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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2026

*"Jesus told the crowd all these things in parables;
without a parable he told them nothing." (Matthew 13:34)*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Only a Holy God", M. Farren, J. Robinson, D. Smith, R. Thompson

Call to Worship (*responsive, from Psalm 119*)

The decrees of the Lord are wonderful,

The unfolding of God's word gives light and understanding.

Turn to us, O God, and be gracious to us.

Make your face shine upon your servants.

We come together to worship the living God.

***Hymn 450**

"Be Thou My Vision"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of grace, we want to understand what the kingdom of heaven is like, but our minds are clouded by cares and concerns of the world. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes in mysterious ways. We fail to be whole-hearted in our faith and discipleship. We fail to put our trust in the treasures of your kingdom instead of the treasures of the world. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, give us eyes to see and ears to hear your good news for the world even here and now. Transform our lives and our world by your grace. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 441** "Hear the Good News of Salvation", (*first verse*)

Passing of the Peace

Canticle

"Speak, O Lord" Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

1st Scripture

Matthew 13:31-33

Anthem

"Ancient of Days", M. Farren, J. Reeves, J. Robinson, R. Thompson

A Prayer for Children

2nd ScriptureMatthew 13:44:-52

Sermon"Kingdom Slideshow"David Garnett

*Hymn 771"What Is The World Like"

*Affirmation of Faith (unison, from The Barmen Declaration, 8.14-8.16)

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving & Five Cents a Meal

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn 292"As The Wind Song"

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude"Lead On, O King Eternal" arr. Kenneth D. Varner

*Please stand in body or spirit

Worship Note: The Call to Worship, Confession of Sin, Prayer of Illumination and Charge and Benediction were written by Matthew A. Rich for *Presbyterian Outlook* and provided for free distribution to the churches for use in worship.

Special thanks to our guest musicians,

Julie Carter (violin), Kathy Madigan (mandolin), and Tim Kuykendoll (guitar)

LITURGIST(S): Charles Keefer

SCREENS: Russ Russell, Catherine Langsdorf

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE: 140

FLOWERS: Given by Marina Hirschfield in honor of Patricia Cassidy Zigovsky

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

WORSHIP TEAM

Transitional Pastor: Rev. David Garnett

Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury

Minister of Music: Rev. Lesley Bush

Section Leaders: Katie Cilluffo, Claire Crook, Eric McAnallen, Jonathan Thomas

TRINITY TEAM

Maintenance Facilitator: Jim Kisner

Treasurers: Bob Forsythe, Bev Luzadder

Financial Secretary: Diane Bowers

Bookkeeper: Angela Kuykendoll

Tellers: Barbara Goodman, Pat Harter, Robin Hodgson, Betty Lockwood

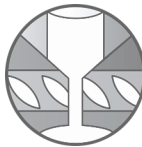
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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

9:00 Hashing It Out
9:00 DONUTS! Summer Youth Learning Hour
9:15 Children's Sunday School
10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP
11:15 Ohmann Lecture Series
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi
4:00 Death Café

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
2:30 Origami Group
5:30 Circles Ally & Leaders groups

WEDNESDAY

10:00 Friends in Christ - Hybrid
6:00 PFLAG Board Meeting

THURSDAY

3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters
9:30 Four Seasons Care for Life (Henderson
County Public Library)

SATURDAY

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10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP
11:15 Ohmann Lecture Series
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

Jul 26 - Aug 2

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: **Hospital:** Carol Nichols (Kisner's friend) **Hospice:** Nugent Sharp **Rehab/Nursing:** Don Widmayer (FL); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Nancy Twitchen (Harmony); Jack Caylor (HHR); Don Robinson (Life Care); Alice McCullough, Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell) **Deployed:** Paul Brown (Sloop/Forsythe family) **Home:** Vance Walker (Glenn & Linda's son); Betty Lockwood; Brenda Nelson; Frank Clark (Edie's son-in-law); Penny Honker; Cynthia Moser; Sandy Elser (Barb Pickwood's neighbor); Sheryl Hirschfield (Zigovsky family); Marty Zigovsky & family; Missi Price (Zigovsky family friend); Judi Johnson; Barbara Pickwood; Dave Gilbert; Irene Lunsford (Dolly & Nancy's sister), Steve Kuykendoll; Bob Miles; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); T.K. Owens; Evans Thibodeau; Kim & Jason Ball **Others:** immigrants and those who are fearful or in hiding; our partners in Madagascar, Malawi, and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, people in war-torn areas of the world, those harmed by gun violence and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation.

THRIVING AT HOME AND MAINTAINING AUTONOMY. Four Seasons Care for Life invites you to a conversation with Tara Kegan, Care Navigator: Friday, July 31, 9:30 a.m., Henderson County Public Library. For more information, call 828-341-6881.

FEAR NOT: Ohmann Lecture Series, Dr. James E. Sargent, Sundays in July 2026, 11:15 a.m. In response to the climate of fear which began with the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and escalated during the Covid pandemic, Dr. Sargent will present his response to the question, "What can we do?" His response is "RESIST." He will direct our thinking to the emergence of biblical faith, the courage of first-century Christians, the challenges to the contemporary church, and the hope that resides in courageous resistance.

DONUTS! Next gathering, Sunday, Aug 2, 9:00 a.m.

ORIGAMI: For our county's 250th birthday the origami group started the celebration by making 250 origami stars. The origami celebration stars are hanging in the windows between the Northx and the sanctuary for all to enjoy. Happy Birthday U.S.A! Trinity's origami group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 2:30-3:30pm in room 207. We'd love to have you join us folding paper into all sorts of fun objects! Questions? Please contact Claire Lux. Peace. Sue Osterberg

CHECK YOUR CLOSETS, ATTICS AND GARAGES! This summer the Hendersonville Rescue Mission's OUTREACH PROGRAM needs new or used RAIN GEAR (rain jackets, ponchos, portable umbrellas) and small TENTS in good working order. The gear will benefit unsheltered persons who rely on the Rescue Mission for help. You may donate these items to the HRM directly by dropping them in their side door collection bins at 639 Maple St., between 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. OR you may drop rain gear in or near the bin located in the church narthex. Local Missions will collect gear through Sunday, July 19, delivering at several points during this window. Questions? Call Leslie at 912-398-1018. THANK YOU!

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.

THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS are available free to members and guests. Pick one up from the Welcome table and elsewhere in the narthex. They are so good for an early morning read or whenever. A great way to start your day!