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Third Sunday in the Season of Creation: Living Water
September 20, 2026

*"Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal,
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the
street of the city." —Revelation 22:1*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Morning Has Broken" arr. Hal Hopson

Introit "Creation Sings the Father's Song", Getty, Getty, & Townend

Call to Worship (responsive)

O God, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
we praise you!

You made the earth and all that lives here:
we praise you!

You give breath to all creatures and your Spirit to your people:
we praise and thank you, O God!

***Hymn 12** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you.
**Yet always in the midst of creation's glory,
we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness.**

It is around us in the earth, sea, and sky: in the abuse of matter.
**It is beside us in the broken, the hungry, and the poor;
and often, deep within us, in a striving against your Spirit.**

O Trinity of Love, forgive us that we may forgive one another.
**Heal us that we may become people of healing;
and renew us that we may be makers of peace. Amen.**

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response** "The Peace of the Earth" trad. Guatemala

***Passing of the Peace**

1st scripture Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Anthem

A Prayer for Children

2nd scripture

Sermon

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

“For All Your Gifts, We Thank You, Lord”

Revelation 22:1-7

“God is a Life-giving River”

Mengel

David Garnett

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all humankind. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

*Hymn 20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering & Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 772

“Live Into Hope

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

“The Heavens Declare the Glory of God”, Marcello

*Please stand in body or spirit

Worship Notes: *The Call to Worship, the Confession of Faith, and the Affirmation of Faith are adapted from The Iona Abbey Worship Book (© 2016, The Iona Community).*

SCREENS:

Russ Russell, Catherine Langsdorf,
Mary Haskins, Brandon Haskins

LIVESTREAM:

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

LITURGIST(S):

Jan Prichard, Billie Hicklin

FLOWERS:

Given by the children of Wallace
and Anne Stoneman in loving memory of their
parents

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE:

147

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

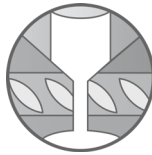
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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



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 - TIDINGS DEADLINE

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Children & Youth Gathering

9:45 Hashing It Out

9:45 Issues & Concerns

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time

4:00 Tai chi

5:15 Local Missions Ministry Mtg

6:30 Session Mtg.

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

2:30 Origami Group

5:30 Circles Meeting

6:30 Deborah Circle

WEDNESDAY

10:00 Friends in Christ - Hybrid

5:30 Wed Night Live - Dinner

6:30 Wed Night Live - Concert

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:30 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

11:00 Zoom: Between The Lines Book Group

1:30 Trinity Book Group

3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time

4:00 Tai chi

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

SATURDAY

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

2:00 Celebration of Life - Frank Burzio

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In Sympathy: Sarah Thibodeau and family upon the loss of her husband Evans; Carolin Danilin upon the loss of her niece, Katie Claycomb **Rehab/Nursing:** Harry Petersen, Don & Sue Robinson (Life Care); Don Widmayer (FL); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Nancy Twitchen (Harmony); Jack Caylor (HHR); Alice McCullough, Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell) **Home:** Laura Snead French (Charlie Snead's daughter); Renate (Miles/Swift's friend); Sarah Ogide (John Wright's daughter); Marty Zigovsky; Evelyn Christensen (Sloop/Forsythe family); Betty Lockwood; Brenda Nelson; Penny Honker; Cynthia Moser; Sandy Elser (Barb Pickwood's neighbor); Sheryl Hirschfield (Zigovsky family); Missi Price (Zigovsky family friend); Judi Johnson; Barbara Pickwood; 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.

PW FALL GATHERING: Please join us for brunch on Oct 8 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be on Safelight. A sign-up sheet will be on a table in the Narthex Sep 20 & 27.

CHORAL CONCERT W/ JOHNATHAN THOMAS (TRINITY BASS SECTION LEADER) Tempus Presents: From Silence...

- **Friday, October 2, 7pm**
Black Mountain Presbyterian
- **Saturday, October 3, 2pm**
Trinity Episcopal

Tickets at ashevillechoralsociety.org

SEASON OF CREATION: Please check out the refreshed Earth Caring Ministry table and bulletin board celebrating Living Waters.

THANK YOU to all who supported the Hunger Walk! Numbers to follow shortly...

WED NIGHT LIVE - First one of the Season! September 23, dinner at 5:30, program at 6:30. We will have music from Stephen Klein on the harp-sichord and Chris Stevens on the violin. Sign up cut off for dinner is Sunday Sept. 20 after church. Sign up sheet is in the narthex. A call or e-mail to the church can reserve your dinner spot too!

SUPPORT FLOOD RELIEF IN NEPAL AND TIBET. Our mission partners Andy and Ellen Collins have worked with United Mission to Nepal for many years and share the following website as a trustworthy and effective way to support recovery efforts: www.umn.org.np/nepalflood26.

DEAR TRINITY FRIENDS - As you may know, my husband, Frank Burzio, passed back in February of this year at Pardee Hospital. Although it's been many months, I hope some of you will want to join me in honoring his memory at a gathering to be held at the community center at Plantation Walk on Saturday, September 26th from 2:00 to 5:00PM. Come for the afternoon or just stop in and say Hi. The address is 506 Belvidere Court, off of Blythe. We will have a buffet lunch and share memories with photos, music and stories. Please RSVP, if you can. Beth Ann Pensiero, (973) 986-2463

LUOPADS FOR MALAWI: This month, we begin work in the Trinity sewing room, marking our fifth year of making reusable feminine hygiene pads, called Luopads. **We meet first and third Thursdays from 1 - 3 PM** to trace, cut, fold, sew, iron, and pack these products. The Presbytery's mission team will deliver them to schoolgirls, neighborhood clinics, and hospitals in Malawi. Please join us, and bring a friend as we kick off a new season of Luopads for Malawi. Thank you for your continued and generous support of this Global Mission project.

MATTHEW 25: This month's flag flying in front of the church is Earth Care, in honor of PCUSA's Season of Creation. This year's theme is Living Water, highlighted in Ezekiel 47.