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First Sunday in the Season of Creation: Living Water
September 6, 2026

"Wherever the river flows, every living thing that moves will thrive."—Ezekiel 47:9

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Adorate Dominum

Salome

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.
And God called the waters good.

Come Holy Spirit and cleanse the waters.

The prophet saw a river flowing from the Temple,
and wherever the river flowed, everything lived.

Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.

Jesus cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me.
Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."

Come, Holy Spirit and heal your people.

***Hymn 475**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Creator God, In the beginning you placed us in a well-watered garden.
When we were wandering in the desert, you gave us water from a rock.
When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to
still waters. On this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We la-
ment that we have neglected this gift, and taken the waters for granted.
We have consumed without restraint. We have polluted what you called
good. Forgive us, O God, and renew us in the remembrance that the river
of life flows from your throne. Amen.**

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response** "The Peace of the Earth"

trad. Guatemala; arr. John Bell & Marty Haugen

Passing of the Peace

A Prayer for Children

Scripture LessonEzekiel 47:9, 12

SermonThe Trouble with WaterDwight Christenbury

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

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 501“Feed Us, Lord”

Minute for MissionHunger WalkTom Karvonen

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Call to Offering & Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

- Invitation to the Table
- The Prayer of Thanksgiving
- The Words of Institution
- Communion of the People

Sonata II - Adoration, Lemmens
Preludio, Capocci

*Hymn 476

"Crashing Waters at Creation"

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Concerto No. 6

Georg Friedrich Handel

**Please stand in body or spirit*

LITURGIST(S): Michael Shepard

SCREENS: Russ Russell, Catherine Langsdorf

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

FLOWERS: Given by Eric McAnallen & Diocles
Wells for Rev. Marian Janet McAnallen

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE: 133

WORSHIP TEAM

Transitional Pastor: Rev. David Garnett

Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury

Minister of Music: Rev. Lesley Bush

TRINITY TEAM

Maintenance Facilitator: Jim Kisner

Treasurers: Bob Forsythe, Bev Luzadder

Financial Secretary: Diane Bowers

Bookkeeper: Angela Kuykendoll

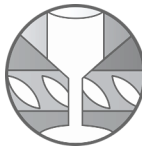
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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

9:00 DONUTS! Summer Youth Learning Hour
9:00 Issues & Concerns
9:00 Hashing It Out
10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY - LABOR DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

9:00 Finance Team
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi
7:00 Zoom: Building & Grounds

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
10:00 Presentation Workgroup
1:00 Circles Team Meeting
2:30 Origami Group
3:30 Deacons Mtg.
5:30 Circles Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10:00 Esther Circle
10:00 Friends in Christ - Hybrid
3:30 Zoom: Earth Care Ministry
4:00 Wise Women Network
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

11:00 Zoom: Between the Lines Book Group
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi
5:30 Documentary Screening (St. James)
6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 Hashing It Out
9:00 Issues & Concerns
9:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In Sympathy: The Swift & Crossman-Ball families upon the loss of Carole's nephew, Aaron **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); Katie Claycomb (Carole Danilin's niece); Renate (Miles/Swift's friend); Sarah Ogide (John Wright's daughter); Marty Zigovsky; Evelyn Christensen (Sloop/Forsythe family); Alan Morrow (Sanchezes' friend); 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.

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

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.

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.

IAM PANTRY DONATIONS FOR AUGUST: 156 lbs. of food.* Thank you Trinity! *This total is down 81 pounds from July's total.

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.

HUNGER WALK: Our table will be in the narthex for the next three weeks to collect donations and pledges as well as to answer questions and help with registration. We also have a table to sign up for tours of two of the agencies we support. All of the 1 mile walk and part of the three mile walk will be on the Ecusta Trail. Last year was a huge success with Trinity's donations doubling 2024's total! Please help us continue this trend in 2026.

WIN A PRIZE! Next Sunday, 9/13, we encourage everyone who has a Hunger Walk t-shirt from a past year to wear them to worship. If you think you may have the oldest t-shirt, see Jocelyn and Esther at the narthex table after worship. They will judge who should get the prize. Just be aware we have to run a tight ship, holding expenses down!

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*