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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 17, 2025 - 10:00 AM

*"Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer
that breaks a rock in pieces?"—Jeremiah 23:23-29*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Fantasia in C

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship (Psalm 80:1,7)

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
Stir up your might and come to save us!...
Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Hymn 363

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love. You call us to step forward in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable and non-controversial. You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence in the signs of the times. Forgive us, O God. By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is right and good and to risk love and justice even when it is unpopular. Teach us faithfulness and perseverance for the journey ahead. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 583** Gloria, Gloria

Passing of the Peace

1st scripture

Luke 12:49-56

Meditation

Remembrance

Robert Schumann

A Prayer for Children

2nd scripture

Sermon

*Hymn 246

Jeremiah 23:23-29

"Who Speaks for God?"

"Christ Is Alive"

David Garnett

Affirmation of Faith *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn 354

"Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory"

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Prelude in G

J. S. Bach

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: *Our confession of sin today was written by Virginia Bairby and appeared in the Presbyterian Outlook. Permission was freely given by the author to use it in our worship today.*

LITURGIST(S): Carole Ball

PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
Catherine Langsdorf

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

FLOWERS: Given by Jocelyn, James, and Millie Tolleson in memory of our husband and father, Robin Tolleson, and in gratitude for his life.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE: 147

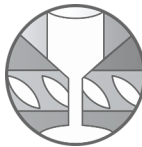
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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

9:00 Issues & Concerns Class

9:15 Learning Hour

- Children's Sunday School

10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

1:00 Virtual Cooking Class

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

3:30 Tai Chi - private

4:00 Tai Chi

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

11:30 "Justice Matters" Lunch & Learn

6:00 Zoom: Worship Ministry Mtg.

WEDNESDAY - TIDINGS DEADLINE

10:30 Friends in Christ - Hybrid

3:00 Zoom: Earth Care Ministry Mtg.

THURSDAY

1:00 Circles

3:30 Tai Chi - private

4:00 Tai Chi

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

SATURDAY

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

SUNDAY

9:15 Learning Hour

- Children's Sunday School

10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: IN SYMPATHY: The family of Rev. Tom Blair **Hospital:** Bella Ward (Steve & Esther Hider's friend) **Rehab/Nursing:** 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 (Tore's Home); Jack Caylor (HHR); Don Widmayer (Florida); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana) **Home:** Bob Miles; Harry Petersen; Bill Payne; Larry Wojcik; Joe Stafford (Carole Ball's neighbor); Peter & Nancy Williard; Elizabeth (Strange's neighbor); David & Nancy Butler (Zigovsky friends); Nancy Twitchen; Marina Hirschfield (Zigovsky daughter); John Kostlevy; Ben Moore; Brenda Nelson; Evelyn Christensen (Mary Louise & Betty's sister); Steve Kuykendoll; Martin Roller; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); T.K. Owens (Dolly's son); Susan Kincaid; Paul Soltesz; 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.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED! Increased pay! We continue to seek nursery attendants for Sundays and selected Wednesdays. We have increased the pay to \$20 per hour. If you know of someone who may be interested in learning more, please have them contact us at personnel@trinitypresnc.org. Thank you!

BOOK BUY BACK: Anyone who has a copy of Bootstraps and Benefits and willing to share, Paul Hugger will buy the book back. He is willing to negotiate a price. Thanks

ANNUAL HUNGER WALK: Saturday Sept. 20th. All proceeds support the Hunger Coalition which in turn, supports 11 different agencies in our county. More details to follow. Thanks!

TWO VIRTUAL GLOBAL MISSIONS EXPERIENCES FROM PUERTA ABIERTA: *"We're thrilled to invite you to **two fun and meaningful online activities** where you can celebrate Guatemala's rich culture while **supporting our fundraising for the construction of our new preschool module**. We are proud to announce that we are very close to reaching our goal of \$400,000. These are some of our last fundraising efforts of the year, and your contribution—big or small—can make a lasting difference. Help us bring this project to life and support children's education and local families in Santiago Atitlán."*

- Aug 17, 1:00 (EDT) - **"A Taste of Guatemala"** Virtual Cooking Class. Learn to cook Guatemalan Tayuyos - easy, delicious and fun! \$20
- SEP 5, 2:00 (EDT) - **"Guatemalan Virtual Loteria"** Play a colorful cultural bingo and win handmade prizes by local artisans. \$25

*Spaces are limited. Reserve your spot and join us from anywhere in the world. Details on Trinity website calendar. **RSVP or Questions:***

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WELCOME BACK, FLOWERS! Westside Flowers is our new florist. The cost per arrangement will continue at \$40; however, this could change as most flowers are imported and, like so many other items, impacted by tariffs! Meanwhile, we're back on schedule for August donors! The protocol is the same. Write your check to Trinity with FLOWERS in memo line. Please support our new provider. Her shop is downtown 133 4th Ave West - formerly Choy's Flowers.

"JUSTICE MATTERS" LUNCH & LEARN with Pisgah Legal - Aug 19, 11:30 am. Learn more about Pisgah Legal and how community members like you can stand for justice with us. Executive Director Jackie Kiger will be in attendance along with other Pisgah Legal attorneys. Registration require (link on church calendar)