

Communion & Fourth of July Weekend
July 5, 2026

“And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads; and on its horns were ten diadems, and on its heads were blasphemous names.”--Revelations 13:1

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Adagio and Minuetto (Sonata in F) A. Scarlatti

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

We come to worship you, Lord Jesus Christ, who once said in response to a question about whether or not it was right to pay taxes,

***“Give to the Emperor the things that are Emperor's,
and to God the things that are God's.”***

We come to worship you, Christ our Savior, who inspired your original disciple and apostle Simon Peter to say to those authorities who would keep him from teaching Christ,

“We must obey God rather than any human authority.”

***Hymn 331** “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

Lord God, as citizens of both your Kingdom and a nation, we confess those times we have remained silent and passive when our nation pursued values at odds with your kingdom: when it refused to accept and welcome as equals those who were different; when it sought power over others instead of power with them; when it chose violent rather than nonviolent means of settling conflicts; when it denied the basics of life to the poorest in our society. Forgive those times when we failed to help the nation live up to its highest values. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 581** Glory Be to the Father

Passing of the Peace

Minute for Mission Earth Care Ministry: No Plastics Month *Cindy Ann Bowers*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Canticle "Speak, O Lord" Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

1st scripture Romans 13:1-7

Voluntary Esurientes Implevit Bonis (Magnificat) J. S. Bach

A Prayer for Children

2nd scripture Revelation 13:1-18

Sermon "Being a Faithful Church in Our Relationship With The State", Garnett

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison, from the Barmen Declaration*)

Scripture tells us that, in the as yet unredeemed world in which the Church also exists, the State has by divine appointment the task of providing for justice and peace. [It fulfills this task] by means of the threat and exercise of force, according to the measure of human judgment and human ability. The Church acknowledges the benefit of this divine appointment in gratitude and reverence before him. It calls to mind the Kingdom of God, God's commandment and righteousness, and thereby the responsibility both of rulers and of the ruled. It trusts and obeys the power of the Word by which God upholds all things. We reject the false doctrine, as though the State, over and beyond its special commission, should and could become the single and totalitarian order of human life, thus fulfilling the Church's vocation as well. We reject the false doctrine, as though the Church, over and beyond its special commission, should and could appropriate the characteristics, the tasks, and the dignity of the State, thus itself becoming an organ of the State. Amen.

***Hymn 345** "In an Age of Twisted Values"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

Adoration

Alex Guilment

***Hymn 536** "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude Alla Hornpipe from Water Music G.F. Handel

Special thanks to our guest musicians, John McDonald (recorder), Cindy McDonald (recorder), Paula Sirola (recorder, viola da gamba), Rhona Reagan (viola), Stephen Klein (viola da gamba, keyboards)

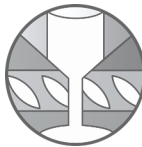
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors 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 Hashing It Out
9:00 DONUTS! Summer Youth Learning Hour

10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:15 Ohmann Lecture Series
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY - OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 Finance Team
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
5:30 Circles Ally & Leaders groups

WEDNESDAY

10:00 Friends in Christ - Hybrid
3:30 Zoom: Earth Care Ministry Mtg.
4:00 Wise Women Network

THURSDAY

3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

SATURDAY

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

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5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

LITURGIST(S): Tom Karvonen
SCREENS: Russ Russell, Catherine Langsdorf
FLOWERS: Given by Duane & Judi Johnson in
recognition of their 60th anniversary
LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE: 110

Jul 5 - 12

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: **Hospital:** Frank Clark (Edie's son-in-law) **Hospice:** Nugent Sharp; Art Wayboer **Rehab/Nursing:** Betty Lockwood (Lifecare); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Nancy Twitchen (Harmony); Jack Caylor (HHR); Raegen Regets (Debbie Kozen's aunt); Don Robinson (Life Care); Alice McCullough, Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Don Widmayer (Florida); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell) **Home:** Penny Honker; Cynthia Moser; Sandy Elser (Barb Pickwood's neighbor); Sheryl Hirschfield (Zigovsky family); Marty Zigovsky & family; Missi Price (Zigovsky family friend); Judi Johnson; Carolyn Cole; Barbara Pickwood; Dave Gilbert; Irene Lunsford (Dolly & Nancy's sister), Brenda Nelson; 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.

FEAR NOT: Ohmann Lecture Series, Dr. James E. Sargent, Sundays in July 2026, 11:15 a.m. In response to the climate of fear which began with the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and escalated during the Covid pandemic, Dr. Sargent will present his response to the question, "What can we do?" His response is "RESIST." He will direct our thinking to the emergence of biblical faith, the courage of first-century Christians, the challenges to the contemporary church, and the hope that resides in courageous resistance.

CIRCLES FUNDRAISER ANNOUNCEMENT: Sunday, July 12, 2026 1:00-3:00 PM "Art Party with a Purpose" (A fun fundraising party) Come enjoy light refreshments, great camaraderie and leave with a masterpiece! (No talent required) AND, support Circles Henderson County Chapter with your donation. Reservations required. Call Lin @ 937-380-5600. Plantation Walk Community Center (Blythe St to Belvidere. Community Center is on the left)

ORIGAMI: For our county's 250th birthday the origami group started the celebration by making 250 origami stars. The origami celebration stars are hanging in the windows between the Northx and the sanctuary for all to enjoy. Happy Birthday U.S.A! Trinity's origami group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 2:30-3:30pm in room 207. We'd love to have you join us folding paper into all sorts of fun objects! Questions? Please contact Claire Lux. Peace. Sue Osterberg

DONUTS! Next gathering, Sunday July 26, 9:00 a.m. for Trinity Youth, middle school and up. Come get your sugar on! (And join us for some good conversation with the card game "ThoughtProvoker")

CHECK YOUR CLOSETS, ATTICS AND GARAGES! This summer the Hendersonville Rescue Mission's OUTREACH PROGRAM needs new or used RAIN GEAR (rain jackets, ponchos, portable umbrellas) and small TENTS in good working order. The gear will benefit unsheltered persons who rely on the Rescue Mission for help. You may donate these items to the HRM directly by dropping them in their side door collection bins at 639 Maple St., between 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. OR you may drop rain gear in or near the bin located in the church narthex. Local Missions will collect gear through Sunday, July 19, delivering at several points during this window. Questions? Call Leslie at 912-398-1018. THANK YOU!

ALUMINUM CANS FOR GUATEMALA: Aluminum cans (rinsed, soda and beer cans) are still collected the first Sunday (other days if necessary) of each month. Deposit them behind the church (near the playground) in the cage in front of the storage shed. Money collected is used for the children's scholarship program. Thank you for your support.

THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS are available free to members and guests. Pick one up from the Welcome table and elsewhere in the narthex. They are so good for an early morning read or whenever. A great way to start your day!