

**Second Sunday of the Season of Creation**  
**September 8, 2024 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM**

*“What is humanity that you should be mindful of us?  
Who are we that you should care for us?”—Psalm 8: 4*

**Prelude**

Lobe den Herren

*Johann Walter*

**Introit 20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

**Call to Worship** (*Psalm 146*)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

**\*Hymn 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. Amen.**

**Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon**

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

**Passing of the Peace**

**First Scripture Reading**

Genesis 1: 23- 2:3

**Anthem**

Gentle Words

*Wayland Rogers*

**A Prayer for Children**

**Second Scripture Reading**

Psalm 8: 3-9

## Sermon

"The Pale Blue Dot" (with thanks to Carl Sagan!)  
Mark Stanley

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*Book of Common Worship; Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39*)

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## Minute for Mission

Local Missions - 2024 Hunger Walk, Tom Karvonen

## Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## Invitation to Giving

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

## \*Hymn 5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

## \*Charge and Blessing

## Postlude

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

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*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

**Worship Notes:** *Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott, Presbyterian Outlook, 2024*

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

**FLOWERS:** Given by Vickie Hugger In honor of Paul on his birthday  
**LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:** 180

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### 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, Claire Crook,  
Tim Kuykendall, Eric McAnallen

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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

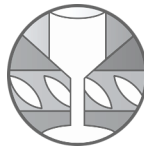
***This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors 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 - SEASON OF CREATION #2**

### **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 Congregational Meeting

### **11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

## **MONDAY**

9:00 Finance Team

9:30 Artventure Painters' Group

10:00 New Member Subcommittee

4:00 Tai Chi

5:30 Local Missions Ministry Meeting

6:30 Session Meeting

## **TUESDAY**

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

3:00 Origami Group

3:30 Deacons Meeting

7:00 Zoom: Banned Books Planning Meeting

## **WEDNESDAY**

10:00 Esther Circle

10:30 Friends in Christ

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

## **THURSDAY**

8:30 Habitat for Humanity Breakfast (offsite)

10:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

11:00 "Between the Lines Book" Group

4:00 Tai Chi

6:30 Cub Scouts Pack 620

## **FRIDAY**

8:00 Toastmasters

12:00 Aging Gracefully: Medicare  
(Grace Lutheran)

## **SATURDAY**

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

## **SUNDAY - SEASON OF CREATION #3**

### **8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

9:45 Learning Hour

- *Special Guest Speaker: Agnes Nyanda  
from Nkhoma Hospital in Malawi*

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

### **11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry Meeting

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

5:00 Malawi 20 Year Partnership celebration  
(Southminster in Gastonia)

# **Weekly Calendar: Sep 8 - 15**

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

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**PRAYER CONCERNS Rehab/Nursing:** Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell); Fitz Sthreshley (Lifecare); Don Widmayer (The Bridge); Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Jane Sugawara (Tore's Home); Jack Caylor (HHR); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Nancy Underwood (Florida); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana)

**Home:** Tim Simmons; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); Brenda Crossman (Carole Ball's sister-in-law); Linda Walker; Helen Dearborn; Angela Kuykendoll; T.K. Owens (Dolly's son); Linda Dillon; Katie Hankla; Ken Sugawara; Nancy Williard; Harry Petersen; Susan Kincaid; Kathy (Jim & Pat Norris' daughter); Nancy Twitchen; Pat Dienst; Michael Ballenger (Cindy Householder's brother-in-law); Brenda Nelson; Sandra Dwork; Susan Presseau (Jane Presseau's daughter); 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, Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, and those harmed by new anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation and by gun violence.

#### **FALL LEARNING HOUR:**

- **SEP 8, 9:45 AM:** Regular Learning Hour classes resume.
- **SEP 15, 9:45 AM:** Special Guest Speaker: Agness Nyanda, principal administrator of Nkhoma Hospital, Malawi

**ALUMINUM CANS FOR GUATEMALA:** Aluminum cans (rinsed, soda and beer cans) are still collected the first Sunday (other days if necessary) of each month. Deposit them behind the church (near the playground) in the cage in front of the storage shed. Money collected is used for the children's scholarship program. Thank you for your support.

**"AGING GRACEFULLY: THE MEDICARE MAZE", FRI SEP 13 at Grace Lutheran.** Medicare, Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement? How do I evaluate and choose? What is a formulary? How hard is it to change my plan? Age may bring wisdom, but it also brings a lot of new, confusing questions. To help us work through this maze, Abby Landry, Medicare Program Manager with Council on Aging of Buncombe County, will join us. Lunch will be provided. Contact the Grace office to RSVP!

**POTLUCK DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT, Wed Sep 25, 5:30:** *The Secret of Kells* is an animated, fictional telling of the creation of the Book of Kells, a Celtic illuminated manuscript of the Gospels that was produced around the year 800 in Ireland and/or Scotland. "Magic, fantasy, and Celtic mythology come together in a riot of color and detail that dazzle the eyes in a sweeping story about the power of imagination and fight to carry humanity through dark times." We'll begin our meal service at 5:30 and start the film as soon as all are seated. Please sign up on the narthex bulletin board, and bring a dish to share if you're able. (Hosted by the 2025 Iona Pilgrimage Group.)

**HUNGER WALK, Sep 28:** Sponsored by the Henderson County Hunger Coalition, alleviating hunger in our county for 42 years! **New Location:** Lennox Park on Whitted Street. Registration at 8:00 or online at [hendersoncountyhunger-coalition.org](http://hendersoncountyhunger-coalition.org). After a prayer, the walk will begin at 8:30. 5K (about 3 miles) or 1 mile walk options. Parking and registration will be available at the TrailSides lot next to the park. Free t-shirts for the first 300 walkers! If you are unable to join us for the walk, **please consider supporting a walker by visiting the table which will be in the narthex September 8th.**

**LUOPAD PARTIES** will be held on first Thursdays from 10-12 and third Thursdays from 2-4. Everyone is invited: sewers and non-sewers, beginners and professionals, previous participants and the curious first timers. Come and help us support girls and women in Malawi.