

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 17, 2024 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

*“We must work the works of the One who sent me while it is day;
night is coming when no one can work.”—John 9:4*

Prelude Dona Nobis Pacem *Francois Couperin*

Introit 544 Bless the Lord

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

God shows us the path of life;

In God's presence there is fullness of joy.

We worship God, in whom we take refuge;

We worship the One in whom our souls rejoice!

***Hymn 649** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” (*verses 1, 2, 3, and 5*)

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, why is it that we look, but do not see? Bring us again into your light, until your ways become visible to us and bear fruit in us. Touch us so that we are utterly changed: a before and after, a now and then. Heal us so that we may also say, “Though I was blind, now I see.” Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. In Christ's light, we pray. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

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

Passing of the Peace

Anthem Look at the World *John Rutter*

A Prayer for Children

Gospel Lesson John 9:1–41

Sermon *Transformation* Carol Steele

***Hymn 314** “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness” (*verses 1, 2, and 5*)

***Affirmation of Faith** (from The Confession of 1967)

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor and won the victory over sin and death for all. Amen.

Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 744**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Fanfare Fugue in C

J. S. Bach

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: The Call to Worship is based on Psalm 16. The Prayer of Confession are adapted by permission from The Presbyterian Leader. The Affirmation of Faith is taken from the inclusive-language version of The Confession of 1967. Our guest preacher, the Rev. Carol Steele, is Vice President for Program at Montreat Conference Center. She is married to Dwight Christenbury, and they have two children, Kaisa and Dean.

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 Gayle Hoverson in honor of her and Ron's anniversary on Nov 20
LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 131

WORSHIP TEAM

Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury
Minister of Visitation: Sally Beghtol, C.P.
Music Director: Stephen Klein
Section Leaders: Claire Crook, Tim Kuykendall,
Eric McAnallen, Gwen Roberts

TRINITY TEAM

Maintenance Facilitator: Jim Kisner
Treasurer: Bob Forsythe, Bev Luzadder
Financial Secretary: Diane Bowers
Bookkeeper: Lynne Meluch
Tellers: Sue Robinson, Robin Hodgson,
Pat Harter, Betty Lockwood
Nursery Staff: Mary Haskins, Sierrah Haskins

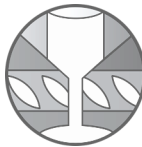
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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

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

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry Mtg

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

10:00 New Member Subcommittee

10:30 New Member Ministry Mtg.

1:00 AARP Tax Aid

4:00 Tai Chi

TUESDAY

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

10:30 Naomi Circle

6:00 Zoom: Worship Ministry

WEDNESDAY - TIDINGS DEADLINE

10:30 Friends in Christ

3:00 Zoom: Earth Care Ministry

5:30 WNL Dinner

6:30 WNL Concert: Geriatric Jukebox

6:30 Vigil for Transgender Day

of Remembrance (First Congregational)

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

11:00 "Between the Lines Book" Group

1:30 Book Group

2:00 Luopad Project

4:00 Tai Chi

6:30 Cub Scouts Pack 620

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

11:00 Zoom: Endowment Committee

1:00 AARP Tax Aid

SATURDAY

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

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Weekly Calendar: Nov 17 - 24

Contacts (office/pastoral business) during the week

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PRAYER CONCERNS In Sympathy: the family of Dan Green **Hospital:** Jeffrey Sheffield (Advent); Evelyn Christensen (Mary-Louise & Betty's sister) **Rehab/Nursing:** Art Wayboer (High Point); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell); Fitz Sthreshley (Carolina Reserve); Don Widmayer (The Bridge); Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Jane Sugawara (Tore's Home); Jack Caylor (HHR); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana) **Home:** Steve Kuykendoll; Martin Roller; Maureen (Jane Strange's friend); Sue Osterberg; Tim Simmons; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); Brenda Crossman (Carole Ball's sister-in-law); Helen Dearborn; Angela Kuykendoll; T.K. Owens (Dolly's son); Linda Dillon; Katie Hankla; Ken Sugawara; Harry Petersen; Susan Kincaid; Pat Dienst; Sandra Dwork; 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, Lebanon, Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, those harmed by gun violence and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation, and all who have suffered loss, harm, and loss of loved ones due to Hurricanes Helene & Milton.

STEWARDSHIP 2025 – THANK YOU for participating in Stewardship Dedication Sunday on November 10! If you have not returned a completed 2025 pledge card but wish to, you may mail it in or drop it by the church office during office hours (extra cards are there). There is also an “on-line pledge card”, found on the Trinity website (trinitypresnc.org) under the “Sign Up” link on the toolbar of the home screen.

WED NIGHT LIVE - Nov 20, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Concert with “Geriatric Jukebox” - favorite songs of the 50s, 60s, and 70s. Please sign up in the Narthex by Monday morning!

2024 ADVENT SEASON

- **DEVOTIONALS:** Thanks to all who have volunteered to write Advent devotionals; if you haven't yet submitted yours, remember that they are due today (November 17) to Dwight Christenbury.
- **CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING DAY** will be Wednesday, December 4, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Old-timers and newcomers are invited to come out and help us deck the halls!
- **BLACK MOUNTAIN HOME:** Look for the Christmas Wishes Tree for kids and youth of the Black Mountain Home; all are invited to join in on this beloved Trinity Christmas tradition.
- **THE MITTEN TREE** is up in the Atrium, welcoming new mittens, gloves, hats, and other small clothing items to warm toddlers to teens in need in our community.
- **IAM PANTRY** requests for November include donations of Thanksgiving-themed foods, stuffing, canned fruits, etc....
- **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**, to decorate our sanctuary, can be reserved to honor your loved ones this season. Please see trinitypresnc.org/sign-ups or fill out a paper reservation slip.

TIME FOR PRAYER: Church members are invited to participate in a time for prayer in the Sanctuary after the 11:00 service today. We will share our prayers about recent events that affect all of us, including the historic storm, the election, and divisions in our country. We plan to share our prayers aloud, open ourselves to silent prayer, and post written prayers. Dwight will open with a prayer. All prayers will be welcomed.