

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026

*“. . . and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.” —Acts 1:8b*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude “Flute Tune” *Thomas Augustine Arne*

Choral Introit “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made” *Mark Hayes*

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Sing to God! Sing praises to God’s holy name.

We lift our voices to the One who rides upon the clouds!

God sends rain to nourish the earth;

God sustains us and provides for the needy.

God’s glory and light fill the skies.

With all the peoples of the earth, we sing praises to the Lord!

***Hymn 662** “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of your steadfast mercy. You even pray for us. Yet we hold on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the challenges of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us as you would have us be. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 853** “We Are Marching in the Light of God”
SOUTH AFRICAN TUNE

Passing of the Peace

Gospel Lesson	John 17:1–11	
Anthem	“A Jubilant Song”	Allen Pote
A Prayer for Children		
New Testament Lesson	Acts 1:6–14	
Sermon	<i>This Is Us</i>	Dwight Christenbury
*Affirmation of Faith/Hymn 481	“I Believe in God the Father”	
Sharing of Joys and Concerns		
Invitation to Giving		
Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer		
*Hymn 745	“Now Go in Joy”	
*Charge and Blessing		
Postlude	“When Morning Gilds the Skies”, <i>arr. by Dale Wood</i>	

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: *The Call to Worship is based loosely on Psalm 68. The Prayer of Confession, Invitation to Giving, and Prayers of the People were written by Baron Mullis and provided for free distribution to congregations by The Presbyterian Outlook.*

LITURGIST(S): Charles Keefer
SCREENS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
Catherine Langsdorf
LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE: 141

FLOWERS: Given by Linda and Eric Bergquist in memory of Linda's Mom, Irene Solbakken, on her birthday
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner, Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz

WORSHIP TEAM

Transitional Pastor: Rev. David Garnett
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury
Minister of Music: Rev. Lesley Bush
Section Leaders: Katie Cilluffo, Claire Crook, Eric McAnallen, Jonathan Thomas

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

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Adult Learning Hour
10:00 Children's Sunday School
10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry Mtg.
2:00 Memorial: Philip McCullough
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi
4:30 Hunger Coalition Mtg.
5:15 Local Missions Ministry Mtg
6:30 Session Mtg.

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
10:30 Naomi Circle
5:30 Circles USA Dinner
6:30 Social Justice Network (Grace)

WEDNESDAY - TIDINGS DEADLINE

10:00 Friends in Christ - Hybrid
3:30 Zoom: Earth Care Ministry Mtg.
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

11:00 Zoom: Endowment Committee
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi
6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

SATURDAY

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

SUNDAY - PENTECOST

9:00 Adult Learning Hour
9:00 Youth Confirmation Class
9:15 Children's Sunday School
9:30 Choir Rehearsal
10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

DON'T FORGET!
SINGLE 10AM SERVICES START
SUN MAY 24 (PENTECOST)

May 17 - 24

Contacts (office/pastoral business) during the week

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In Sympathy:

Neena Haskins upon the loss of her sister Marica

Hospital: Evelyn Christensen (Mary Louise & Betty's sister) **Hospice:** Art Wayboer **Rehab/**

Nursing: Barbara Johnson, Jack Caylor (HHR); Raegen Regets (Debbie Kozen's aunt); Don Robinson (Life Care); Alice McCullough, Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Nugent Sharp (The Oaks - Brevard); Don Widmayer (Florida); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell)

Home: Judi Johnson; Carolyn Cole; Barbara Pickwood; Sarah Ogide (John Wright's daughter); Leslie Nissen; Dave Gilbert; Helen Dearborn; Nancy Twitchen; 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.

OUR LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE program before summer break will be a performance at 6:30pm by a string group called Meadow Lark Trio. Sign-up sheet for dinner starting at 5:30pm is in the narthex. The date is Wednesday, May 27. Thank you for your support.

NEEDED: NEW CUB SCOUT LIAISON - As you may know, Glenn and Linda Walker are moving to Florida soon and Glenn needs to be replaced as the Chartered Organization Representative (COR) with our Cub Scout Pack 620. This is not a time consuming job, but provides for communication and potential conflict resolution between the church and the Pack. The Cub Program is now open to both boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 10. An annual registration fee of \$65 is needed which includes a background check. Laurie Beitler is the Pack Chairperson, and the COR works with her and the Trinity Pastor (the Chief Administrator). Please give this opportunity your consideration and contact Glenn Walker (674-2233) or Dave Garnett (692-6114) if you have any questions

ATLANTA GAY MEN'S CHORUS TICKETS for May 30th concerts. 10 tix still available for 7:00PM concert. (3:30 sold out) Please call or email the office for your ticket. Tix are free but a reservation is required.

PAPER TOWEL TUBES NEEDED FOR VBS. The Vacation Bible School art department needs paper towel tubes for a project they're planning. If you're willing to save the cardboard tubes from your paper towels for VBS, we'd be grateful. Look for the VBS bin in the narthex between now and VBS week, which is June 1-4. Thank you!

A WARM WELCOME TO BRETHERN DISASTER MINISTRIES! Until early June, volunteers with Brethren Disaster Ministries will be in western North Carolina rebuilding houses damaged by Hurricane Helene. During this time, we will host their teams here at Trinity; so if you see some new faces in the coming weeks, please make them feel welcomed!

REMINDER FROM YOUR FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY There is a sign-up sheet on the cold drinks table in the atrium for anyone who would like to supply "goodies" for the coffee time between worship services. Either home-made or store-bought items are appreciated. (See Lorraine Talbot for questions.) Thanks!

SHAMLESS PLUG: Today at 3pm, come see Katie and all her friends in the Buddy K Big Band play a concert of favorite swing hits of the 30s through today at First Congregational Church (1735 5th Avenue West, Hendersonville). Free admission. Loud brass. Pretty songs. Matching shirts. Smiley faces. All that good stuff. Be there or be a bassoon!

LOCAL MISSIONS: The Safelight Resale Store is in need of volunteers to help with sorting, pricing, and merchandising. The store is open Tuesday to Saturday between the hours of 10 and 4. If you have some time to spare and would like to lend your expertise to a wonderful organization please contact: Sara Cole, Community Relations Director, 828-280-3026