

First Sunday of the Season of Creation & Communion
September 1, 2024 - 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

*“For the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God. . . .”—Romans 8:19*

Prelude

Romance

Eric Thiman

Introit 301

Let Us Build a House

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Just ask the animals,

and they will teach you;

the birds of the air

and they will tell you;

the plants of the earth,

and they will teach you.

Who among all these does not know?

**In God’s hand is the life of every living thing,
the breath of every living being.**

***Hymn 9**

“The Play of the Godhead”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

In the light of your Word and your call to care for creation, we come to say that we are sorry. We’re sorry for the times we’ve messed up, sorry for bad decisions we’ve made, sorry for people we’ve hurt, sorry for damaging your earth. In the silence, we seek your forgiveness for ourselves and healing for the world. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Minute for Ministry

Earth Care Ministry

Cindy Ann Bowers

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Old Testament Lesson	Genesis 1:1–5	
Anthem	Adorn Yourself My Soul	<i>Johann Fr. Peter</i>
A Prayer for Children		
New Testament Lesson	Romans 8:19–25	
Sermon	<i>The Life within All Life</i>	Dwight Christenbury

***Affirmation of Faith** (*responsive*)

We are not alone;

we live in God's world.

We believe and trust in God:

**who has created and is creating, who has come to us in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

***Hymn 531** "Seed, Scattered and Sown" (*refrain only*)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- **Invitation to the Table**
- **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**
- **The Words of Institution**
- **Communion of the People** Berceuse & Benedictus

Eric Thiman

***Hymn 19** "God of Great and God of Small"

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude Postlude in F *Eric Thiman*

**Please stand in body or spirit*

LITURGIST(S): Ron Howard
PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
Catherine Langsdorf
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,
Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz

FLOWERS: Given by Diocles Wells and Eric
McAnallen in honor of Rev. Marian Janet
McAnallen
LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 141

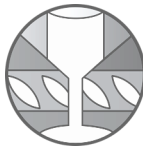
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors 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 - SEASON OF CREATION #1 & COMMUNION

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour w/ Mark Stanley
"What Comes Next?: Transitional Ministry"
10:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Congregational Meeting

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY - LABOR DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

9:00 Finance Team
9:30 Artventure Painters' Group
4:00 Tai Chi

TUESDAY

9:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 New Member Subcommittee
10:00 Coffee Group
4:00 Global Missions Ministry Meeting
6:00 Special Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Friends in Christ
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 Luopad Project
10:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal
11:00 "Between the Lines Book" Group
12:00 PW Bible Study Leaders' Team
1:00 Technology Committee
4:00 Tai Chi
4:00 Zoom: Finance/Stewardship Ministry
6:30 Cub Scouts Pack 620

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters
9:30 Feed the Kids

SATURDAY

SUNDAY - SEASON OF CREATION #2

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour

- Lectionary Class (Trinity Room)
- Issues & Concerns Class (Classroom 207)
- Hashing It Out (Lounge)
- Youth Learning Hour

10:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Congregational Meeting

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

Weekly Calendar: Sep 1 - 8

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PRAYER CONCERNS In Sympathy: Norie & Enrique Sanchez upon the loss of their friend Priscila Gois **Rehab/Nursing:** Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell); Fitz Sthreshley (Lifecare); Don Widmayer (The Bridge); Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Jane Sugawara (Tore's Home); Jack Caylor (HHR); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Nancy Underwood (Florida); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana) **Home:** Tim Simmons; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); Brenda Crossman (Carole Ball's sister-in-law); Linda Walker; Helen Dearborn; Sandy Weeks; Angela Kuykendoll; T.K. Owens (Dolly's son); Linda Dillon; Katie Hankla; Ken Sugawara; Nancy Williard; Harry Petersen; Susan Kincaid; Kathy (Jim & Pat Norris' daughter); Nancy Twitchen; Pat Dienst; Michael Ballenger (Cindy Householder's brother-in-law); Brenda Nelson; Sandra Dwork; Susan Presseau (Jane Presseau's daughter); Paul Soltesz; Evans Thibodeau; Benny Elliot (Landen Gailey's partner); Dan Green; Kim & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend); Lauren McBride (Kuykendoll's daughter); Barbara Nichols; Bud Weeks; Irene Lunsford; Barbara Pickwood; Alice McCullough; Dave Morrison **Others:** our mission coworkers and the people of Madagascar, Malawi, and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, the people of Israel and Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, and those harmed by new anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation and by gun violence.

LAST DAY OF THE PRESSEAU MATCH: While funds are available, or until TODAY, your donation to one of the Mission agencies on the Presseau Match List* will doubled! **Just over 3/4ths of the available matching funds have been used, so hurry!** * See the list and details in the July Tidings. Please mention the agency and "Presseau Match" when donating. trinitypresnc.org/tidings

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session has scheduled a Congregational Meeting TODAY 11 a.m. to concur in Rev. Stanley's request to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to dissolve his pastoral relationship with Trinity Presbyterian Church as of September 30th, 2024.

LUOPAD PARTIES will be held on first Thursdays from 10-12 and third Thursdays from 2-4. Everyone is invited: sewers and non-sewers, beginners and professionals, previous participants and the curious first timers. Come and help us support girls and women in Malawi.

SUMMER LEARNING HOUR:

- **SEP 1, 9:45 AM:** Special Learning Hour - "What Comes Next?: Transitional Ministry Questions" with Mark Stanley.
- **SEP 8, 9:45 AM:** Regular Learning Hour classes resume.

HUNGER WALK, Sep 28: Sponsored by the Henderson County Hunger Coalition which, for the past 42 years, has sought to alleviate hunger in our county by supporting numerous (now 11) local agencies. Check out the display in the downtown library! **New Location:** Lennox Park on Whitted Street. Registration at 8:00 or online at hendersoncountyhungercoalition.org. After a prayer, the walk will begin at 8:30. 5K (about 3 miles) or 1 mile walk options. Parking and registration will be available at the Trailsides lot next to the park. Free t-shirts for the first 300 walkers! If you are unable to join us for the walk, please consider supporting a walker by visiting the table which will be in the narthex September 8th.

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.

Worship Notes: The Call to Worship is based on Job 12:7-10. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from Creation Liturgy, *The Iona Abbey Worship Book* (Glasgow, Scotland: Wild Goose Publications, 2017), p. 167. The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from A New Creed, *Voices United: The Hymn and Worship Book of the United Church of Canada* (United Church Publishing House, 1996), p. 918.