

## Reign of Christ Sunday

November 24, 2024 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

*“One who rules over people justly . . . is like the light of morning,  
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning.”—2 Samuel 23:3–4*

**Prelude** Overture from Firework Music G. F. Handel

**Introit 265** Jesus Shall Reign

**Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

Say among the nations: God reigns!

**Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

The Lord is coming to judge the earth.

**God will judge the world with righteousness and truth.**

So let us worship God with praise and honor.

**We offer our gratitude for all that God has done.**

**\*Hymn 307** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the coming of your kingdom week by week,  
but we confess we’re not sure what that means. Will you come to set things  
right in the world? Will you bring all things to an end, or offer us a new be-  
ginning? Jesus, forgive us when we mix up our own desires with your pur-  
poses for your people. Teach us how to live out your truth. 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** 2 Samuel 23:1–5

**Anthem** O Jesus, King Most Wonderful Larry Hogan

**A Prayer for Children**

**Gospel Lesson** John 18:33–37

**Sermon** *Courage* Dwight Christenbury

**\*Hymn 274** “You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

## \*Affirmation of Faith (responsive)

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

**Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we must hear and which we must trust and obey in life and in death.**

Paul declared that Christ Jesus is "our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption."

**As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life.**

Jesus said, "I am with you always, to the close of the age."

**The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people. Through Christ befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for free, grateful service in his name. Amen.**

## Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Invitation to Giving & the Five Cents a Meal Offering

### Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

### \*Hymn 367

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

### \*Charge and Blessing

### Postlude

The Rejoicing from Firework Music      G. F. Handel

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

**Worship Notes:** The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession are reprinted by permission from the worship planner of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (24 November 2024). The Affirmation of Faith is based on The Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934), from *The Book of Confessions* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

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**LITURGIST(S):** Donna Crawford  
**PROJECTIONS:** Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,  
Catherine Langsdorf  
**LIVESTREAM:** Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,  
Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz

**FLOWERS:** Today's flowers are given by  
Diocles Wells and Eric McAnallen in honor  
of Minter Wells  
**LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:** 144

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### WORSHIP TEAM

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Dwight Christenbury  
**Minister of Visitation:** Sally Beghtol, C.P.  
**Music Director:** Stephen Klein  
**Section Leaders:** Claire Crook, Tim Kuykendall,  
Eric McAnallen, Gwen Roberts

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### TRINITY TEAM

**Maintenance Facilitator:** Jim Kisner  
**Treasurer:** Bob Forsythe, Bev Luzadder  
**Financial Secretary:** Diane Bowers  
**Bookkeeper:** Lynne Meluch  
**Tellers:** Sue Robinson, Robin Hodgson,  
Pat Harter, Betty Lockwood  
**Nursery Staff:** Mary Haskins, Sierrah Haskins

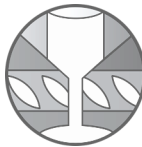
**This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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



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 - REIGN OF CHRIST  
& 5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING**

**8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

9:45 Learning Hour

- *Lectionary Class (Trinity Room)*
- *Issues & Concerns Class (Classroom 207)*
- *Hashing It Out (Lounge)*
- *Youth Learning Hour*

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

**11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

12:15 Matthew 25 - Hybrid

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

**MONDAY**

9:00 Finance Team

10:00 New Member Subcommittee

1:00 AARP Tax Aid

4:00 Tai Chi

4:00 Death Café

**TUESDAY**

10:00 Coffee Group

**WEDNESDAY**

10:30 Friends in Christ

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY - THANKSGIVING DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)**

11:00 "Between the Lines Book" Group

**FRIDAY (OFFICE CLOSED)**

8:00 Toastmasters

**SATURDAY**

**SUNDAY - FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT & COMMUNION**

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## **Weekly Calendar: Nov 24 - Dec 1**

**Contacts (office/pastoral business) during the week**

Dwight Christenbury: 828-545-2590, dc.trinity@mac.com

Sally Beghtol: 828-280-2045, rsbeghtol@bellsouth.net

Vickie Hugger: 828-692-6114, Katie Cilluffo: office@trinitypresnc.org

**PRAYER CONCERNS In Sympathy:** the family of Dan Green **Hospital:** Jeffrey Sheffield (Advent); **Rehab/Nursing:** Art Wayboer (High Point); 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); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana) **Home:** Evelyn Christensen (Mary-Louise Forsythe & Betty Sloop's sister); Edie Clark & family; Adam (Lin Johnson's son); Steve Kuykendoll; Martin Roller; Maureen (Jane Strange's friend); Sue Osterberg; Tim Simmons; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's 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; Harry Petersen; Susan Kincaid; Pat Dienst; Sandra Dwork; Paul Soltesz; Evans Thibodeau; Benny Elliot (Landen Gailey's partner); Dan Green; Kim & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend); Lauren McBride (Kuykendoll's 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, Lebanon, Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, those harmed by gun violence and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation, and all who have suffered loss, harm, and loss of loved ones due to Hurricanes Helene & Milton.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** will have their Drive Thru Dinner (Trinity) on December 10th from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Meals can be purchased online or from the church narthex. See Vickie Hugger for additional info or check habitat-hvl.org

**STEWARDSHIP 2025** – THANK YOU for participating in Stewardship Dedication Sunday on November 10! If you have not returned a completed 2025 pledge card but wish to, you may mail it, drop it by the church office (extra cards are there), or complete online under the "Sign Up" link on [trinitypresnc.org](http://trinitypresnc.org) website menu.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE, DECEMBER 4** We will have a special presentation by representatives from Wycliffe Bible Translators and JAARS. Our guests will be Grace Townsend-Goreth, the daughter of William Cameron Townsend, the founder of both Wycliffe Bible Translators and JAARS (Jungle Aviation and Relay Service). With her will be Nard Pagio from the Philippines. They will be sharing with us the history and current work of Wycliffe and JAARS. Also, Nard will share his life story, growing up in an isolated area of northern Philippines to become a pilot for JAARS. Plan to join us for this very special evening. Please sign up in the Narthex by 10AM, Dec 2. Thanks!

### 2024 ADVENT SEASON

- **DEVOTIONALS:** Thanks to all who have volunteered to write Advent devotionals; if you haven't yet submitted yours, remember that they are due today (November 17) to Dwight Christenbury.
- **CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING DAY** will be Wednesday, December 4, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Old-timers and newcomers are invited to come out and help us deck the halls!
- **BLACK MOUNTAIN HOME:** Look for the Christmas Wishes Tree for kids and youth of the Black Mountain Home; all are invited to join in on this beloved Trinity Christmas tradition.
- **THE MITTEN TREE** is up in the Atrium, welcoming new mittens, gloves, hats, and other small clothing items to warm toddlers to teens in need in our community.
- **IAM PANTRY** requests for November include donations of Thanksgiving-themed foods, stuffing, canned fruits, etc....
- **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**, to decorate our sanctuary, can be reserved to honor your loved ones this season. Please see [trinitypresnc.org/sign-ups](http://trinitypresnc.org/sign-ups) or fill out a paper reservation slip.