

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 16, 2024

Leading in Worship Today

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor: *John D. Jordan* AV Director: *Marie Stiles*
 Music Director: *Christopher A. McCroskey* AV Assistant: *Chris Derrick*
 Time Together: *Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor*

Prelude Christopher A. McCroskey

Call To Worship Choir
 Centering Words "Come, We That Love the Lord"

*Hymn 593
"Here I Am, Lord"

Opening Prayer
 The Lord's Prayer 895

Proclamation of the Word
 Prayer of Illumination

"Let the Children Come!"
(Those 3 years of age through 8 years of age may go to Children's Church.)

Epistle Reading Page 171 (N.T.)
 Psalter 795-796
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
Psalm 72:1-17

*Hymn TFWS 2164
"Sanctuary"

Gospel Reading Pages 40-41 (N.T.)
Mark 4:26-34

Anthem Choir

Old Testament Reading Pages 254-255 (O.T.)
 Sermon Rev. John Jordan
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
"What God Sees"

*Affirmation of Faith 881
"The Apostles' Creed"

*Gloria Patri 70
"Glory Be to the Father"

Pastoral Prayer
 Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
 Offertory Christopher A. McCroskey

*Doxology 95
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Hymn 454
"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

*Dismissal With Benediction

*Benediction Response Choir
"May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You"

VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor's tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

TODAY'S LOVELY FLOWERS are given to the ***Glory of God.***

*The Congregation May Stand

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS...

English Pearcy	Patsy Zeigler	Charlie Hooker	Kaye Floyd	Patsy Shuler	Becky Derrick
Erin Derrick	John Ballentine	Jimmy Grahl	Latson Lewis	Pam Turner	

Shut-Ins: Esther Carter; Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch; Jean Raynor; Jan Weaver

Family and Friends: **Kelsey Molotsky** (granddaughter of friend of Bob Strickland); **Meg Sansbury**; **Mary Ann Rentz** (stepmother of Marty Johnson); **Mary Perry** (friend of Marty Johnson); **Chantel Griffin** (sister of Erin Derrick); **Russell Eubanks** (son-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting); **Malcolm Skipper** (grandfather of Matthew Skipper); **Bryan Collard** (brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis); **Taylor Lewis** (son of Mark & Mary Sue Lewis); **Charlyn McNeill**, **Michael McNeill** (sister & brother of Mary Sue Lewis); **Elizabeth Kelsey & Jamie Barnett** (friends of John & Kay Jordan); **Lawrence Gilbert** (friend of Becky Derrick); **Bob Bohnstengel** (spouse of Jo Ann Heiting's cousin); **Missy Abrams** (stepdaughter of Lissa Abrams); **Mary Davis** (daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland); **Sandra Hornsby**, **Gloria Erd** (friends of Lynn Martin); **Pearl Geddens** (mother of Tom Geddens); **Ross Deal** (grandson of Mary Kamoroff); **Nancy Wilson** (friend of Jeanette Hornsby); **David Turner** (brother of Pam Turner); **Ernie & Betsey Hendrix**, **Chip Mixon** (friends of Tommy Gleaton); **Ron & Janet Walker** (friends of Tommy & Chris Gleaton); **Merit Takach** (friend of Joyce and Brent Robinson); **James Boggs** (father of Claire Boggs); **Stacy Coggins** (daughter of Steve Aiello); **Bill Areheart** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **David Grandshaw** (brother-in-law of Edwa Meek); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **Gary Becton** (friend of Mark Branham); **Florence Lee Carter**, **Monnie Tiller** (friends of Chris Derrick); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); **Haidee Baehr** (friends of Ruth Frady); **Denise Paul**, **Scott & Karen Nelson** (cousins of Gale Frady); **Dan Conner**, **Max Johnson** (friends of Gale Frady); **Bernardo Velasquez**, **Walt & Janet Beck** (friends of Jo Ann Heiting); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com.

OUR PRESENCE ...

In-Person Attendance 06/09 SS: 12 Worship: 33

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 06/02 \$ 2,982.54

OUR SERVICE ...

OUR WITNESS."

Upcoming Events

TODAY Father's Day

06/17 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.

06/19 T.a.G., 7 p.m.

06/20 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.

GLIA Articles Due

06/21 Office Closed

06/22 FH Reserved

Readings for June 23

1 Samuel 17:32-49

Psalm 9:11-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41



Ministers	The Congregation
Pastor	John D. Jordan
Resident Bishop	Jonathan Holston
District Superintendent	Rev. Fran M. Elrod

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform

“People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7, NLT

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Sunday, June 23

Sunday, June 23, will be *John and Kay's* last Sunday at Trinity. There will be a reception in their honor immediately following the Worship Service that Sunday.



The Trinity Ladies Group **will not meet** in **June or July**. There **will** be an outing on **August 10**. The plan is to go to Laura's Tea Room in Ridgeway. Reservations are for 11:30 a.m. Contact Marie Stiles at (803) 463-9706 if you are interested in being added to the group email and text for notification.



Sunday, June 30
(Please Note the Change of Date)

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on **Sunday, June 30**, as we welcome *Pastor Darlene Kelley* and her husband, *Craig*. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and get to know our new pastor!

Please Note: The Ministry Team will meet immediately following Taste of Trinity.



Marie Stiles will be providing new name tags prior to June 30th. Please remember to wear the name tags so Pastor Darlene Kelley and her husband, Craig, can learn our names.

Also, please remember to keep them on during Time Together and Taste of Trinity. A basket will be provided for you to put them in as you leave.

1 Samuel 15:34- 16:13

When Kay and I lived in Jacksonville, we enjoyed finding good seafood restaurants. One restaurant was Whitey's Fish Camp, highly recommended by friends. We followed the directions, eventually coming to this old, unpainted, cinderblock building. The sign said Whitey's Fish Camp, but we raised our eyebrows questioningly. We asked, "Do we really want to eat here? It looks like you might catch something."

Another place we went was Cap's Seafood. The newspaper rating was five stars. The location was beautiful, overlooking the intracoastal waterway. The building was clean, with lots of windows. It looked so inviting, and we anticipated a wonderful meal.

We enjoyed a wonderful meal at one of the restaurants. They cooked the food to perfection with generous portions. The people were friendly. We had a great time and went back often.

The other place had terrible service. We waited 45 minutes to order and about as long for our food. The busboy stood over us, ready to grab our utensils the second we put them down. The fare was meager, and the food did not taste quite right. We hurried home, and thank goodness the apartment had two bathrooms. We never went back.

I want to ask you, which restaurant did we have the positive dining experience, Whitey's or Cap's?

If you said Whitey's, you are correct. Though it looked questionable from the outside, we got what we desired: good seafood and a pleasant experience. Though Cap's looked so inviting from the outside, we had the worst dining experience and got sick.

God rejected Saul as King of Israel after he made an improper sacrifice. He did not wait for Samuel to make the sacrifice but took matters into his own hands. He did not follow the LORD's instructions.

God instructs Samuel to go to Bethlehem, to the house of Jesse. God has chosen one of Jesse's sons to be the new King of Israel.

Jesse presents his eldest, Eliab, to Samuel, which makes sense since the eldest is the favored son. Samuel looks Eliab over. He is tall, handsome, strong, and looks like a king. Samuel thinks, "This must be the one." He reaches for his horn of oil to anoint Eliab.

But God says, "Hold your horses, Samuel. This is not the one I have chosen to be king. Yes, he may look like a king on the outside. I do not look at the outside but at the heart."

The heart was not only the organ for pumping blood, but also the seat of emotion, intellect, and desire. The heart refers to the inner person as opposed to the outer person. God looks at the heart, the inner person, not outward appearance.

God rejects Eliab. Jesse parades Abinadab, then Shammah, and seven of his sons past Samuel. Each time, God says, “No, not this one.” God rejects every one of Jesse’s sons. Finally, Samuel asks if Jesse has any more sons. Jesse replies, “Well, there is the youngest keeping the sheep.”

The youngest is usually the least favored son. He is tasked with the most menial jobs, like keeping the sheep. Keeping sheep was not the most glamorous job. It involved letting the sheep out of the pen, leading them to pasture and water, watching while they grazed, and herding them back into the fold. It was a rather boring job and not one that would be on a king’s resume. When David was brought before Samuel, the LORD said, “This is the one, this is the one to anoint to be king.”

God chose the youngest, the one who kept the sheep as the king. God passed over all the strong older brothers and chose the smallest. God did not want someone big and strong on the outside but big and strong on the inside. God saw what he wanted in a king in David. God saw a good shepherd.

A shepherd leads the sheep to good pasture and water. God wanted a king to care for all the citizens. A shepherd protects the sheep from predators. God wanted someone who would protect the nation. A shepherd puts the safety of the sheep over self-preservation. God wanted a ruler who would put the interest of the nation above self-interest. God saw in David the intellect, passion, courage, loyalty, faithfulness, and justice needed to be a good king. God saw the king who could bring the tribes of Israel together, defeat its enemies, and rule justly. God saw the heart of David, not his outer appearance.

Like Samuel, we see the outer appearance. We see the color of the skin: White, Black, Brown, or Yellow. We see socio-economic status: poor, wealthy, middle class, or homeless. We see behavior: alcoholic, addict, or criminal. We see sexual orientation: gay, lesbian, bi, trans, or straight. We see religious affiliation: Christian, Jew, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist or other. We see political affiliation: Republican or Democrat.

We see people in these categories and paint them with the broad brush of our stereotypes. We see the outer appearance and determine if they are good or bad, worthy or unworthy. We look at people and see categories.

God looks at people and sees His child. God sees the one created to be a pastor. God sees the one created to be a doctor. God sees the one created to be a teacher. God sees the one created to be a musician. God does not see the outer appearance but what one was created to be.

Eliab and the rest of Jesse’s sons looked like Cap’s. They looked like they could be kings. But their outward appearance did not match what God wanted, just like Cap’s did not match what Kay and I wanted. David may have been more like Whitey’s, what God wanted was inside, just like what Kay and I wanted.

In his famous “I Have a Dream” speech, Martin Luther King said, “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.” I share that dream with Martin. I dream that my granddaughter, Lizzie, will be judged by her heart and character, not by her appearance. I dream that she will not judge others by their appearance but by their heart and character.

I dream of the day that we Christians see as God sees. We do not look at outer appearances but at the heart. We see beyond skin color, socio-economic status, behavior, sexual orientation, religious and political affiliation. We see each person as God sees them, his child created for his purpose. We see the pastor, doctor, teacher, musician, or whatever God created them to be; not the Mexican, not the queer, not the homeless, not the alcoholic, not the Jew, or political affiliation.

The outward appearance does not reflect what God created someone to be. What God created someone to be is in the heart, the inner being. Let us quit looking at the outer appearance but instead look at the inner being. The inner being is where God is in each of us. Let's look for God in the inner being of all people.