

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 2023 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

“Choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”—Joshua 24:15

Prelude Simple Gifts Russell Schulz-Widmar

Introit 349 Sleepers Wake

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

We hear the call: “Choose this day whom you will serve.”

Some answer the call to serve their home and country.

We hear the call: “Choose this day whom you will serve.”

**Some answer the call to serve the hungry, the sick,
the downtrodden.**

We hear the call: “Choose this day whom you will serve.”

We all, with God’s help, answer the call to serve God and neighbor.

Let us now answer the call to worship in Spirit and truth,
proclaiming our faith in the One who saves.

***Hymn 8** “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, you have led us to this place not to shield us from heartache and the pain of human life but to heal us and inspire us. Where we have gone astray, gently redirect us; where we see the world through jaded eyes, clear our vision until we see as you see; where we are consumed with bitterness, fill our hearts so that we love with your love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 593** Holy, Holy

Passing of the Peace

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:16–20

Anthem Keep Your Lamps! *arr. Andre Thomas*

A Prayer for Children

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Old Testament Lesson

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25

Sermon

The Choice

Dwight Christenbury

*Hymn 62

“Love the Lord Your God”

*Affirmation of Faith

“Summary of the Law”, (p. 36)

Matt. 22:37-40

Minute for Mission

Habitat for Humanity

Linda Saturno

Welcoming New Members

Barbara Nelson

Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn 331

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Pasticcio

Jean L'anglais

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: *The Prayer of Confession is adapted from “Afternoon Prayers for Justice and Peace,” Iona Abbey Worship Book, © The Iona Community.*

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LITURGIST(S): Dick Bobb

FLOWERS: Given by Jane Presseau in loving memory of her husband Jack

PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks

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

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 140

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.



PC(USA)
June 10, 1983



Presbytery of Western
North Carolina



More Light
Presbyterians



a Matthew 25
Church



Fuente de Vida
Guatemala



an Earth Care
Congregation

SUNDAY

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour:

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

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

5:00 CONCERT: Mountain Song Chorus

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

10:00 New Member Subcommittee

3:30 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

5:30 Local Missions Ministry Mtg.

6:30 Session Meeting

TUESDAY

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Tax Aid Training Session

10:00 Coffee Group

3:00 Origami Group

3:30 Deacons Meeting

7:00 Zoom: Read-In Planning Mtg.

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Friends in Christ

1:00 Spanish Class

3:00 Zoom: Earth Caring Ministry Mtg.

5:30 WNL Dinner

6:30 WNL Presentation - Guatemala

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:30 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

11:00 Zoom: "Between the Lines" Book Group

1:30 AA Meeting

2:00 Ewbank Gardens Meeting

3:30 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

6:30 Cub Scouts

7:00 Blue Ridge Symphonic Brass Rehearsal

FRIDAY - SET-UP: BANNED BOOKS READ-IN

9:30 Luopad Party

4:30 Silent Vigil for Immigration Reform
(Historic Courthouse - downtown)

SATURDAY

10:00 Banned Books Read-In

10:00 Greenworks "Hard 2 Recycle Event (TC
Roberson)

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12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry Mtg.

3:00 CONCERT: Blue Ridge Symphonic Brass

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

Weekly Calendar: Nov 12 - 19

PRAYER CONCERNS Hospital: Bill Payne; Evelyn Christensen (Sloop/Forsythe's sister) **Rehab/Nursing:** Jane Sugawara (Tore's Home); Neena Haskins, Jack Caylor (HHR); Nancy Underwood (Florida); Marian Lowry, Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Kaye Papazian (Arbor Terrace); Nell Payne (Brookdale); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana); **Home:** Steven Lockwood (Betty's son); Paul Hugger; Bob McLean (Judy Groff's brother); Diane Purnell; Kim Henderson (Kisner's daughter); Ken Sugawara; Emily Corn (Bridges' daughter); Jeremy King's daughter; Bruce Crossman (Carole Ball's brother); Carolyn Erickson; Fitz Sthresley; Paul Soltesz; Nancy Twitchen; Dan Green; Katie Hankla; Gillian Vaughan (Edie Clark's granddaughter); Sandra Dwork; Helen Dearborn; Anne Wright; Carole, 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 friends and neighbors threatened by the Poplar Drive fire; 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.

GIVING STATEMENTS: Those who made donations on the first Sun in Oct have a misleading "remaining pledge" figure in paragraph 2 of your giving statement. This caused a calculation error in the remaining pledge amount as of 9/30 (remaining pledge is understated). If you have questions, please contact Tom Karvonen at tpkarvo@gmail.com or 890-5091. We apologize for the confusion.

THE MITTEN TREE: You might have noticed that it grew up since last week, but the NEW Mitten tree is up and ready for snuggly winter hats, scarves and mittens for all ages for IAM!

I'LL BE (BLACK MOUNTAIN) HOME FOR CHRISTMAS! If you'd like to make Christmas dreams come true for these young folks, visit the gift tree in the Narthex. Details posted nearby.

WNL, NOV 15, 5:30 & 6:30 PM - "GUATEMALA: PAST AND PRESENT" How should we as Christians respond to the historical and current issues in Guatemala and the US? Join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and WNL program. A pre-recorded program narrated by Doug Michael, Co-chair of our presbytery's Guatemala Partnership. Introduction by Carole Ball. **PLEASE SIGN UP** Menu: turkey & stuffing, gravy, cranberry relish, mashed potatoes, mac & cheese, sweet potatoes, veggies, and pies. **If you would like to contribute a pie**, please indicate when you sign up in the narthex.

ARTS AT TRINITY - As we approach the Thanksgiving season, we invite you to Trinity's concert series, offering the community an opportunity to experience both instrumental and choral music at a professional level that stirs the soul.

- **SUN, NOV 12, 5PM: MOUNTAIN SONG COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT** Join us this afternoon in the Sanctuary for this joyful community chorus concert celebrating "Home", with special guest, Bob "Sax Man" Michalski. Don't miss these gifted musicians!
- **SUN, NOV 19, 3PM: BLUE RIDGE SYMPHONIC BRASS CONCERT.** The BRSBE draw outstanding musicians from Brevard, Hendersonville, Asheville, & Greenville areas. Many perform with professional ensembles and/or teach at regional schools and universities. Instrumentation includes trumpets, horns, euphoniums, trombones, tubas and percussion.

JOIN US AT OUR FIRST BANNED BOOKS READ-IN event **SAT NOV 18 10AM - 2PM.** Growing censorship threatens artistic, intellectual, & social freedoms for all. We will show our support for students, authors, educators, librarians, etc. in a celebration of the **freedom to read**, emphasizing the value and beauty of banned/challenged books. Bring books, come prepared to read aloud to others or silently with a snack. We will have guest speakers, games, giveaways, free books and more. **If you'd like to volunteer to make the event a success, please sign up on the Trinity website under the "Signups" tab or in the Narthex. Thanks!**