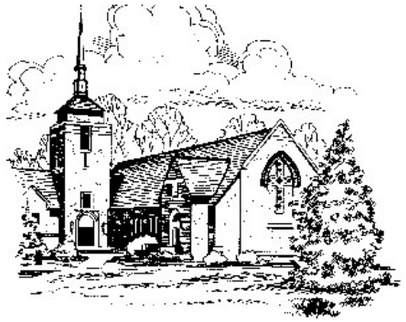


Trinity Reformed

United Church of Christ

24th Sunday after Pentecost
Veterans Sunday
November 8, 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** David Kibbie, Liturgist
This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"God of Our Fathers"* #687 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(Responsively)* David Kibbie, Liturgist
Come, Holy God, and be with us today as we gather to honor our veterans, and to worship You, the great liberator of humanity and the Prince of Peace.
Bless and guide us, O Lord, as individuals and as a nation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***NATIONAL ANTHEM** *"The Star-Spangled Banner"* Todd Dickerson

***PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG** *(Unison)* Pat Bowers
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

***PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG** *(Unison)* Pat Bowers
I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior, for whose

kingdom it stands: One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again, with life and liberty for all who believe.

(*Please be seated)*

ROLL CALL OF VETERANS Jennifer Lingle

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON Jillian Helton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Unison)* Tera Rockett, Lay Reader

Guide us, O God, by your Word and the Holy Spirit, that we may be Enlightened; in your truth may we find freedom, and in your will may we discover peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 46:1-7 Tera Rockett

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *"This Is My Song (A Song of Peace)"* Chancel Choir

(by Jean Sibelius/arr. by Lloyd Larson)

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 25:1-13 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

***MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** Rev. Peggy Stout

O God, our Shield and Defender, we lift our voices in praise to you for the many blessings you have given to us. We thank you for the freedom we share in Christ Jesus and the freedoms we enjoy as a nation.

Help us be the people you long for us to become—those who reflect your love and mercy. Bless us to be instruments of peace and the protectors of freedom for all.

We also lift up to you today all who are sick, grieving, or hurt in any way and we pray for all who have served or who are serving our country, both here and abroad. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

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.

(*Please be seated)*

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS Rev. Peggy Stout

Invitation

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** *"America, the Beautiful"* (vs. 1, 3, 4) #690 Blue Book

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Peggy Stout

***CHIMES**

***POSTLUDE** Marty Light



We will enjoy a ***Churchwide Covered Dish Luncheon*** following the service today in honor of Veterans' Day. Please stay and join us as we honor those who have served and who continue to serve our nation. Come eat and fellowship with us!

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 46:1-7 *(NIV)*

1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will
not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the
sea,3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the
Most High dwells. 5 God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of
day. 6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

7 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 25:1-13 *(NIV)*

1 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps
and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were
wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4 The
wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. 5 The bridegroom was a
long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

6 "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

7 "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to
the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

9 "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to
those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

10 "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The
virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was
shut.

11 "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'

12 "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

13 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE (11-08-26)

Acolyte: Aubrey Herman
Cross Bearer: Dennis Falder
Elders: Pat Bowers and Joye Lane
Treasurer's Assist: Ashley Setzer



REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Acolyte: Aubrey Herman
Cross Bearer: Dennis Falder
Elders: Pat Bowers and Joye Lane
Flowers: (Deb Hill)
Lay Reader: Cindy Abel
Liturgist: Joye Lane
Treasurer's Assist: David Kibbie

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.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of our aunt, Loretta Jordan Welch. **Given by**: Deb and Linda Hill

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Veterans Sunday
9:30 am—Sunday School (all ages)
10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
10:30 am—YouTube Live Stream
12:00 pm—**Churchwide Covered Dish Luncheon**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
1:00 pm—Whitmire Funeral

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
5:30 pm—B. of Property Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Veterans Day
Trinity Preschool Closed
6:30 pm—A.A. Meeting
7:00 pm—Choir Practice

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
9:30 am—Hugs & Stitches
6:00 pm—Sweet Adelines

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
25th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am—Sunday School (all ages)
Youth Group to Carowinds
10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
10:30 am—YouTube Live Stream
11:45 am—**Kids Club Fundraiser Luncheon & Bingo**



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

Please Remember: Vickie Piercy, Lawrence Warf, Wanda Sue Ammerman, Darlene Whittaker, Jessica Spain, Samantha Hill, Shirley & Ken Poovey, Yvonne Propst, Mabel Lawing, Jane Bartholomew, Jane Hamilton, Carolyn Reitzel, Jo Ann Simmons, Lynn Dee David, Aimee Falder

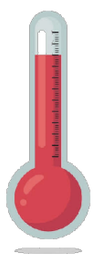
Others: Mike Simmons (T. Simmons' brother), Michael Gantt (C & B Gantt's son), Karren Shinn (M. Lingle's mom), Rowe Eckard (D. Eckard's brother), Bill Barnard (B. Adams' brother)

Recuperating at Home: Rev. Earle Potts, Stan & Margie Griffin

Assisted-Living Facilities:

CLEMMONS VILLAGE ~ Clemmons, NC:	Danna Perkins, Rm 1
MAGNOLIA LANE ~ Morganton, NC:	Pat Roark, Rm 1
SPRINGS OF CATAWBA ~ Hickory, NC:	Cyndy Adams (Palliative Care)

ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



	Sanctuary	Lahu	Live Stream	Total	Offering
Nov 1	117	33	33	183	$4,405.00
Nov 8					
Nov 15					
Nov 22					
Nov 29					
Total					

TRINITY FOUNDATION: Trinity Foundation will receive requests for 2027 projects **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.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY, LOVE AND PRAYERS to the family of Jeanne Whimire, who died on Nov. 3rd. The memorial service for Ms. Whitmire will be this ***Monday, Nov. 9th at 1pm***. The receiving will be prior to the service at 12pm.

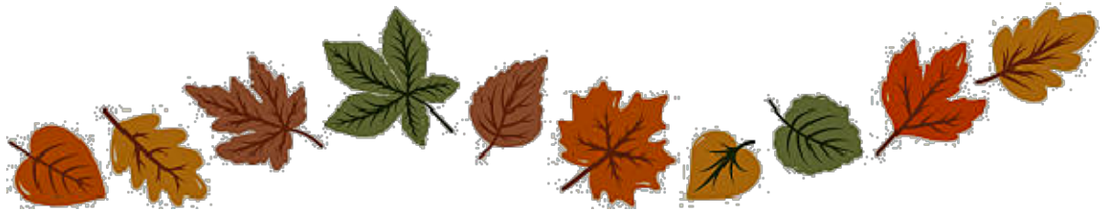
HAPPENING AT TRINITY

YOUTH GROUP TO CAROWINDS (new date): We're excited to take our youth group to Carowinds ***next Sunday, Nov. 15th,*** for a fun day together! The cost to you is **$25 per youth** for admission & 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 $50 to cover admission and food for both).* Please let us know no later than ***Sat., Nov 7th*** if your youth will be attending. We will be leaving after Sunday School on Nov. 15th, so all youth attending will need to be present for Sunday School that day. Thank you for helping to make this trip possible.



POINSETTIA ORDERS: Beginning ***next Sunday, Nov. 15th***, poinsettia order forms will be available. If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, poinsettias will be $12 each.

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: On ***Sunday, Nov. 22nd***, please stay after worship for this meeting as we address important matters in the life of our church.



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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