

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2024

Prelude Christopher A. McCroskey
(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

Greetings, Announcements & Prayer

*Call To Worship
 When we feel lost and alone,
Our help is in the name of the Lord.
 When a raging storm is on the horizon,
God stands by us!
 When we are fearful and worried,
Sing praises to our God of steadfast love!

*Opening Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" 140

*Opening Prayer
We thank you, O God, for making a way out of no way. We pray for anyone who feels like he or she is drowning in sin or in suffering today. Help that person know that your promises are sure and that you are ever-present. Lift all of our heads above the raging waters and show us the dry ground on the horizon ahead. Strengthen us, we pray for this week's journey. Make us mindful of the weak and the weary and teach us how to bear one another's burdens along the way. Remind us that we are a family of faith. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith "A Modern Affirmation" 885

*Gloria Patri 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Psalter Psalm 124 846

Passing of the Peace: *Let us greet one another with words of love and peace.*

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

Anthem "I Love You, Lord" Choir

Scripture Lessons Mark 9:38-50 Page 47 (N.T.)
 Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Pages 441 & 443 (O. T.)

Homily *Esther in an Hour* Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

*Hymn of Invitation "Stand By Me" vs. 1-3 512

Pastoral Prayer
 The Lord's Prayer
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
 Offertory Christopher A. McCroskey
 *Doxology 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Be Still, My Soul" 534

*Dismissal With Benediction
 *Benediction Response "May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You" Choir
*Please Stand As You Are Able

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: *Rev. Darlene L. Kelley* AV Director: *Marie Stiles*
 Music Director: *Christopher A. McCroskey* AV Assistant: *Chris Derrick*
 Liturgist: *Tom Geddens* Time Together: *Pam Turner; Jack Stevens*

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.

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

Hilda Edwards Patsy Zeigler Charlie Hooker Kaye Floyd Ruth Frady
Patsy Shuler English Pearcy Latson Lewis Becky Derrick Jimmy Grahl

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

Family and Friends: **Family of Rocky Brumbaugh** (father-in-law of Joshua Ballentine); **Lynne Powell** (friend of the Ballentines and Branhams); **Bobby Johnson** (friend of Billy Pearson); **Rev. Donna Eidson** (former pastor of Trinity); **Ima Thibodeaux** (friend of Christopher McCroskey); **Keith Jordan** (nephew of John & Kay Jordan); **Deanne Sumner** (partner of Martha Cooke); **Kelsey Molotsky** (granddaughter of friend of Bob Strickland); **Meg Sansbury**; **Mary Perry** (friend of Marty Johnson); **Chantel & Dave Griffin** (sister and brother-in-law of Erin Derrick); **Malcolm Skipper** (grandfather of Matthew Skipper); **Bryan Collard** (brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis); ; **Charlyn McNeill**, **Michael McNeill** (sister & brother of Mary Sue Lewis); **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); **Chuck Hardee** (cousin of Lynn Martin); **Bruce Beatty**, **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); **Bill Areheart** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **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); **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 09/22 SS: 8 Worship: 29

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 09/22 \$ 6,362.54

OUR SERVICE ...

OUR WITNESS.”

Upcoming Events

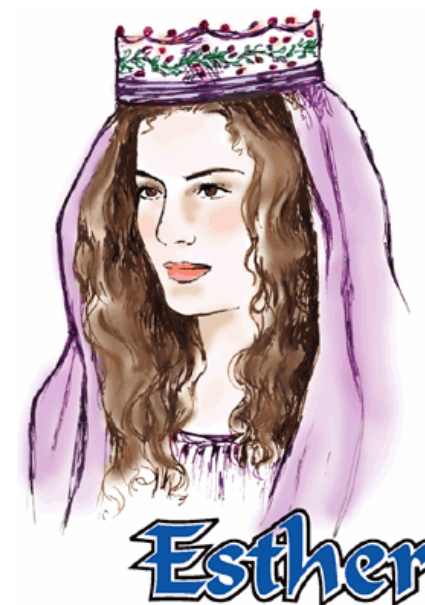
09/30 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.
FH Reserved, 7 p.m.
10/02 Choir, 6 p.m.
T.a.G., 7 p.m.
10/03 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.
10/04 Office Closed



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**Next Sunday, October 6
11 a.m.**

We warmly invite you and your beloved pets to a special worship service on Sunday, October 6th at 11:00 a.m. Inspired by the birthday of St. Francis and adapted from our own United Methodist Book of Worship, this unique service is a wonderful way to celebrate the joy and companionship of our pets, and to thank God for all the wonderful gifts of Creation.

Whether your pet has fur, feathers or fins, all creatures are welcome! We'll gather outside (weather permitting) for a time of prayer, reflection and blessing. A pet is not required for attendance; this is our Sunday worship service. Bring the whole family—some may require leashes or carriers. If your pet is unable to attend, please feel free to bring a photo, and we'll bless them in spirit (thanks for that great idea, Pam & Faye). Blessing certificates with your pet's name will be available.

If you have a pop-up or canopy tarp that we might borrow for our outside service that day, please contact the church office at 803-794-7777 or email us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com. We'll also need three or four volunteers to set up chairs outside on the morning of the event. A volunteer sign up sheet will be available in the lobby.

Let's also discuss the possibility of bringing pet food or other special gifts as a donation to our local animal shelter. The pastor would love to hear your thoughts and ideas. Most importantly, let's use this opportunity to invite friends, family and neighborhood animal lovers to this special worship event at our church! Say a prayer, spread the word and give God the glory!

If you have any questions, just ask Rev. Kelley at 845-416-7308. Thank you!



**Grieving with God
Tuesday, October 8**

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us each second Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Conference Room of the church. We are using the book "Good Grief" by Granger E. Westberg. Copies are available each session and in the church office. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, facilitates discussion.



**Thursday, October 31
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

Join us on Halloween from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on our Gunter Circle parking lot to celebrate our children, our church and our community with Trunk or Treat. We've got 50 candy bags with stickers that say "Trinity UMC" on the side, ready to fix and fill. We'll need some willing bag stuffers at Taste of Trinity on Sunday, October 27th. Candy will be provided for our Trinity bags through a recent donation.

We'll decorate the side of our church bus and have a table out front to attract some attention. You can decorate your car, bring your lawn chair and your treats and join in the fun! Sundown will be at 6:30 that evening, so you may want to bring a flashlight or lantern too.

Invite your friends and neighbors, and all your favorite ghouls and join us on Halloween! It will be booooooofiful!