

Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 8, 2017 - 10:30AM**

**Designates "Those who are able please stand"*

**Please welcome our special guest flautist, Holly Sherrill.
Holly is a Senior at Hibriten High School.**

COMING BEFORE GOD

GATHERING MUSIC Marty Light, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Peggy Stout and Mark Dickerson

PRELUDE Rose Abernethy, Harp Soloist

***PASTOR'S DECLARATION** Rev. Peggy Stout

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty" #323 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (responsively)** Rev. Peggy Stout

Holy God, we lift your name on high!

We come to worship this day with our praises and our petitions, our joys and our hurts, our questions and our doubts.

Speak, O God, for your children are listening! In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

***CHORAL INTROIT** Chancel Choir—Alyssa Lowe, Director

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)** Rev. Peggy Stout

Merciful God, we have often made light of the invitation to participate fully as part of your family. We live as if we were not dependent on you for every thing we enjoy and for life itself. Sometimes we treat our brothers and sisters as enemies rather than as friends. Through injustice, pettiness, and mediocrity, we deny Christ and our witness to the world.

Have mercy on us, O God! Free us from the sins that weigh us down. Forgive us, and enable us through the Holy Spirit to be a light in the world around us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Acolyte(s): Debbie Dickerson

Cross Bearer: Marty Wilson

Elder(s):

David Setzer & Bruce Rockett

Nursery Attendant:

Sonya Starnes

Treasurer Assistant today:

Jennifer Lingle

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Liturgist: Jo Ann Simmons

Lay Reader: Jennifer Lingle

Treasurer Assistant:

Joye Lane

Flower Calendar:

Rev. Peggy Stout

THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

All Church Members, Ministers

Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor

Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader

Mark Dickerson, Director of Christian Education

Alyssa Lowe, Director of Adult Traditional Choirs

Marty Light, Organist

Steve Thomas, Financial Secretary

Tamara McCarter, Church Secretary

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The Children's School Telephone: (828) 464-0057

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (*responsively*) Rev. Peggy Stout
This is the good news of God's grace: though we were sinners, Christ died for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

***PRAISE RESPONSE** "On Eagle's Wings"
*And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand.*

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

(The children wishing to attend Children's Church may go upstairs during the singing of the praise response, "On Eagles' Wings".)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*) Dr. Thomas Hamilton
Holy and Merciful God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 145:3-13, 21 Dr. Thomas Hamilton
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Homeward Bound" Chancel Choir—Alyssa Lowe, Director

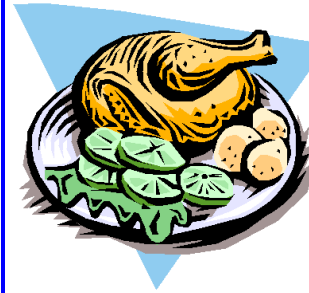
***GOSPEL READING** John 15:9-17 Rev. James Humphrey
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to You, Christ our Lord!

SHARING OUR TRINITY MEMORIES David Setzer
(Letter) Mary Crump
Jeff Whisenant

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC "Eternal Light" Chancel Choir—Alyssa Lowe, Director

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Peggy Stout



We would like to invite all members and guests of Trinity TODAY to join us, immediately following worship, in the LEC (downstairs).

We will be having a delicious covered-dish lunch!

Thank you for joining us here today and we invite you to come back anytime!

Good Timers:

This Tuesday, October 10—10:30am. We will be traveling to the Billy Graham Library!! \$3 is needed for van gas—and extra for lunch and souvenirs.

Lunch Bunch:

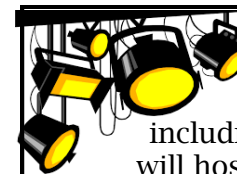
This Thursday, October 12—12:00 noon. We will be meeting at the Yellow Deli in Hiddenite. The van will leave at 11:45am, if you would like to ride.

Youth:

Youth Lock-In
This Friday, October 13 at 6:00pm
Pizza—Movies—Devotions!
Please bring your sleepover essentials!

Youth Service Project—The Hunger Walk will be taking place this year on **Sunday, October 15th at 2pm in Newton.** This year, the youth of Trinity will help set-up a table to give out water to the walkers.

Lahu Mission Trip Lunch Fundraiser—Next Sunday, October 15
Please join us, immediately following services for a delicious, homemade Lahu Luncheon Fundraiser! All proceeds will go toward our Mission Trip to China, scheduled for March 15—April 15, 2017.



In coordination with "Faith Alive!" Worship, the quartet—**Sincerely** including our own, Tera Rockett)—will host a **special concert evening** next Sunday, October 15 at 5:00pm!

We hope you will join us!!
Snacks will be provided after the Concert.

DONATIONS for Fall Festival needed:
Candy, Cakes, Canned Soda, Mini-bags of Chips, Trunk-or-Treaters!



Please sign-up or see Mark, if you can help!



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 145:3-13, 21

³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. ⁴ One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. ⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. ⁶ The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. ⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you. ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, ¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

Congregational CARE NOTES today! There are notebooks provided at the end of each pew. Please take a moment to write a note of care, thought, or appreciation to someone on the church prayer list. *Please write their name on the top of the paper.* We will take the notes up after the service and mail them directly to the person's home.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Mary Schell—Frye

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Beth Sims
Jane Hamilton
Sarah Hoffman
Dotty Shuford—*undergoing chemo*
Margaret Lane
Louise Schell
Peggy Miller
Bobbie Whisenant

HOMEBOUND

Paul & Lula Towery
Mary Tuttle

IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES

ABERNETHY LAURELS

Grace Gundlach
Joan Williamson
Peggy Hollis
Marilyn Mills (*new healthcare bldg*)
Bill Graham (*Rehab*)

CONOVER NURSING

Helen Ellis
Mike Kilby (*Rehab*)

TRINITY RIDGE

Odessa Whitmire (*Rehab*)

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:

Ed Gurley
Marion Graham
Billy Loftin—Diane Loftin's son
Billy Smith—Betty Curlee's brother
Tammy & Doug Gilbert—Friends of Tera Rockett
Michael Berilla—Cousin of Carole Cross
Adrienne Overby—Friend of Dawn Wilson

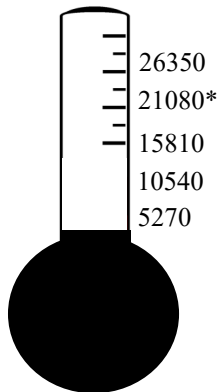
UPDATED ADDRESSES:

CJ & Megan Jorgensen
100 West 17th St, Apt #56
Newton, NC 28658

Vitar Paw Lu
(Dee Sein, Eh Law Shel, Sheel Bo)
515 Corporation St
Wilkesboro, NC 28697-2802

Neighbors Network will be hosting an **Open House and BBO Sale** TODAY (October 8) from 12:00—4:00pm—Dine in or Take Out; just \$8 per plate—including BBQ, slaw, hush-puppies, dessert, and a drink. Bring your family and friends, discover the benefits of "being neighborly," and help support older adults thrive in community. (*Neighbors Network—706 1st Ave S—Conover—828.464.1111*)





<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER</u>						
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving
October 01	20	110	—	130	49	\$ 4,855.00
TOTALS	20	110	—	130	49	\$ 4,855.00

Goal for a four week month is \$21,080* and for a five week month is \$26,350.

[The Trinity Foundation \(Shuford Fund\)](#) will accept requests for funding of projects in 2018 beginning in October 2017 and ending on November 30, 2017. Projects will be evaluated and potentially funded based on merit and funding available from 2017 Foundation (Shuford Fund) investment earnings. Final decision on projects will come in early 2018. [Application forms can be obtained in the church office.](#) Questions can be directed to Foundation Board Members—Don Patrick, JV Randall, Joann Simmons, Patsy Wells, or Steve Thomas.

This Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Homecoming Sunday!
 9:15am—S.S. Assembly
 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
 11:45am—Covered-dish Lunch
NO Faith Alive! Services!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9
 5:30pm—Brotherhood Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10
 10:30am—Good Timers Outing to the Billy Graham Library
 5:15pm—Board of Property Meeting
 7:00pm—Board of Christian Ed Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:30pm—Choir Practice

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00am—Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.
 12:00pm—Lunch Bunch, the Yellow Deli
 6:00pm—Sweet Adelines'

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

6:00pm—Youth Lock-In

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 9:15am—S.S. Assembly
 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
 11:45am—Lahu Lunch Fundraiser
 2:00pm—Hunger Walk, Newton
 5:00pm—"Faith Alive!" and Special Concert by "Singcerely"

The Lord's Prayer *(to be sung)* Dawn Kilby, Soloist
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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

DEDICATION OF OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS
 Rev. Peggy Stout & Shuford Abernethy
(Please see insert).

ORGAN INTERLUDE Marty Light, Organist

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS
Invitation Rev. Peggy Stout
Offertory
***Doxology**
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*
***Prayer**

SPECIAL MUSIC Lahu Choir

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Peggy Stout

***CHORAL RESPONSE** Chancel Choir—Alyssa Lowe, Director

***CHIMES**

***POSTLUDE** Marty Light, Organist



THE FLOWERS on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God in Celebration of His Fall beauty and in Honor of our Homecoming Guests.
 - Given by Bobbie Whisenant and Mr. & Mrs. Steve Thomas

From our Hugs & Stitches Ministry: The BLANKETS that you find around the Sanctuary are for you to use for warmth and comfort, during the worship service. Please feel free to move them or use them—but please, make sure that they remain in the church after you leave—so they can be used next Sunday as well!