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Fourth Sunday in the Season of Creation: Peace with Creation
September 28, 2025 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

*Then justice will reside in wild lands,
and righteousness will abide in farmlands. . . .—Isaiah 32:16*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Fugue on the Trumpet *F. Couperin*

Choral Introit 19 God of Great and God of Small

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

O God, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
we praise you!

You made the earth and all that lives here:
we praise you!

You give breath to all creatures and your Spirit to your people:
we praise and thank you, O God!

***Hymn 34** "Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!"

Prayer of Confession (*responsive*)

O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you.
**Yet always in the midst of creation's glory,
we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness.**

It is around us in the earth, sea, and sky: in the abuse of matter.
**It is beside us in the broken, the hungry, and the poor;
and often, deep within us, in a striving against your Spirit.**

O Trinity of Love, forgive us that we may forgive one another.
**Heal us that we may become people of healing;
and renew us that we may be makers of peace. Amen.**

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Response** "The Peace of the Earth", trad. *Guatemalan, arr. Bell & Haugen*

Passing of the Peace

New Testament Lesson Revelation 22:1-5

Anthem

"The Earth Is the Lord's"

Carl Nygard

A Prayer for Children

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 32:14-20

Sermon

In Wild Lands and Farmlands, Dwight Christenbury

*Hymn 171

"A Sower Came from Ancient Hills"

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all humankind. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Special Offerings: Peace & Global Witness, Betty Lockwood

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving & Five Cents A Meal

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 712

"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Sing Out, Earth and Sky

arr. J. Cotter

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Many thanks to our guest musician, Tim Shepard (music director)

Worship Notes: The Call to Worship, the Confession of Faith, and the Affirmation of Faith are adapted from The Iona Abbey Worship Book (© 2016, The Iona Community).

<u>WORSHIP TEAM</u>	
Transitional Pastor: Rev. David Garnett	LITURGIST(S): Norie Sánchez
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury	FLOWERS: Flowers given by Jan Prichard in loving memory of husband Ted
Minister of Visitation: Sally Beghtol, C.P.	LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner, Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker,
Section Leaders: Katie Cilluffo, Claire Crook, Tim Kuykendall, Eric McAnallen	PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks, Catherine Langsdorf
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 136	

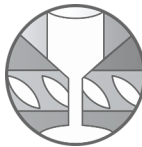
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors wide open. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.



PC(USA)
June 10, 1983 -
our denomination



Presbytery of Western
North Carolina -
our regional leadership



More Light
Presbyterians -
LGBTQ+ affirming



an Earth Care
Congregation -
eco-stewardship



Fuente de Vida
Guatemala - global
partnership



a Matthew 25
Church - social
justice advocacy

SUNDAY - 5 CENTS A MEAL

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

2:00 Personnel Ministry Meeting

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

5:30 Pastor Nominating Committee

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Friends in Christ - Hybrid

4:00 Wise Women Network

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:30 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

12:00 PW Bible Study Leaders Team

1:00 Technology Committee

2:00 Luopad Project

2:00 Stewardship Committee

4:00 Tai Chi

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

SATURDAY

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

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Sep 28 - Oct 5

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: IN SYMPATHY:

Sally Kitts upon the loss of her husband Bob;
Hospital: Bella Ward (Steve & Esther Hider's friend) **Rehab/Nursing:** Nancy Twitchen (Care Partners); Willene Davis (Life Care); Ted Bechtel (Aston Park); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Art Wayboer (High Point); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell); Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Jane Sugawara (Ohio); Jack Caylor (HHR); Don Widmayer (Florida); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana) **Home:** Steve Kuykendoll; Harry Petersen; Judi Johnson; Edward Clayton; Nancy Twitchen; Bob Miles; Kathy Orr (Neena Haskins' friend); Joe Stafford (Carole Ball's neighbor); Peter & Nancy Williard; Elizabeth (Strange's neighbor); David & Nancy Butler (Zigovsky friends); John Kostlevy; Ben Moore; Brenda Nelson; Evelyn Christensen (Mary Louise & Betty's sister); Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); T.K. Owens (Dolly's son); Evans Thibodeau; Kim & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend); Barbara Nichols; Alice McCullough **Others:** immigrants and those who are fearful or in hiding; our partners in Madagascar, Malawi, and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, the people of Israel and Gaza, Lebanon, Yemen, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine and Russia, those harmed by gun violence and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation, and all who have suffered due to Hurricane Helene.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING! Sat

Oct 25. Trinity will host our Presbytery of Western North Carolina's annual PW meeting. Join us to meet participants from our sister churches. Registration forms on the table in the Narthex. Please register by Oct 11 at the latest! The fee is \$15 and lunch will be provided. See you then!

LUOPAD STARTUP 2025: On Thu, Sep 18, we will begin our fourth season of Global Missions' Project - *Luopads for Malawi*. Trinity sewing room from 12 noon - 2:00 pm. If you can sew, cut, trace, iron, fold or count, you qualify for the Trinity Luopad team! All helping hands are welcome. See Vickie Hugger, Priscilla Karvonen or Esther Hider if you have any questions.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER:

- **Sun, Oct 5 - BANNED AUTHORS INTERVIEW VIDEOS** Listen to authors discuss how censorship of their works affects us all - in the Fellowship Hall during the Learning Hour.
- **Wed, Oct 8 - BANNED BOOKS WED NIGHT LIVE: 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Program** Join us to welcome Carol Cannon to speak about the kinds of books that are being challenged in the 2020's and how that has changed in the past ten years. She will also report how Henderson County Public Schools handles book challenges and share how recent action by the NC General Assembly may impact HCPS.

ENOUGH: PLAYS TO END GUN VIOLENCE: Mon, Oct 6 at 7:30 PM at Hendersonville Community Theater. Six one-act plays by teens, part of a nationwide competition, deal with issues like school shootings, domestic violence, and suicide. Please support Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense by purchasing a ticket at: hendersonvilletheatre.org/enough-october-6/ . Suggested donation \$10, but any amount appreciated.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **Wed, Oct 22 - CIRCLES USA WED NIGHT LIVE:** 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Program - Join Paul Hugger to learn more about Matthew 25's initiative to open a new chapter of Circles USA here in Henderson County.
- **Sun, Oct 26, 3PM - TRUNK OR TREAT:** Many thanks to our friends and partners hosting this year's event at Mills River Presbyterian. Costumes, candy, and fall fun!

PLEASE NOTE: No Monday tai chi for the month of September. (Yes Thursdays, though). Regular schedule resumes in October.

WELCOME BACK CHOIR! If YOU'D like to have fun and make some music with us, you're welcome at Choir rehearsals on Weds at 7:30 PM. Questions? Please reach out to Eric McAnallen.