

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2023 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

“God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behavior. And God relented by not inflicting on them the disaster that threatened them.” —Jonah 3:10

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Introit 410 God is Calling Through the Whisper

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Just and merciful God, you speak through the prophets,
challenging us to seek peace rooted in justice.

Help us to hear your urgent call.

Loving God, in Jesus you change our lives for good,
challenging us to work for reconciliation.

Help us to see your way of truth and love.

With-us God, your Holy Spirit moves us to action,
challenging us to live the Good News.

**Help us to respond with our whole hearts,
here and now—to say Yes! Amen.**

***Hymn 14** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Prayer of Confession (*responsive*)

○ 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.**

○ 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 582** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Passing of the Peace

Gospel Lesson	Mark 1:14–20	
Anthem	On Holy Ground	<i>arr. Benjamin Harlan</i>
A Prayer for Children		
Old Testament Lesson	Jonah 3:1–10	
Sermon	<i>Who Knows? Maybe . . .</i>	Dwight Christenbury
*Hymn 698	“Take, O Take Me as I Am”	
*Affirmation of Faith	<i>(from Iona Abbey Worship Book)</i>	

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn, where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over rubble and barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place into action and vulnerability. We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully, and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge, to choose life, and be used by the Spirit for God’s new community of hope. Amen.

Minute for Mission	“Undie Sunday”	<i>Leslie Nissen, Local Missions</i>
Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns		
Invitation to Giving		
Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer		
*Hymn 774	“There Is Now a New Creation”	
*Charge and Blessing		
Postlude	Toccata Festiva	<i>Franklin Ritter</i>

LITURGIST(S): Ron Howard	FLOWERS: Given by Emma Persigehl in honor of friends and family
PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks	LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 130
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner, Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz	

WORSHIP TEAM

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mark Stanley
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury
Minister of Visitation: Sally Beghtol, C.P.
Music Director: Stephen Klein
Section Leaders: Katie Cilluffo, Eric McAnallen, Beth Pensiero
Percussionist: Don Widmayer

TRINITY TEAM

Maintenance Facilitator: Jim Kisner
Treasurers: Tom Karvonen, Bev Luzadder
Financial Secretary: Diane Bowers
Bookkeeper: Lynne Meluch, Angela Kuykendoll
Tellers: Sue Robinson, Robin Hodgson, Pat Harter, Betty Lockwood
Nursery Staff: Mary Haskins, Sierrah Haskins

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.



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Presbytery of Western
North Carolina



More Light
Presbyterians



a Matthew 25
Church



Fuente de Vida
Guatemala



an Earth Care
Congregation

SUNDAY - ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour:

- *Lectionary Class (Trinity Room)*
- *Issues & Concerns Class (Classroom 207)*
- *Hashing It Out (Lounge)*
- *Youth Learning Hour*

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry Mtg.

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

9:30 Artventure Painters' Group

10:00 New Member Subcommittee

3:00 Moms Demand Action Film Screening
(Flat Rock Cinema)

3:30 Tai chi - Beginner

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

TUESDAY

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

10:00 Luopad Party

10:00 Tax Aide Training

3:00 Origami Group

6:30 Deborah Circle

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Friends in Christ

1:00 Spanish Class

5:30 WNL Dinner

6:30 WNL Program: WNC Bears!

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

11:00 Zoom: Between the Lines Book Group

1:30 Book Group

3:30 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 Zoom: Presbytery Meeting

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

SUNDAY - 5 CENTS A MEAL

9:30 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:15 Annual Congregational Meeting

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

DON'T FORGET!
SINGLE 10 AM WORSHIP ON SUNDAY JAN 28
FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL MEETING

Worship Notes: *The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith are adapted from the Service for Justice and Peace, Iona Abbey Worship Book (Glasgow, Scotland: Wild Goose Publications, 2016).*

Weekly Calendar: Jan 21 - 28

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PRAYER CONCERNS In Sympathy: Cynthia Moser and family upon the loss of her brother Bob Daley; John Wright and family upon the loss of Anne Wright **Hospital:** Bruce Crossman (family of Carole Ball); Nancy Alexander (Margaret Bolick's sister) **Hospice:** Cathy O'Neil **Rehab/Nursing:** Terri Harrington (Kathy Madigan's sister - Stone Creek); Bill & Nell Payne (Brookdale); Sandra Dwork (The Laurels); Don Steele (Carol Steele's father); Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Jane Sugawara (Tore's Home); Jack Caylor (HHR); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Kaye Papazian (Arbor Terrace); Nancy Underwood (Florida); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana); **Home:** Linda Walker; Paul Soltesz; Harold Nicholls; Evans Thibodeau; Benny Elliot (Landen Gailey's partner); Brian Dillon; Bob McLean (Judy Groff's brother); Ken Sugawara; Jay, Lorrie, & Robert Pelc (Carole Ball's family); Nancy Twitchen; Dan Green; Gillian Vaughan (Edie Clark's granddaughter); Kim & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend); Lauren McBride (Kuykendoll's daughter); Barbara Nichols; Bud Weeks; Jim Emme; Jim Luzadder; Irene Lunsford, T.K. Owens (family of Dolly Owens & Nancy Twitchen); Barbara Pickwood; Alice McCullough; Dave Morrison; **Others:** our mission coworkers and the people of Madagascar and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, the people of Israel and Palestine, Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, and those harmed by new anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation and by gun violence.

YOU'RE INVITED - Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense is sponsoring a free screening of the compelling documentary "Gabby Giffords Won't Back Down" at Flat Rock Cinema on **Monday, January 22nd at 3:00pm** as part of National Gun Violence Survivors Week. The film chronicles the extraordinary story of the former congresswoman, her fight to recover following a mass shooting at a campaign rally in Tucson, Arizona, and her new life as a champion for gun violence prevention.

LUOPADS FOR MALAWI: Last chance to help in January - **Tues, January 23rd**, 10 am - 12 noon. Participants can attend one or both parties. Sewers and non-sewers are needed.

WED NIGHT LIVE - JAN 24, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Program. *Lions and tigers and BEARS* (oh my!). Join Ashley Hobbs, Special Projects Biologist with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to learn all about our WNC Black Bear Population and how we can all learn to live (safely) in harmony with our bear neighbors. Sign up in the Narthex TODAY! (so we have a dinner headcount). Thanks :-)

ANNUAL MEETING, JAN 28 - We will have a SINGLE 10 a.m. worship service that Sunday followed by the meeting at 11:15. Come! Vote!

FLOWER POWER - Thank you for your support. We had a BUNCH (*a bouquet if you will*) of flower sign-ups thanks to your generosity. There are still available dates in 2024, but we're set for Jan and Feb, so *tante grazie* flower folks!

DEATH CAFÉ: Mon, Jan 29 at 3pm. We practice gentle listening, sharing stories of loss, fear, and grief from deep within our hearts. Death Café meets monthly in the lounge. Light refreshments are served. New and returning members are always welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S WINTER TEA - Thu, Feb 8, 2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Joining us will be some of our friends from the Mills River Presbyterian Church PW group. There WILL be fabulous goodies! There is no cost to attend the event, but we do ask that you register in advance. Sign-up in the narthex starting Sun, Jan 28 thru Sun, Feb 4. We hope you'll add your name to the list, join us, and bring a friend!

PRAYER REQUESTS: Just a quick reminder - there is a quick, easy way to let us know what is going on with you and your loved ones! At the top of every page of our website, there is a big red "Prayer Requests" button. Submitting requests via that button automatically informs all three pastors, the office, and the moderator of deacons about your request, and helps us keep track of your needs and ways we can help. There is an option to choose whether you prefer us to share this information with the congregation or if you'd rather it be kept private. Try it out sometime and let us know what you think.