

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Fuente de Vida Presbyterian Church
Guatemala**



*A PC(USA) Earth Care
Congregation*



*More Light
Presbyterians*

Season of Creation

September 15, 2024 — 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

“And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east. . . .”

—Genesis 2:8

Prelude *Sonata in G, K.328* Domenico Scarlatti

Introit “Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken” Anon.

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

We gather in the name of the Creator, the fountain of life,
in the name of Christ, the pulse of life,
and in the name of the Spirit, the breath of life.

Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with God’s presence.

***Hymn 22** “God of the Sparrow” ROEDER

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God, our Creator, we reflect on the mysteries of creation; we marvel at the wondrous design of the earth, sea, and sky that surround us. And yet we have failed to grasp the connection between our lives and the life of all creation. Teach us to sense your presence in the currents and the breezes; teach us to care and to act with love. Through Christ our Lord we pray; Amen.

Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

***Response 582** “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” GLORY TO GOD

***Passing of the Peace**

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 2:4b–22

Anthem “God, Grant Me to Be Silent” Mark Hill

A Prayer for Children

Gospel Lesson John 3:1–16

Sermon *Born of Earth, Water, and Spirit* Dwight Christenbury

***Affirmation of Faith** (*responsive*)

We are not alone;

we live in God's world.

We believe and trust in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come to us in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Minute for Mission

Agness Ayanda, Nkhoma Hospital

Announcements and the Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Earth Care Ministry

***Hymn 543**

"O Christ, Surround Me"

GREEN TYLER

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Dialogue

Gilbert M. Martin

** Please stand, in body or spirit.*

FLOWERS: Given by Dave and Nancy Gilbert to share their joy as they travel to a family gathering and to remind all of the blessings of grandchildren.

LITURGIST: Donna Crawford

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Stephen Klein

SECTION LEADERS: Katie Cilluffo, Claire Crook, Tim Kuykendall, Eric McAnallen

PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks, Catherine Langsdorf

LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner, Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz

MAINTENANCE: Jim Kisner

TREASURER: Bob Forsythe, Bev Luzadder

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Diane Bowers

BOOKKEEPER: Lynne Mulch

TELLERS: Sue Robinson, Robin Hodgson, Pat Harter, Betty Lockwood

NURSERY: Mary Haskins, Sierrah Haskins

WORSHIP NOTES: Today's liturgy is adapted from "Forest Sunday (Year A: The Spirit Series)," by Let All Creation Praise, and A New Creed, *Voices United: The Hymn and Worship Book of the United Church of Canada* (United Church Publishing House, 1996).

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE: 153

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.

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Calendar for the Week of September 15–22, 2024

TODAY (September 15)

8:30 a.m.: Worship Service

9:45 a.m.: Special Learning Hour Guest

Speaker: Agness Ayanda, Nkhoma

Hospital, Nkhoma, Malawi

10:30 a.m.: Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m.: Worship Service

12:15 p.m.: Matthew 25 Ministry

5:00 p.m.: ManKind Project

MONDAY (September 16)

9:00 a.m.: Finance Team

9:30 a.m.: ArtVenture Painters Group

10:00 a.m.: New Member Subcmte.

4:00 p.m.: Tai Chi

TUESDAY (September 17)

10:00 a.m.: Coffee Group (Hendough)

10:30 a.m.: Naomi Circle

6:00 p.m.: Worship Ministry (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY (September 18)

10:30 a.m.: Friends in Christ

3:00 p.m.: Earth Care Ministry (Zoom)

6:00 p.m.: Choir Party

7:30 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (September 19)

10:00 a.m.: Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

11:00 a.m.: Between the Lines Social

Justice Book Group (Zoom)

2:00 p.m.: Luopad Project

4:00 p.m.: Tai Chi

6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack 620

FRIDAY (September 20)

ALL DAY: October Tidings Deadline

SUNDAY (September 22)

8:30 a.m.: Worship Service

9:45 a.m.: Learning Hour Classes

10:30 a.m.: Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m.: Worship Service

5:00 p.m.: ManKind Project

PRAYER CONCERNS. Rehab/Nursing:

Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell); Fitz Sthreshley (Carolina Reserve); Don Widmayer (The Bridge); Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Jane Sugawara (Tore's Home); Jack Caylor (HHR); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Nancy Underwood (Florida); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana) **Home:** Tim Simmons; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendolls' nephew); Brenda Crossman (Carole Ball's sister-in-law); Helen Dearborn; Angela Kuykendoll; T.K. Owens (Dolly's son); Linda Dillon; Katie Hankla; Ken Sugawara; Nancy Williard; Harry Petersen; Susan Kincaid; Pat Dienst; Michael Ballenger (Cindy Householder's brother-in-law); Sandra Dwork; Susan Presseau (Jane Presseau's daughter); Paul Soltesz; Evans Thibodeau; Benny Elliot (Landen Gailey's partner); Dan Green; Kim & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendolls' friend); Lauren McBride (Kuykendolls' daughter); Barbara Nichols; Bud Weeks; Irene Lunsford; Barbara Pickwood; Alice McCullough; Dave Morrison. **Others:** Our mission coworkers and the people of Madagascar, Malawi, and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, the people of Israel and Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, and those harmed by gun violence.

POTLUCK DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT, Wed., Sept. 25, 5:30. *The Secret of Kells* is an animated, fictional telling of the creation of the Book of Kells, a Celtic illuminated manuscript of the Gospels that was produced around the year 800 in Ireland and/or Scotland. We'll begin our

meal service at 5:30 and start the film as soon as all are seated. Please sign up on the narthex bulletin board, and bring a dish to share if you're able. (Hosted by the 2025 Iona Pilgrimage Group.)

HUNGER WALK, Sept. 28. Sponsored by the Henderson County Hunger Coalition, alleviating hunger in our county for 42 years! New Location: Lennox Park on Whitted Street. Registration at 8:00 a.m. or online at hendersoncountyhunger-coalition.org. After a prayer, the walk will begin at 8:30, with 5K (3.1 miles) or 1-mile walk options. Parking and registration will be available at the Trailsides lot next to the park. Free t-shirts for the first 300 walkers! If you are unable to join in, please consider supporting a walker by visiting the table in the narthex.

LUOPAD PARTIES are held on first Thursdays from 10:00 to noon and third Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00. Everyone is invited: sewers and non-sewers, beginners and professionals, previous participates and the curious first timers. Come and help us support girls and women in Malawi.

SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

- *Today, 9:45 a.m.:* Special Guest Speaker Agness Nyanda, principal administrator of Nkhoma Hospital, Malawi.
- *Resuming next Sunday:* Regular Learning Hour Classes at 9:45 a.m.
- *Sunday, Sept. 29:* We will hold only one service, at 11:00 a.m., followed by a celebration of Mark Stanley's ministry at Trinity. (Learning Hour classes will meet at 9:45, as usual.)

