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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025 - 10:00 AM

*"Ah, Lord God," I said, "I don't know how to speak because I'm only a child."
The Lord responded, "Don't say, 'I'm only a child.' Where I send you,
you must go; what I tell you, you must say."—Jeremiah 1:6-7*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Andante Cantabile

Giuseppe Tartini

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Creator God, maker of dreams, draw us into your presence:

As if we were dreaming, we awaken our hearts to your power.

Jesus Christ, you are the answer to our deepest dreams:

As if we were dreaming, we hear your call to new life in your name.

Holy Spirit, giver of dreams, breathe your breath upon us here:

As if we were dreaming, we sense your presence in this place.

We feel an energy, a surge of wonder that cannot be denied.

**We are here to worship you, O God, in the wonder of this moment;
fill us anew with the power of your Spirit!**

***Hymn 401**

"Here in This Place" (*stanzas 1, 2, and 4*)

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord, you created us in your image. But we admit that we can, at the same time, be so beautiful and so ugly. There are times in our lives when we have felt alienated, downtrodden, alone. It's easy for us to wallow in our misery, to whine about all the perceived injustices that have been heaped upon us. But you encourage us to stand strong: to seek the blessings that you have provided for us and to recognize the many ways that you are with us. You give us strength and courage. Help us receive these blessings and, in turn, be a blessing to someone else. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 583** Gloria, Gloria

Passing of the Peace

The Psalm	Psalm 71:1-6	
Meditation	Roundelay	Robert Schumann
A Prayer for Children		
The Prophet	Jeremiah 1:4-10	
Sermon	<i>Dreamers</i>	Dwight Christenbury
*Hymn 475	"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"	
*Affirmation of Faith	Summary of the Law	(<i>Hymnal</i> , p. 36)
Minute for Mission	Stewardship	Dick Bobb

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn 80** "You Shall Go Out with Joy"
(*Sing three times, faster and faster!*)

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude	In Thee is Gladness	J. S. Bach
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**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: *The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are adapted from liturgy used at the 2025 Presbyterian Youth Triennium, Louisville, Kentucky (July 28-31).*

LITURGIST(S): Members of Trinity Youth	FLOWERS: Given by Don & Sue Osterberg in
PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks, Catherine Langsdorf	celebration of Family, Faith, Friends & 63 years of marriage.
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.
Music Director: Stephen Klein

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

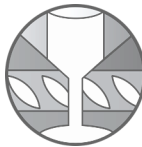
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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

9:15 Learning Hour

- Children's Sunday School
- Youth Confirmation Class

10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

2:00 Personnel Ministry Mtg.

2:00 PW Coordinating Team

3:00 Earth Care Committee (Sanctuary)

3:30 Tai Chi - private

4:00 Tai Chi

4:00 Death Café

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

11:30 Naomi Circle Lunch (Bay Breeze)

3:00 Origami Group

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Friends in Christ - Hybrid

6:00 PFLAG Meeting

THURSDAY

9:30 Musicke Antiqua

3:30 Tai Chi - private

4:00 Tai Chi

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

SATURDAY

SUNDAY - 5 CENTS A MEAL

9:15 Learning Hour

- Children's Sunday School

10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:15 Retirement Celebration

in honor of Stephen Klein

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: **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:** Mark Stanley; 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!

CHOIR RETURNS! First rehearsal - Wed, Sep 3, 7:30 PM. We're hoping you're ready to get back to singing! If you know other folks that might like to join, bring them with you! Your trusty Section Leaders will be helping to lead the choir during this interim period as the Music Director Search Committee continues to receive and interview potential candidates. If you have any choir or music director-related questions, please feel free to reach out to Eric McAnallen.

CONGRATULATIONS, STEPHEN KLEIN! Join us after worship on August 31 (at 12:15 PM) at a party to celebrate and thank our very own music director, Stephen Klein, as he embarks on his next adventure of retirement.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sun, Sep 7. We will have ONE service at 10AM (continuing the summer schedule) so we can be together to elect our new PNC (Pastoral Nominating Committee) - the next step in our search for a new pastor. Please join us to vote for the PNC team!

FALL SCHEDULE: We will recommence **two Sunday Worship services** at 8:30 & 11:00 with Learning Hour at 9:15 **starting on Sept 14th**.

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!

VIRTUAL GLOBAL MISSIONS EXPERIENCE 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."*

- SEP 5, 2:00 (EDT) - **"Guatemalan Virtual Lotería"** 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:** bibliotecapuertaabierta@gmail.com or via whatsapp: +502-40264517*