

First Sunday in the Season of Creation
— “Listening to Our Over-Heated Earth” —
September 3, 2023 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it; for the Lord has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.”—Psalm 24: 1-2

Prelude We Gather Together Robert Kreutz

Introit 59 Thy Steadfast Love

Land Acknowledgement *(responsive)*

L: The General Council of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina has adopted a motion that we begin our meetings with an acknowledgement of some of the traditional Native inhabitants of the land in which we live and minister.

P: **The Indigenous peoples of the Americas are the inhabitants of the Americas before the arrival of the European settlers in the 15th century, and the ethnic groups who now identify themselves with those peoples. By so doing; we offer recognition and respect and seek to cultivate a deeper awareness of the history that has led to the present moment, and we invite reflection on our responsibilities as descendants of that history. Today we continue our acknowledgement by specifically remembering that we live, worship, and serve in the region of the Native lands of the Catawba, Sugaree and Cherokee peoples among others; paying our respects to elders of the past and present, known and unknown.**

L: Let us do our faithful work mindful of them.

Call to Worship *(responsive)* - from a poem by Sharon Mattioli

I love the earth and everything that lives.

I love the plants and the beauty each one gives.

I love the animals and the fish at sea.

For I am part of Mother Earth, and it’s a part of me.

***Hymn 346**

For the Healing of the Nations

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of creation, we thank you for the beauty of the earth and all creation. In the midst of our destructiveness, help us to always hear the call to be good stewards of your gifts, the caretaker of all you have entrusted to us on earth. Let us always recognize, cherish, and enjoy the goodness in all of creation. Teach us reverence for every person and all living things. O God, help us use your gifts wisely and share them generously. Whisper in my heart a reminder that I am but a guardian of your abundances, I am called to pass on to the next generation. Let all we do reflect your love and care. Forgive us as we commit ourselves to the healing of your magnificent Creation. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 582** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Passing of the Peace

Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 24: 1-6

Anthem Sing Praise to God *Lloyd Pfautch*

A Prayer for Children

New Testament Lesson Romans 8: 19-22

Sermon "Listening to Creation Around the Globe", *Mark Stanley and Dan Turk*

***Affirmation of Faith** A Brief Statement of Faith (Sec. 3 & 5, pp. 37-38)

***Hymn 526** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (vv. 1&2)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

• **Invitation to the Table** • **The Prayer of Thanksgiving** • **The Words of Institution**

• **Communion** *Andante - Mendelssohn, Elevation - Auguste Durand*

***Hymn 526** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (v. 3)

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude Fanfare *Jacques Lemmens*

Worship Notes: *Our Prayer of Confession is used with permission from Rev. Geraldine Williame - Methodist Church of Fiji and Rotuma*

Special thanks *to our guest preacher, Dan Turk, a Mission Co-Worker of the PCUSA, serving with his wife in Madagascar. We are delighted that he is able to be with us to share his ministry with us today.*

Stewardship Meditation: *"The one principle that surrounds everything else is stewardship; that we are the managers of everything that God has given us."— Harry Burkett*

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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Presbytery of Western
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More Light
Presbyterians



a Matthew 25
Church



Fuente de Vida
Guatemala



an Earth Care
Congregation

SUNDAY - SEASON OF CREATION & COMMUNION

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Youth Learning Hour

9:45 Adult Learning Hour:

- Issues & Concerns
- Lectionary Class

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY - LABOR DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

9:00 Finance Team

TUESDAY

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

10:00 New Member Subcommittee

6:30 Session Meeting - Hybrid

6:30 Unite NC Town Hall Meeting (UU Fellowship on Kanuga)

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Friends in Christ

1:00 Spanish Class

7:00 Building & Grounds Ministry - Hybrid

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:30 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

11:00 Zoom: "Between the Lines" Book Group

1:00 Technology Committee Mtg. - Hybrid

1:30 AA Meeting

3:30 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

4:00 Zoom: Finance/Stewardship Ministry Mtg

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

1:00 De-escalation & Bystander Intervention Training (First Congregational)

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LITURGIST(S): Norie Sanchez
PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,
 Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz

FLOWERS: Given by Bud and Sandy Weeks in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary!
LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 120

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Weekly Calendar:
Sep 3 - 10

PRAYER CONCERNS In Sympathy: Gayle Hover-son upon the loss of her husband Ron; Cynthia Moser upon the loss of her sister **Rehab/Nursing:** Neena Haskins, Jack Caylor (HHR); Nancy Underwood (Florida); Marian Lowry, Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Kaye Papazian (Arbor Terrace); Nell Payne (Brookdale); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana); **Home:** Jeremy King's daughter; Bruce Crossman (Carole Ball's brother); Carolyn Erickson; Neil Hlrshfield (Zigovsky's son-in-law); Emily Corn (Bridges' daughter); Beth Miller; Fitz Shreshley; Paul Soltesz; Nancy Twitchen; the Green family; Katie Hankla; Gillian Vaughan (Edie Clark's granddaughter); Sandra Dwork; Helen Dearborn; Anne Wright; Carole, Kim, & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend); 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; **Oth-**
ers: Rob Stanfield (Stanfields' son); our mission coworkers in Madagascar and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, the people of Sudan, Turkey, Syria, and Ukraine, and those harmed by new anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation and by gun violence.

REGULAR LEARNING HOUR CLASSES RETURN:

- **Issues & Concerns** (*Fellowship Hall*) A discussion session of contemporary events and ideas from a variety of sources (periodicals, websites, etc.) Led by class members.
- **Lectionary Class** (*Trinity Room*) A close reading of Bible passages from the current week's worship, followed by discussion of meanings and interpretations. Led by Jim Kisner.

BLACK MOUNTAIN HOME THRIFT STORE TRUCK - Sat, Sep 16, 10am-2pm. Donated items loaded onto the truck by BMH staff. To donate early, store items downstairs in Room 108 (old preschool). Let's fill the truck for the children! Many thanks - Local Missions & Presbyterian Women

SESSION MEETING, Tues, Sep 5 - 'cause Labor Day...don't forget!!

SEASON OF CREATION! - Listening to Creation

- **Sep 3:** Listening to our Over-Heated Earth (Global Warming) with special guest Dan Turk, mission co-worker to Madagascar
- **Sep 10:** Listening to our Rivers (Water Purity and Scarcity)
- **Sep 17:** Listening to our Oceans (Plastics, Pollution, and Climate Emergencies)
- **Sep 24:** Listening to One Another (Peace & Global Cooperation)

THANK YOU Trinity members for your generous donations and preparation assistance for the **Back to School Fest**, held Sat. August 26th. Trinity members donated 52 backpacks, 15 scientific calculators and a vast assortment of other school supplies for older students. Thank you everyone involved for your generosity of time, financial support, muscle and patience!

UNITE NC TOWN HALL: TUE, SEP 5, 6:30pm Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Kanuga.

Learn about the NC General Assembly and let lawmakers know what you want for the future of North Carolina. Come prepared to speak! Please note - this is a non-partisan event. Refreshments provided. Kids welcome. Registration link on the Trinity website calendar.

ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE - De-Escalation & Bystander Intervention Training, Sat, Sep 9, 1:00pm, First Congregational:

Ever wished you had more options than calling 911 for every problem? This two-part workshop series (De-escalation Training on 9/9, Nalaxone training on 10/7) will teach people concrete safety tools for our communities. From de-escalation to helping someone experiencing an overdose, these training sessions are designed to empower our community and teach us that **we** are who we've been waiting for.

MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE - SUN, SEP 10, 4PM (Fellowship Hall):

You don't have to be a mom to advocate for gun violence prevention - just have to want to get involved in community safety. Come learn about this grassroots organization! This is a Matthew 25 initiative. Momma hens, daddy ducks, sister swans, and brother bears are all invited.



Please mark your calendars for Saturday morning, Sept. 23rd for being part of Trinity's team at the 41st annual Hunger Walk. Walkers are encouraged to register online at hendersoncountyhungercoalition.org to speed up checking in at the Walk. Be sure to click the dropdown menu to indicate you are on Trinity's team. Registration/sign-in begins at 7:30 at Jackson Park Shelter #1 with the Walk beginning around 8:00. T-shirts will be handed out to the first 300 walkers.

A table will be in the narthex on Sundays through the 17th for walkers, sponsors, and answering questions. Walkers should put their name at the top of an envelope and leave it on the table. If you are unable to walk either the one-mile or the five-mile course, please sponsor walkers by putting your name and contribution amount on walker envelopes. Checks should be made out to Trinity with Hunger Walk in the memo line.

Trinity was one of the founders of the Henderson County Hunger Coalition 41 years ago. We had the largest number of walkers of any group last year. Let's see if we can repeat that support this year! Thank you!

LET'S HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!

Church Picnic

Sunday, Sep 17th



The Fellowship Ministry invites Trinity members and friends to our **Annual Picnic on September 17th**. It will be held in the shaded area of the lower parking lot **after our 10:00 worship service** (around 11:30 am).

We will proceed to our picnic after worship by strolling gently through our "Trinity forest", enjoying our woods and listening to the sounds of nature. In three **Stations of Creation** there will be meditations and reflections on the subject of this year's **Season of Creation: Listening to the Earth**. There will also be chairs for people may need them, as we explore and enjoy parts of our church that are seldom visited. More details to follow.

Please bring a "dish to pass" along with a serving utensil. In keeping with the Earth Caring focus for this event and our Season of Creation theme for September, vegetarian dishes are encouraged.

If you plan on attending, **please sign up in the narthex and note the food item you intend to bring**. If possible, bring your own lawn chairs. Lawn games will be available.



If you have questions and/or if you are able to assist in set-up or clean-up please see Julie Carter.