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Third Sunday in the Season of Creation: Peace with Creation
September 21, 2025 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

And the Lord God took the human and set him down in the garden of Eden to till it and watch it.—Genesis 2:15 (trans. Robert Alter)

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

Choral Introit 664

Morning Has Broken

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

God caused to sprout from the soil
every tree lovely to look at and good for food.

We live in thanks to God for the simple beauty of creation!

God fashioned human beings from the soil
and blew into our nostrils the breath of life.

With every breath, we sing God's praises!

***Hymn 5**

"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Creating God, when we were formless, you shaped us. When we were aimless, you led us. When we were hungry, you fed us. When we were searching, you met us. We confess that we still get lost, we still lose sight of our reason for being, and we still hunger for that which does not nourish or satisfy. Hear our confession, we pray, and forgive us; shape us, lead us, feed us, and meet us once again. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Response**

"The Peace of the Earth", trad. *Guatemalan*, arr. Bell & Haugen

Passing of the Peace

First Lesson

Isaiah 32:14-20

Anthem

"Give Me Jesus"

arr. Larry Shackley

A Prayer for Children

Second Lesson

Genesis 2:4b-15

Sermon

Till It and Watch It

Dwight Christenbury

*Hymn 713

"Touch the Earth Lightly"

*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.

Minute for Mission

The Hunger Walk

Tom Karvonen

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Many thanks to our guest musician, Tim Shepard (music director)

Worship Notes: *The Call to Worship is based on Genesis 2:7-9, the Confession of Faith is based on John Thornburg's hymn text "God the Sculptor of the Mountains," and The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from The Iona Abbey Worship Book (© 2001, The Iona Community).*

WORSHIP TEAM

Transitional Pastor: Rev. David Garnett

Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury

Minister of Visitation: Sally Beghtol, C.P.

Section Leaders: Tom Bridges, Katie Cilluffo, Claire Crook, Tim Kuykendall

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 136

LITURGIST(S): Candy Grose

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

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

PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks, Catherine Langsdorf

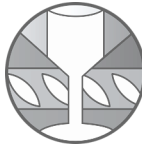
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

THURSDAY

9:30 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

11:00 Zoom: Between the Lines Book Group

1:30 Trinity Book Group

3:00 "Save a Life Day" (Jackson Park)

4:00 Tai Chi

6:30 Cub Scouts

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

4:00 Death Café

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

3:00 Origami Group

6:30 Deborah Circle

9:00 "From Helene and Back" radio show

SATURDAY

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

10:00 PWNC Youth Kick-off (Montreat)

7:30 "Stories of Resilience" (Hendersonville
Community Theater)

7:30 Pride Night Open Mic (Kava Lounge)

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Friends in Christ - Hybrid

6:00 PFLAG Board Meeting

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

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Sep 21 - 28

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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 (Ohio); Jack Caylor (HHR); Don Widmayer (Florida); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana) **Home:** Nancy Twitchen; Bob Miles; Kathy Orr (Neena Haskins' friend); Larry Wojcik; Joe Stafford (Carole Ball's neighbor); Peter & Nancy Williard; Elizabeth (Strange's neighbor); David & Nancy Butler (Zigovsky friends); John Kostlevy; Ben Moore; Brenda Nelson; Evelyn Christensen (Mary Louise & Betty's sister); Steve Kuykendoll; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); T.K. Owens (Dolly's son); 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.

DEATH CAFÉ: Mon, Sep 22 at 4pm. We practice gentle listening, sharing stories of loss, fear, and grief from deep within our hearts. We meet monthly in the lounge. Light refreshments.

HURRICANE HELENE RADIO DOCUMENTARY: Tue, Sep 23 9 PM. Tune into WNCA 88.7 FM to David Weintraub's latest project about our region's resilience in the face of Hurricane Helene.

LUOPAD STARTUP 2025: On Thu, Sep 18, we will begin our fourth season of Global Missions' Project - *Luopads for Malawi*. Trinity sewing room from 12 noon - 2:00 pm. If you can sew, cut, trace, iron, fold or count, you qualify for the Trinity Luopad team! All helping hands are welcome. See Vickie Hugger, Priscilla Karvonen or Esther Hider if you have any questions.

PLEASE NOTE: No Monday tai chi for the month of September. (Yes Thursdays, though). Regular schedule resumes in October.

WELCOME BACK CHOIR! If YOU'D like to have fun and make some music with us, you're welcome at Choir rehearsals on Weds at 7:30 PM. Questions? Please reach out to Eric McAnallen.

BETWEEN THE LINES SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB will start up again at 11:00, Thursday 9/25 via Zoom; we will meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday. Our new book is Robert Reich's *Coming Up Short: A Memoir of My America*. We will read Part 1-The Bullies- for the first meeting.

"SAVE A LIFE" DAY! Thu, Sep 25, 3-7 PM at Jackson Park, Picnic Shelter #1. Free overdose Narcan/first aid training, inspiring speakers, and delicious food trucks. Come learn how you might be the difference during an overdose emergency and save a life!

REVERSE TASHLICH RIVER CLEAN UP: Sep 28, 10 AM - Join Jewish disaster relief organization, NECHAMA, and MountainTrue for a river clean-up and celebration. Clean-up will focus on Hurricane Helene Debris and will be land-based. During Tashlich on Rosh HaShanah, the Jewish New Year, followers symbolically cast "sins" into water. In Reverse Tashlich, that ritual is turned into action by removing human "sin" from the water – cleaning up local waterways and starting the year with purpose and care. **Register on the Trinity web calendar!**

ENOUGH: PLAYS TO END GUN VIOLENCE: Mon, Oct 6 at 7:30 PM at Hendersonville Community Theater. Six one-act plays by teens, part of a nationwide competition, deal with issues like school shootings, domestic violence, and suicide. Please support Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense by purchasing a ticket at: hendersonvilletheatre.org/enough-october-6/. Suggested donation \$10, but any amount appreciated.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER:

- **Sun, Oct 5 - Banned Authors Interview Videos** in the Fellowship Hall during the Learning Hour.
- **Wed, Oct 8 - Wed Night Live presentation** with Rev. Carol Cannon re: book banning and its effects in our school systems.