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Second Sunday in the Season of Creation: Peace with Creation
September 7, 2025 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

*Overcome with awe, they said to each other, "Who then is this?
Even the wind and the sea obey him!"—Mark 4:41*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Voluntary in A Minor

John Stanley

Choral Introit 26

"Earth and All Stars!"

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

O God, who called all life into being,
the earth, sea, and sky are yours.

Your presence is all around us;
every atom is full of your energy.

Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth;
with her we yearn for justice to be done,
for creation to be freed from bondage,
for your kingdom of peace to come on earth.

***Hymn 8**

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**We praise you, God of grace, for the amazing diversity of your creation.
The Earth is full of your creatures, and in your holy wisdom you have made
them all. But in our self-centeredness, we have neglected to serve our fel-
low creatures. We have polluted the land and the waters, destroying habi-
tats and accelerating the loss of species. We confess our failure to care.
Grant us the courage and commitment to act with resolve, to make a dif-
ference, and to work for the renewal of all creation. 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	"For the Beauty of the Earth"	John Rutter
A Prayer for Children		
Second Lesson	Mark 4:35-41	
Sermon	<i>Knowledge Is Power</i>	Dwight Christenbury
*Hymn 184	"Calm to the Waves"	

***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	Presbyterian Women Circles Invitation, <i>Billie Hicklin</i>
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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 10	"Sing Glory to the Name of God"
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***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude	"Hymn to Joy"	<i>arr. Jeanne Cotter</i>
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**Please stand in body or spirit*

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

LITURGIST(S): Ron Howard
PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
Catherine Langsdorf
WORSHIP TEAM
Transitional Pastor: Rev. David Garnett
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury
Minister of Visitation: Sally Beghtol, C.P.
Section Leaders: Katie Cilluffo, Claire Crook,
Tim Kuykendall, Eric McAnallen

FLOWERS: Given by Jane and Bill Swafford in honor of our 6 grandchildren - 3 sets of twins!
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 145
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner, Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz
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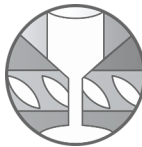
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors 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

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry Mtg. - Hybrid
3:00 CONCERT: Joel Helfand
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

9:30 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal
12:00 LuopadProject
2:00 Zoom Endowment Committee
4:00 Tai Chi
6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

SATURDAY - 43RD ANNUAL HUNGER WALK & TIDINGS DEADLINE

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Worship Notes: The Call to Worship and Affirmation of Faith are adapted from *The Iona Abbey Worship Book* (© 2001, The Iona Community).

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: **Hospital:** Jeff Roller (Marty's brother); 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:** Pat Harter, Nancy Twitchen; Bob Miles; Kay Vickery; 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); Neil Hirschfield (Zigovsky daughter); John Kostlevy; Ben Moore; Brenda Nelson; Evelyn Christensen (Mary Louise & Betty's sister); Steve Kuykendoll; Martin Roller; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); T.K. Owens (Dolly's son); Susan Kincaid; Paul Soltesz; 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.

WELCOME BACK CHOIR! Don't they look like they're having fun? If YOU'D like to have fun and make some music with us, you're welcome at Choir rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. If you have any choir or music director-related questions, please feel free to reach out to Eric McAnallen.

SEASON OF CREATION - LOVEY DOVEYS! We are SO grateful to our origami artists and our decorators for this beautiful example of reduce/reuse/recycle in action. But we're not done yet! New peace doves accepted throughout the season of creation as we grow our flock!

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

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.

HUNGER COALITION UPDATES:

- **FUNDRAISER CONCERT W/ JOEL HELFAND:** Join us **TODAY**, Sun, Sep 14 at 3 P.M. for beautiful saxophone music to help raise extra funds to fight hunger in our community. ALL donations go to the Hunger Coalition. Bring your friends! Also, volunteers wanted to bake/bring cookies for a small reception after the concert. Please call Esther Hider for details or to volunteer! Thanks bakers :-)
- **HUNGER WALK REGISTRATION** at hendersoncountyhungercoalition.org to save time on Walk day 9/20. Click the drop down menu to choose the "Trinity team". You can donate/sponsor walkers in the narthex starting on Sunday August 31st.
- **2025 HUNGER WALK ANONYMOUS DONOR MATCHING GIFT!!** Every envelope reaching \$100 or more in pledges will receive an additional \$100 thanks to an anonymous donor! Let's break Trinity's record this year--our goal is \$4000!

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.

VISITORS, Would you like to join Trinity? Let David, Dwight, or Sally know. We look forward to welcoming you as a member!