M. Lingle's mom), Mike Sigmon (friend of H. Shuford), Candace Moore (C. Stanford's mom), Rowe Eckard (D. Eckard's brother), Michael Gantt (C & B Gantt's son), Mike Simmons (T. Simmons' brother), Bill Barnard (B. Adams' brother)

Recuperating at Home: Rev. Earle Potts

Assisted-Living Facilities:

CLEMMONS VILLAGE ~ Clemmons, NC:	Danna Perkins, Rm 1
CONOVER NURSING & REHAB ~ Conover, NC:	Jeanne Whitmire, Rm 106B
	Margie Griffin, Rm 410
MAGNOLIA LANE ~ Morganton, NC:	Pat Roark, Rm 1
SPRINGS OF CATAWBA ~ Hickory, NC:	Cyndy Adams (Palliative Care)

ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER



	Sanctuary	Lahu	Live Stream	Total	Offering
Oct 4	68	18	54	139	$3,344.00
Oct 11	73	15	70	158	$35,343.00
Oct 18	74	15	18	107	$2,354.00
Oct 25					
Total					

TRINITY FOUNDATION: Trinity Foundation will receive requests for 2027 projects beginning **Oct. 20th, 2026 thru Dec. 20th, 2026**. Applications are in the church office and should be completed and submitted to the Trinity Foundation Mail Box in the church office lobby.

HAPPENING AT TRINITY



SINGLES SUPPER AT BOXCAR GRILLE: We hope you'll join us out for supper at Boxcar Grille in Claremont on ***Tuesday, Oct. 27th at 5:00pm.*** We plan to meet at the restaurant for supper, a game, and lots of fun and laughter! Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary, or please call the church office to let us know you can attend.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

Sunday, Nov. 1st – All Saints Sunday
Sunday, Nov. 8th – Veterans Sunday

80th Annual Pork BBQ Sale and Dinner

Dinner meal includes Pork BBQ with famous BBQ sauce, Coleslaw, French Fries, Baked Beans, Rolls, Baked Apples, Drinks, and Homemade Desserts.

Dinner (dine in or take out): Adult plate: $15 Children (under 12): $7

- BBQ Sale — Friday, Nov. 6th from 9am-6pm; Saturday, Nov. 7th at 9am
- BBQ Dinner (Community-Wide) — **Saturday, Nov. 7th from 5-7pm** (LEC)



Bulk Sales Prices
BBQ 1lb: $10.00/lb
Coleslaw: $3.00/lb
BBQ Sauce: $3.00/12oz
While Supplies Last!



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). If you signed up to provide altar flowers, please call to order (*or cancel)* your flowers no later than the Tuesday before your scheduled Sunday.

The 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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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. Peggy about your desire. If you wish to become a member of this church, or you want more information about our church, please speak to Rev. Peggy 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 her cell number (828-302-0039).*