

25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

“For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.”—Matthew 25: 29

Prelude *Sonata K288* *Domenico Scarlatti*

Introit 494 *Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place;

we come today to rest in you.

You have been the voice that guides us;

we come today to listen.

You have been the host who feeds us;

we come today to be filled.

You have been our joy and crown;

we come today to sing your praise!

***Hymn 391** *This Is the Day* *Mel Bringle*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that once again, we have done what is evil in your sight. We've made mistakes. We've made missteps. We have hurt people, by action and inaction. We have wounded creation, by action and inaction. We have chosen our ways over yours, by action and inaction. And if the sum total of what we have done and what we have not done adds up to evil in your sight, then in your sight we ask you to turn us towards goodness. Forgive our past, and shape our future that we might build your kingdom here. In the strong name of Christ, we pray 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 123

Anthem

I Lift Mine Eyes

J. Jerome Williams

A Prayer for Children

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 25: 14-30

Sermon

“Dear Karen, (not her real name)”, *Mark Stanley*
from the Belhar Confession

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind. Amen.

Minute for Mission

The Luopad Project, *Priscilla Karvonen & Billie Hicklin*

Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 246

Christ Is Alive!

(v. 3 - men, v. 4 - women)

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

With Trumpet and Horns

G.F. Handel

**Please stand in body or spirit*

LITURGIST(S): Tom Karvonen

PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks

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

FLOWERS: Flowers given by Diocles Wells and Eric McAnallen in honor and memory of Minter Wells

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 162

Contacts (office/pastoral business) during the week

- Mark Stanley: 828-553-6425, jmstanley1@msn.com
- Dwight Christenbury: 828-545-2590, dc.trinity@mac.com
- Sally Beghtol: 828-280-2045, rsbeghtol@bellsouth.net
- Katie Cilluffo: 828-692-6114, trinitypresbyterianpcusa@gmail.com

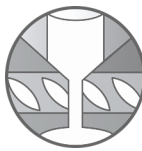
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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



Presbytery of Western
North Carolina



More Light
Presbyterians



a Matthew 25
Church



Fuente de Vida
Guatemala



an Earth Care
Congregation

SUNDAY

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour:

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

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry Mtg.

3:00 CONCERT: Blue Ridge Symphonic Brass

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY - TIDINGS DEADLINE

9:00 Finance Team

10:00 New Member Subcommittee

3:30 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

TUESDAY

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Tax Aid Training Session

10:00 Coffee Group

10:30 Naomi Circle

3:30 Deacons Meeting

6:30 Zoom: Worship Ministry Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Friends in Christ

1:00 Spanish Class

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY - THANKSGIVING (OFFICE CLOSED)

1:30 AA Meeting

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

SUNDAY - 5 CENTS A MEAL

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour:

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

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

Weekly Calendar: Nov 19 - 26

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: 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

PRAYER CONCERNS Hospital: Brian Dillon **Rehab/Nursing:** Jane Sugawara (Tore's Home); 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:** Cindi Sthreshley; Evans Thibodeau; Bill Payne; Steven Lockwood (Betty's son); Paul Hugger; Bob McLean (Judy Groff's brother); Diane Purnell; Kim Henderson (Kisner's daughter); Ken Sugawara; Jeremy King's daughter; Bruce Crossman (Carole Ball's brother); Carolyn Erickson; Fitz Sthreshley; Paul Soltesz; Nancy Twitchen; Dan Green; 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; Jim Luzadder; Irene Lunsford, T.K. Owens (family of Dolly Owens & Nancy Twitchen); Barbara Pickwood; Alice McCullough; Dave Morrison; **Others:** our friends and neighbors threatened by the Poplar Drive fire; our mission coworkers and the people of Madagascar and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, the people of Israel and Palestine, Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, and those harmed by new anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation and by gun violence.

ARTS AT TRINITY - As we approach the Thanksgiving season, we invite you to Trinity's concert series, offering the community an opportunity to experience both instrumental and choral music at a professional level that stirs the soul.

- **SUN, NOV 19, 3PM: BLUE RIDGE SYMPHONIC BRASS CONCERT.** The BRSBE draw outstanding musicians from Brevard, Hendersonville, Asheville, & Greenville areas. Many perform with professional ensembles and/or teach at regional schools and universities. Instrumentation includes trumpets, horns, euphoniums, trombones, tubas and percussion.

I'LL BE (BLACK MOUNTAIN) HOME FOR CHRISTMAS! If you'd like to make Christmas dreams come true for these young folks, visit the gift tree in the Narthex. Details posted nearby.

THE MITTEN TREE is up in the atrium and ready to be decorated with your warm gifts for local children this Christmas Season! All donations are taken to IAM and given to children in need. Thanks for sharing the wonder of the season!

ADVENT IS ALMOST HERE. Mark your calendar for these seasonal events:

- **First Sunday of Advent:**
December 3
- **Christmas Decorating Day:**
Wed., Dec. 6, 9:00 a.m.–noon
- **Musicke Antiqua Christmas Concert:**
Wed., Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m.
- **Prayer Service for the Longest Night:**
Wed., Dec. 13, 4:00 p.m.
- **Christmas Eve Morning Worship:**
Sun., Dec. 24, 10:00 a.m. (single service)
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:**
Sun., Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m.

More details to come in the December issue of the Tidings.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS! If you would like to support the poinsettia fund this season in honor or memory of loved ones, please visit the "Sign-ups" page on our website or fill out a form (on the ushers' table) and bring into the office.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Drive-through Dinner fundraiser, **Dec 12, 4:30 - 6:30 PM.** Drive through the Trinity Presbyterian Church "pick-up window" and go home with a freshly prepared gourmet meal to enjoy with their family and/or friends. Photos with Santa, festive decorations, and Christmas "carol-e-oke"! Pre-orders accepted online or in person in the Narthex (Trinity members get a discount!). <https://www.habitat-hvl.org/drive-thru-dinner/> Please make out checks to Habitat for Humanity. Bon appetit!

CREATION CARE ALLIANCE SYMPOSIUM: Feb 2-3 in Montreat. "*Sacred Symbiosis: Relationships for Eco-Justice.*" VERY interesting workshops and speakers. There will be a track for ordained priests. **Early registration discounts deadline: Dec. 5th.** Trinity can offer some funds to defray tuition costs for attendees. <https://creationcarealliance.org/announcing-the-2024-winter-symposium/>