
Third Sunday in the Season of Creation
— “Listening to Our Oceans” —
September 17, 2023 - 10:00 AM

“... and let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take water of life as a gift.”—Revelation 22:17b

Prelude Fantasia in G minor Johann Pachelbel

Introit 616 Our God Is an Awesome God

Land Acknowledgement (*responsive*)

L: The General Council of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina has adopted a motion that we begin our meetings with an acknowledgement of some of the traditional Native inhabitants of the land in which we live and minister.

P: **The Indigenous peoples of the Americas are the inhabitants of the Americas before the arrival of the European settlers in the 15th century, and the ethnic groups who now identify themselves with those peoples. By so doing; we offer recognition and respect and seek to cultivate a deeper awareness of the history that has led to the present moment, and we invite reflection on our responsibilities as descendants of that history. Today we continue our acknowledgement by specifically remembering that we live, worship, and serve in the region of the Native lands of the Catawba, Sugaree and Cherokee peoples among others; paying our respects to elders of the past and present, known and unknown.**

L: Let us do our faithful work mindful of them.

Call to Worship (*responsive, adapted from Psalm 130*)

Out of the depths We cry to you, O Lord

Lord, Hear Our voice!

From the depths of the ocean that covers this planet, We cry to you, O Lord!

Lord, Hear Our Voice!

For the health and resilience of your sacred marine sanctuaries,
from tide pool to sea floor, we cry to you, O Lord!

Lord, Hear Our Voice!

***Hymn 484**

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

Prayer of Confession (*responsive, adapted from Psalm 130*)

Today, O Lord, we bring our deep concerns for our role in the brokenness of your Oceans! -For the breeding grounds of fish and the playgrounds of dolphins, we cry to you, O Lord!

Lord, Hear Our Voice!

For the safety of crab, kelp, jellyfish, and shark to make their home, we cry to you O Lord!

Lord, Hear Our Voice!

For oceans free of plastic and the things we humans deem as trash, we cry to you, O Lord!

Lord, Hear Our Voice!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you!

Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who wait for the morning. For give our indifference to your creation and make us good stewards of your seas.

Hope in the Lord!

With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1: 20-23

Anthem

Like A Mighty Stream, Moses Hogan & John Jacobson

A Prayer for Children

Second Reading

Revelation 22: 12-17

Sermon

"Partners?"

Mark Stanley

***Affirmation of Faith**

A Brief Statement of Faith, Sec. 3 & 5

Welcoming New Members

Kris & Mark Grasse

Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Minute for Ministry

Hunger Walk Tom Karvonen & Jocelyn Tolleson

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 687**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Voluntary V, Moderato

James Hook

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 - SEASON OF CREATION & CHURCH PICNIC

- 9:00 Youth Learning Hour
- 9:00 Adult Learning Hour:
 - Issues & Concerns
 - Lectionary Class
- 9:30 Special Session Meeting
- 9:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**
- 11ish Church Picnic
- 12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry
- 5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

- 9:00 Finance Team
- 10:00 New Member Subcommittee
- 3:30 Tai chi - Beginners
- 4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

TUESDAY

- 9:00 Staff Meeting
- 10:00 Coffee Group
- 10:30 Naomi Circle
- 6:30 Zoom: Worship Ministry Meeting

WEDNESDAY - TIDINGS DEADLINE

- 10:30 Friends in Christ
- 1:00 Spanish Class
- 4:00 Zoom: Earth Care Ministry
- 7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 9:30 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal
- 11:00 Zoom: "Between the Lines" Book Group
- 1:30 AA Meeting
- 3:30 Tai chi - Beginners
- 4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate
- 6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

- 8:00 41st Annual Hunger Walk (Jackson Park)
- 2:00 Memorial for Ron Hoverson

SUNDAY - SEASON OF CREATION - 5 CENTS A MEAL

- 8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP**
- 9:45 Youth Learning Hour
- 9:45 Adult Learning Hour:
 - *Our Sung Theology* w/ Mel Bringle
- 10:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**
- 5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Billie Hicklin

LITURGIST(S): Donna Crawford

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 129

FLOWERS: Given by Bud & Sandy Weeks in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary! **PLEASE NOTE:** Flowers for Sep 3rd were misattributed to the Weeks but were actually given by Eric McAnallen and Diocles Wells in honor and memory of Marian Janet McAnallen. Thank you :-)

Contacts (office/pastoral business) during the week

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Weekly Calendar:
Sep 17 - 24

PRAYER CONCERNS In Sympathy: Brian Tribby upon the loss of his wife Darlene; Gayle Hoverson upon the loss of her husband Ron **Rehab/Nursing:** 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:** Ken Sugawara; Elizabeth Rose Ver Meer (Kathie Van Itallie's greatgranddaughter); Susan Mangrum; Doris Youngdahl; Joe Strange; Natalie (Forsythes' granddaughter); Jeremy King's daughter; Bruce Crossman (Carole Ball's brother); Carolyn Erickson; Paul Soltesz; Nancy Twitchen; the Green family; 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:** Rob Stanfield (Stanfields' son); our mission coworkers in Madagascar and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, those suffering from the Lahaina Maui fire, Libyan floods, Moroccan earthquake, Sudanese conflict, and war in Ukraine, and those harmed by new anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation and by gun violence.

Stewardship Meditation: *"We must strive to become good ancestors."*—Ralph Nader

41ST ANNUAL HUNGER WALK - Sat AM, Sept. 23rd. Walkers please register online at hendersoncountyhungercoalition.org (choose Trinity's team). Sign-in at 7:30 at Jackson Park Shelter #1. Walk beginning at 8:00. T-shirts for the first 300 walkers. Sign-up table on Sundays in the narthex thru the 17th. If not a walker, please sponsor walkers via their envelopes. Checks made out to Trinity with "Hunger Walk" in the memo line, please. Trinity was a founder of the Hunger Coalition. We had the largest number of walkers of any group last year. Let's repeat that support this year! Thank you!

SEASON OF CREATION! - Listening to Creation

- **Sep 3:** Listening to our Over-Heated Earth
- **Sep 10:** Listening to our Rivers
- **Sep 17:** Listening to our Oceans
- **Sep 24:** Listening to One Another

SPECIAL LEARNING HOURS, SEP 24 & OCT 1: "Our Sung Theology & the Season of Creation" with Mel Bringle. Hymns shape our beliefs and actions in deep ways. In this two-part series, we will explore hymns in light of environmental threats and opportunities. First, we will consider why **"It Isn't Easy Singing Green."** Second, we will confront the puzzle: **"Where Have All the Critters Gone?"**

JERRY MILLER'S 90th BIRTHDAY PARTY! While his actual birthday isn't until Oct, we'll celebrate this milestone on Sat, Sep 23 in Indiana. To join the party from afar, please send cards to Jerry Miller, 4300 West Goeller Blvd, Apt 215, Columbus, IN 47201. Love, Ron, Keith, Tim, and families

BRUNCH TIME! Thu, Oct 12, 10AM-12PM: ALL the women of Trinity, not just Circle members, are invited to **Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering.** This fun and fascinating program includes speaker Terri Forsyth, one of WNC Presbytery's rep to Malawi to delivering Luo Pads. Terri interacted with the women and girls whose lives were changed by this project, and will share a slideshow from the trip, answer questions, and get us excited about this year's Luo Pad efforts. Free to attend this gathering, but registration required. Sign up in the narthex Sept. 24, Oct. 1, or 8. See you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sat, Sep 23 - Memorial for Ron Hoverson
- Sat, Sep 25 - Death Café
- Wed, Oct 4 - WNL w/ David Potter

ALUMINUM CANS ONLY PLEASE! Recently we found bottles and plastic items in bags at the yellow shed. This requires extra work to remove prior to taking them to the recycling location. You can help us by emptying, rinsing, and crushing your cans. Please leave them in garbage bags at the yellow shed at the back of the parking lot. Thank you for supporting our Guatemala Scholarship Project with your cans!