

Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 25, 2021—10:30 A.M.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:
Liturgist: Greg Reitzel
Lay Reader: Kate Wedrychowicz
Flower Calendar: Rev. Peggy Stout

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

Attention Parents of High School AND College Graduates:

We will need your graduation information (full name, photo, school, degrees earned) by Wednesday, April 28th. We would like to include your children in our Graduation Recognition Sunday (to be held on Sunday, May 16th). Thank you for your help!



COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Peggy Stout

HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" Choral Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP Joye Lane, Liturgist
Come, let us praise the Lord our Creator and our Redeemer — for He is our Good Shepherd, and we are the people of his pasture and the flock under his care.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Joye Lane, Liturgist
God of signs and wonders, open our eyes to the marvelous evidence of your care for us. Open our ears to hear the voice of our Good Shepherd calling us by name. Link us with one another in a true community of caring in which the needs of each are the concern of all, and shower your goodness and mercy on all of us today, that we may be equipped to share your blessings with others. Amen.

PIANO INTROIT Marty Light (*recording*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Responsively*)
Rev. Peggy Stout

Holy and Loving God, we confess that we tend to celebrate the church liturgies and then go about life as usual. We cease to look for the unexpected, to be surprised by your Spirit, and to notice your moving in creative power in the world — often because we are not expecting to find you and because you work in ways different from what we expect. We often doubt your caring and your capacity to call us to new life—to reach toward us and raise us up in our personal sickness and sorrows, our temptations and our trials.

Forgive us, O Lord, and have mercy on us. Open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our hearts to receive all that you have for us

THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
All Church Members, Ministers
Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor
Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader
Martha Caldwell, Director of Adult Traditional Choir
Marty Light, Organist
Joe Hart, Financial Secretary
Tamara McCarter, Church Secretary

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today.

We ask all these things in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray:
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.

PRAISE RESPONSE “Morning Has Broken” (vs 3) Choral Ensemble
*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,
God’s recreation Of the new day!*

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Kathy Alexander, Lay Reader
Eternal God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, may your Holy Spirit remind us of your loving care for us and help us to know our role in your ongoing work in the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 23* Kathy Alexander, Lay Reader
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “King of Love, My Shepherd Is” Choral Ensemble

NEW TESTAMENT READING *I John 3:11-18* Rev. Peggy Stout
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Choral Ensemble

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Peggy Stout

The Board of Worship will be moving some items from the LEC to the Sanctuary TOMORROW at 6:00pm. They are in need of a few helpers to stop by and help carry some things. If you can help, please stop by the LEC at 6:00pm—or get in touch with Becky Setzer.
Thank you so much!!



[ECCCM](#) has a number of volunteer opportunities to appeal to every person, allowing you to use your gifts and interests. With COVID-19 precautions in place, we limit the number of volunteers we can schedule at one time to allow for safe social distancing. Volunteers are needed to help with the Food Pantry, driving a box truck for pick-ups, at the thrift store, or for front office help!

[Our church is scheduled to help again on Monday, April 26th from 9:00am-4:00pm.](#) Please let us know if you would be interested in helping!!

Singles:

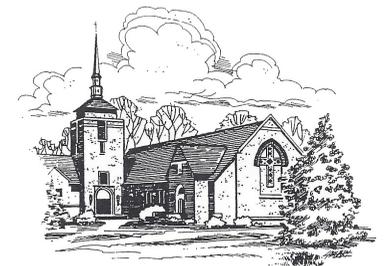
Our next **Singles’ Outing** will be held on Wednesday, April 28th at 5:30pm at Boxcar Grille in Claremont. If you are a single person over the age of 18, never married, divorced or widowed, please feel free to join us for dinner!! We would love to have you!

Attention Church Members: We plan to re-open the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 2nd! Please make plans to join us!!

We are encouraging everyone to wear a mask and to sit on every other pew in the Sanctuary. Extra masks and hand sanitizer will be provided on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. We will have the individual wafers and cups for communion during the months of May & June.

The Nursery will also be available—just in one of the upstairs classrooms. *Please remember that the Nursery is for children age 5-years and younger.*

*****PLEASE NOTE: The Adult Sunday School Classes will resume meeting on this date, as well! Please meet in your classroom at 9:30am.*****





OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 23*

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,⁵ I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING *I John 3:11-18*

¹¹ For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. ¹² Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. ¹³ Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. ¹⁵ Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him. ¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

 A loving **THANK YOU** to my church family for the cards and calls the last several weeks. Being unable to drive and being stuck at home, mail delivery was the highlight of my day! I was cheered with the comforting notes. Things are looking up now!
- Brenda Adams

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Rev. Earle Potts—Catawba (Rm 332)
Charles Harper—Baptist Hospital
(aneurysm surgery)

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Peggy Wright Don Patrick
Cole Reitzel Jack Power
Cal Harmon Sarah Hoffman
Marjorie Reaves Virginia Brown
Wanda Sue Ammerman

HOMEBOUND

Martha Sigmon Diane Loftin
Lula Towery Bobbie Whisenant

IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES

ABERNETHY LAURELS

Joyce Potts—Memory Care
Joan Williamson—Room 240
Peggy Hollis—Apt 219
Joe Schell—Apt 205

CAROLINA REHAB CTR OF BURKE

Peggy Miller—Room 110

CV ASSISTED LIVING at Rock Barn

Mary Crump—Room 114

BAYVIEW NURSING (New Bern)

Jackie Kanipe—Room 28
(Cell: 252-497-5982)

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:

Brenda Adams Wally Davis
Vae Hamilton Debbie Crotts
Debbie Dickerson

*David Epley (Vickie Trotter's brother)

*Michael Gantt (Charles & Brenda Gantt's son) - at Carolina Rehab Center of Burke

Home address: 1890 Knolls Dr
Newton, NC 28658

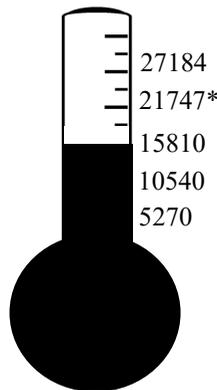
*Mrs. Sandra Foster (close friend of Rev. Peggy Stout) - in hospital in Tarboro

*Beverly Smith (friend and relative of Jerry & Susan Mallonee and Sandy Lawrence) - third degree burns all over upper torso

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*Gretchen Greiner (visitor, friend of Sandy Lawrence)

Our expression of gratitude to all church members and many others that have been praying for our son, Michael. It is a wonderful showing of love and concern. Michael is slowly progressing but still has no feeling or movement below his chest area. His new wheelchair was placed on order from a company in Kingsport, Tennessee, today. Hopefully his rehab will be increased when his new chair arrives. Michael sends his love to the members of Trinity Church for the beautiful handmade prayer blanket as well as the get well cards from you. Brenda and I also thank each of you for your prayers, calls, and cards. We truly believe that God has His arms around him and will heal him. Trinity Church is a loving group, made of God's disciples.
- Brenda and Charles Gantt



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL</u>						
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving
April 04	—	122	—	122	—	\$ 7,094.00
April 11	—	76	—	76	—	\$ 4,914.55
April 18	—	87	—	87	—	\$ 2,400.00
April 25	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	—	285	—	285	—	\$ 14,408.55

Goal for a four week month is \$21,747* and for a five week month is \$27,184.

This Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30am—Traditional Worship (LEC)

10:30am—Radio Broadcast
(90.5FM—in the parking lot)

12:00pm—Church Staff Meeting &
Lunch in the Sun Room

MONDAY, APRIL 26

9:00am—Volunteers needed at
ECCCM (until 4:00pm)

6:00pm—Board of Worship to meet
to move items from the LEC to
the Sanctuary (*helpers needed!*)

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

5:30pm—Singles Dinner Outing to
Box Car Grille in Claremont

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

SATURDAY, MAY 1

SUNDAY, MAY 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30am—Adult Sunday School

10:30am—Traditional Worship
(BACK in the Sanctuary)!!

10:30am—Radio Broadcast
(90.5FM—in the parking lot)

11:30am—Consistory Meeting

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 6th at 11:00am
Norman B. Coley Amphitheater
Conover City Park at Conover Station
361 5th Ave SE—Conover



OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Pat Bowers

Ministry of Intercessory Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”
*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

*STATEMENT OF FAITH (as recorded in our Constitution)
(Please see insert.)

Rev. Peggy Stout

*HYMN

“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”

Choral Ensemble

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Peggy Stout

*POSTLUDE

Marty Light (*recording*)



THE FLOWER on the table today is given to the
Glory of God and in Loving Memory of my
husband, Gary’s birthday on April 30th.

- Given by Carole Cross

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Rev. Earle Potts & Family in the loss of
his youngest sister, Sandra Kay Braden on April 19th in Kansas City, MO.
A memorial service was held on April 24th at McGilley Antioch Chapel.

This is the best church family that we have ever seen—so full of care, concerns,
and kindnesses! We just wanted to send a THANK YOU for all of your prayers,
calls, cards, visits, food, flowers, and so much more that were shared with us
during Garland’s sickness and passing. Thank you, too, Rev. Peggy for all of the
help and time that you have given to Garland and to us. We love you all.

- Darlene & Todd Whittaker