

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 30, 2023 - 10:00 AM

"Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart." —Psalm 119: 111

Prelude

Nopedie Bleu

Steve Edwards

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

The very Word of God is a light to our feet,

A light to our path.

We gather this day to hear the Word of God,

to offer prayers and sing songs of praise.

We gather this day,

to worship God!

***Hymn 401**

"Here in This Place"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious and loving God, we are a people who are overly concerned about ourselves. We worry about what is ours and are concerned with getting more. We have not been guided as we should by your Spirit or the teachings of Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and gently guide us back to your way. Help us to think of others and to share what we have with the world. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 119: 105 – 112

Anthem

Come, Ye Blessed

John Prindle Scott

A Prayer for Children

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Sermon

“God’s Beautiful, Peculiar Garden”, *Kathy Madigan*

***Affirmation of Faith**

Summary of the Law, Matthew 22: 37-40 (p. 36)

Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Five Cents A Meal

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn 765**

“May the God of Hope Go With Us”

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress

Joel Raney

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession appeared in *The Presbyterian Outlook*, July 16 2023 and was written by Tara W. Bulger.

***Special thanks to our guest musicians,
Tom Bridges (piano), Beth Pensiero (voice), & Andy Nissen (drums)***

LITURGIST(S): Nancy Williard
PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,
Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltész

FLOWERS: Given by Andy and Leslie Nissen in celebration of a surprise Trinity Family wedding, which will be announced in church today.
LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 129

WORSHIP TEAM

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mark Stanley
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury
Minister of Visitation: Sally Beghtol, C.P.
Music Director: Stephen Klein
Section Leaders: Frank Burzio, Katie Cilluffo,
Eric McAnallen, Beth Pensiero
Percussionist: Don Widmayer

TRINITY TEAM

Maintenance Facilitator: Jim Kisner
Treasurers: Tom Karvonen, Bev Luzadder
Financial Secretary: Diane Bowers
Bookkeeper: Lynne Meluch, Angela Kuykendoll
Tellers: Sue Robinson, Robin Hodgson,
Pat Harter, Betty Lockwood
Nursery Staff: Mary Haskins, Sierrah Haskins

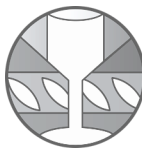
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors 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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SUNDAY - 5 CENTS A MEAL

- 9:00 Youth Learning Hour
- 9:00 Summer Adult Learning Hour Electives:
 - Searching for the Historical Jesus, part 3
 - Circles around Poverty
- 10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**
- 11:00 Trinity 30 w/ Susan Mangrum & Kathy Steinbaugh
- 11:15 Nominating Committee Meeting
- 5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

- 9:00 Finance Team
- 10:00 New Member Subcommittee
- 3:30 Tai chi - Beginners
- 4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

TUESDAY N

- 9:00 Staff Meeting
- 10:00 Coffee Group

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 Friends in Christ
- 1:00 Spanish Class
- 7:00 Zoom: Spanish Class

THURSDAY

- 9:30 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal
- 1:00 Technology Committee Meeting
- 1:30 AA Ladies
- 3:30 Tai chi - Beginners
- 4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

FRIDAY

SATURDAY - PRESBYTERY MEETING

- 2:00 Celebration of Life: Karel Bodamer

SUNDAY - COMMUNION

- 9:00 Youth Learning Hour
- 9:00 Summer Adult Learning Hour Electives:
 - Searching for the Historical Jesus, part 3
 - Circles around Poverty
- 10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**
- 11:00 Trinity 30 w/ Paul & Vickie Huger
- 12:00 Pool Party @ Carole Ball's house
- 5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

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**Weekly Calendar:
Jul 30 - Aug 6**

PRAYER CONCERNS Rehab/Nursing: Jack Caylor (Lakepointe Life Care); Kaye Papazian (Arbor Terrace); Nell Payne (Brookdale); Julia Sellers (Durham); Ruth Mills, Marian Lowry (CV Care Center); Jerry Miller (Indiana); Nancy Underwood (The Bridge); Ron Hoverson (The Lodge at Mills River) **Home:** Emily Corn (Bridges' daughter); Rob Stanfield (Stanfields' son); Cindy Stanfield; Glenn Walker; Beth Miller; Nancy Luger; Bob Lux; Fitz Sthresley; Paul Soltesz; Joe Strange; Nancy Twitchen; the Green family; Katie Hankla; Gillian Vaughan (Edie Clark's granddaughter); Sandra Dwork; Helen Dearborn; Anne Wright; Penny Honker; Carole, Kim, & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend); Jim Wetton (Kathy Steinbaugh's brother); Lauren McBride (Kuykendoll's daughter); Barbara Nichols; Bud Weeks; Jim Emme; Darlene Tribby; Jim Luzadder; Irene Lunsford, T.K. Owens (family of Dolly Owens & Nancy Twitchen); Barbara Pickwood; Alice McCullough; Dave Morrison; **Others:** Our mission coworkers and sister church, Fuente de Vida, the people of Sudan, Turkey, Syria, and Ukraine, those harmed by gun violence and by new anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation.

SUMMER LEARNING HOUR ELECTIVES:

- **July 30 - Searching for Historical Jesus** cont.
- **Unfil Sept - Circles Around Poverty** (*Trinity Room*) Learn about the dynamics of poverty and how to eliminate it in our community. This is a Matthew 25 initiative. All are invited.

41ST ANNUAL HUNGER WALK - Mark your calendars! Join all of us on Saturday September 23rd at Jackson Park. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Sat, Aug 5** Celebration of Life: Karel Bodamer
- **Sun, Aug 6** Pool Party (details below)
- **Sun, Aug 20** Keefer **Twins** Baby Shower
- **Sat, Aug 26** Join Local Missions and many others for "Back to School" Fest at Sullivan Park.

VISITORS Would you like to join Trinity? Let Mark or Dwight know. We look forward to welcoming you as a member!

HELP WANTED - Do you like to push people's buttons? How would you like to push our buttons? Trinity is looking for volunteers to run the soundboard for 8:30 AM services this fall. Early service is easier since there's no livestreaming. Just making worship leaders be heard in the Sanctuary itself. If this sounds like a fun job for you, please let us know! Training provided.

POOL PARTY! AUG 6 12-3PM: Due to Covid-19 and necessary repairs to Carole's pool, summer pool cookouts and pool parties have been on hold since the summer of 2020. It is now time to give our kids and families a time to get together again for some summer fun. All Trinity family are welcome. Swimsuits and children are welcome but not required. You might just like somewhere to socialize with a chance to get to know our young families this summer after church. Meat, lemonade and iced tea, will be furnished. You are asked to bring a dish to share: salad, vegetable, fruit, or dessert. You might also like to bring your special lawn chair. We look forward to seeing you soon. **PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE KIOSK IN THE NARTHEX.** Carole Ball 828-692-8774, 1962 North Rugby Road.

GUEST PREACHERS - A special welcome to our guest preachers & worship leaders! Over the next 3 months, we will be treated to new voices and perspectives from the pulpit, courtesy of several of our members who are providing their knowledge and expertise while Dwight is on sabbatical. Be on the lookout for preachers Kathy Madigan, Paul Hugger, David Garnett, and Michael Shepard, and worship leaders Kathryn Forsythe, Shannon Slater, Ron Howard, Billie Hicklin, Diane Bowers, and Barb T. Many thanks to them all for their help!

PLASTIC-FREE JULY ECO-TIPS: When you head to the beach, lake, or river for recreation, note that the word is also "re: creation." Look at the beauty God has provided and offer a prayer of gratitude. And look also for signs of humanity being careless with nature. Take gloves and trash bags (preferably reusable) along with your supplies and stash the trash. Tell others what you have done and discovered.