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**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 16, 2025 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM**

"Like the days of a tree will be the days of my people. . . ."—Isaiah 65:22

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Oboe Sonata No. 3; Adagio & Allegro *G. F. Handel*

Choral Introit 383 "Dream On, Dream On"

Call to Worship

Creator of the cosmos, of eternity and time:
be with us in this time.

Savior of the world, healer of the nations:
be with us in this place.

Breath of all that lives, of people near and far;
stir within our lives.

Maker-Spirit-Son, God of here and now:
**be present in our worship,
that we may find new ways to be present in your world.**

***Hymn 357** "The Days Are Surely Coming"

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have led us to this place not to shield us from heartache and the pain of human life but to heal us and inspire us. Where we have gone astray, gently redirect us; where we see the world through jaded eyes, clear our vision until we see as you see; where we are consumed with bitterness, fill our hearts so that we love with your love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 367**, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come", v. 3

Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 65:17–25

Anthem "In Christ Alone" *arr. M Edwards*

A Prayer for Children

Gospel Lesson	Luke 21:5–19
Sermon	“Something Is Beginning”
*Hymn 373	“O Day of Peace”
*Affirmation of Faith	(from The Confession of 1967, inclusive language version)

God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life. It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn 370	“This Is My Father’s World”
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*Charge and Blessing

Postlude	Oboe Sonata No. 3; Allegro	G. F. Handel
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**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: *The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are adapted from “Afternoon Prayers for Justice and Peace,” Iona Abbey Worship Book (© The Iona Community). The sermon title, from a “poetry remix” activity at the Presbytery of Western North Carolina’s recent Fall Youth Retreat, is by Violet Conley, from Artisan Church, Lincolnton, N.C.*

We welcome guest musician, Lauren Stuligross (oboe). Lauren joins us after recently relocating from Hilton Head, SC where she played with the Hilton Head Symphony for 30 years, taught privately, and worked extensively in theater.

LITURGIST(S): Steve Culp	PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
FLOWERS: Flowers given by Christine and Dick Bobb to honor our great preachers - Dwight and David	Catherine Langsdorf
	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 Visitation: Sally Beghtol, C.P.
Interim Music Director: Tim Shepard

TRINITY TEAM

Maintenance Facilitator: Jim Kisner
Treasurers: Bob Forsythe, Bev Luzadder
Financial Secretary: Diane Bowers
Bookkeeper: Angela Kuykendoll

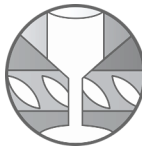
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour
10:30 Choir Rehearsal

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4:00 CONCERT: Mountain Song Chorus
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
10:30 Naomi Circle
6:00 Zoom: Worship Ministry Mtg.
6:30 Social Justice Network (Grace)

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Friends in Christ - Hybrid
3:30 Zoom: Earth Care Ministry Mtg.
5:30 Wed Night Live Dinner
6:30 Wed Night Live Concert
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY - TIDINGS DEADLINE

9:30 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal
1:00 Luopad Project
1:30 Trinity Book Group
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi
6:30 Cub Scouts
6:30 Community Vigil: Transgender Day of Remembrance (UU)

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters
4:30 Postcard Party (Trailside Brewery)

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9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: **Hospital:** Marty Zigovsky; Bella Ward (Steve & Esther Hider's friend) **Rehab/Nursing:** Alice McCullough (Pennsylvania); Don Widmayer (Florida); Kay Vickery; Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Art Wayboer (High Point); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell); Jane Sugawara (Ohio); Jack Caylor (HHR); Jerry Miller (Indiana) **Home:** Victor (Brandon Haskins' friend); Evelyn Christensen (Mary Louise & Betty's sister); Alice Malone (Emma Persigehl's mother); Peggy King (Kathy Madigan's friend); Brenda Nelson; Nancy Twitchen; Steve Kuykendoll; Bob Miles; Kathy Orr (Neena Haskins' friend); Joe Stafford (Carole Ball's neighbor); John Kostlevy; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); T.K. Owens; Evans Thibodeau; Kim & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend) **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.

STEWARDSHIP 2026 – THANK YOU for participating in Stewardship Dedication Sunday on November 9! If you have not returned a completed 2026 pledge card but wish to, you may mail it in or drop it by the church office during office hours (extra cards are there). There is also an “on-line pledge card”, found on the Trinity website (trinitypresnc.org) under the “Sign Up” link on the toolbar of the home screen.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS DUE TODAY! Thanks to all who volunteered to write a daily meditation for our annual Advent devotional guide, “Everlasting Light.” This is a reminder that your pieces are due to Dwight today, November 16 (at dwight@trinitypresnc.org), so that we can get them published in time for Advent, which begins Sunday, Nov. 30.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to lead the Advent Candle Liturgy for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas Eve. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board, or see Dwight for more information.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING DAY: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3. If you enjoy decorating for Christmas, mark your calendar for Wednesday morning, Dec. 3, and plan to join our fun-loving, Christmas-spirit-filled decorating crew!

BLACK MOUNTAIN HOME CHRISTMAS WISH LISTS NOW AVAILABLE! Our beloved tradition of fulfilling Christmas wishes for young people of the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth & Families has returned. The wish lists for a number of kids and youth, along with instructions for how to participate, are available now. Look for the small Christmas tree in the Atrium.

RETIREMENT: *As my eyes continue to weaken, I have made the decision to retire in early January. I will continue to assist the pastors occasionally with pastoral care. Thank you for all your love and support—Sally Begthol*

BOOK STUDY: “BOOTSTRAPS & BENEFITS” If you missed the first few rounds and would like to learn more about eradicating systemic poverty, please join this special Learning Hour class at 9:45 AM on Nov 16, 23, and 30. Class will meet in the Family Room (couch room to the left of Sanctuary main doors)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **CONCERT: Mountain Song Community Chorus “The Songs of Paul Simon and James Taylor” Nov 16, 4PM** Free admission, donations gratefully accepted.
- **WED NIGHT LIVE - THANKSGIVING EDITION, NOV 19** Dinner - 5:30, Concert - 6:30 with guest musician Tom Fisch. Please sign up in the Narthex! *Note - this is a more involved holiday meal, so A. THANK YOU to the Fellowship Ministry for feeding us so well and B. the meal will cost \$15. See you there!*
- **TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE:** Thu, Nov 22 6:30 PM at the UU. Our community gathers for a vigil to remember the lives lost to anti-trans violence.