

Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 1, 2019—10:30 A.M.**

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

TODAY, please help us welcome our very special guest minister, Phil Hardy!
Rev. Hardy is a former Pastor at Life's Journey UCC in Burlington, NC.
He is also the current Executive Director of Johns River Valley Camp!

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dennis Falder, Consistory President

PRELUDE "Prelude on 'Eventide'" by William Monk/arr by Franklin Ritter
Marty Light, Organist

***PASTOR'S DECLARATION** Rev. Phil Hardy
Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come, welcomes you to this place.
As one body, with one voice, we gather to honor and glorify our Creator God,
the giver of wisdom, knowledge, hope, and love.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Fairest Lord Jesus" #240 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (*responsively*) David Setzer, Liturgist
Loving God, open our minds to your spirit of wisdom—
that we may know how to live as your people.
Open our hearts to your spirit of truth—
**that we may love all of your people in a way that speaks of justice,
kindness, and radical grace.**
And may our time of worship be authentic and pleasing to you, O Lord, our
God. Amen.

***CHORAL INTROIT** Chancel Choir

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*responsively*)
David Setzer, Liturgist
All Loving and Wise God, we often find ourselves coming up short in being
your devoted followers.
**Forgive us for the times we attempt to deceive You and others through
the choices we make.**

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Acolyte(s): Nathan Lingle

Cross Bearer: Marty Wilson

Elder(s):

Dennis Falder & Kathy Winters

Nursery Attendant: Sonya Starnes

Treasurer Assistant today:

Kathy Winters

USHERS for September:

Shuford Abernethy's Class

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Liturgist: Natalie Inman

Lay Reader: Hamp Shuford III

Treasurer Assistant: Jo Ann Simmons

Flower Calendar: OPEN



You are cordially invited to:
Carolina Style Chorus'
"Friends & Family Send-off" Show
on Thursday, September 12th at 7:30pm
in the Fellowship Hall!



As current champions of the 5-state Heart of the Blue Ridge region, the chorus will be traveling to New Orleans to compete in the International Sweet Adelines chorus competition on September 19th! Come out to see their award-winning regional competition package that they will be performing in New Orleans when they compete with choruses from around the world!

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 Choirs

Marty Light, Organist

Joe Hart, Financial Secretary

Tamara McCarter, Church Secretary

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Forgive us, O Lord, for the times you call us into ministry and mission in the world and we put conditions on our service—"if we have time", "if we have the energy", "if we can try for a little while."

Wrap your loving arms around us, O Lord; cleanse and heal us of all our sins—both intentional and unintentional—

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) #5 Blue Book
**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!**

(Please be seated.)

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME Jessica Spain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) Marty Wilson, Lay Reader
**God of light and love, make us attentive to your Word, as to a lamp
shining in a dark place, that seeing your truth we may live faithful
lives. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING II Kings 4: 42-44 Marty Wilson, Lay Reader
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC "My Jesus, I Love You Lord" by Laurie Klein/arr by Stan Pethel
Vocal Trio—Kristi Conner, Tera Rockett, Kathy Winters

***GOSPEL READING** John 6:1-14 Rev. Phil Hardy
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

SERMON "A Table Big Enough" Rev. Phil Hardy

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** "This Is My Father's World" #6 Blue Book

There will be NO "Faith Alive!" Services Tonight!

The Church Office will be **CLOSED** tomorrow for Labor Day!
Please enjoy this time with your family and friends!

Singles:

THIS Saturday, September 7th, we will be leaving from the church at 9:30am to travel to Price Park (in Blowing Rock, NC) for a fellowship picnic. *Please bring a dish to share with the group!!*
All single adults aged 18+ are invited to join us!

Next Sunday:



- 9:00am—Breakfast in the LEC (sausage biscuits, fruit, donuts, cereal, etc.)
- 9:45am—Sunday School Promotions & Classes meet
- 10:30am—Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
- 11:45am—Church Staff Meeting (Sun Room)
- 11:45am—Consistory Meeting (Chapel)
- 11:45am—Kids' "Christmas in September" Party (Fellowship Hall) - with lunch, crafts, and an intro to the Christmas Pageant
- NO "Faith Alive!" Services Tonight!

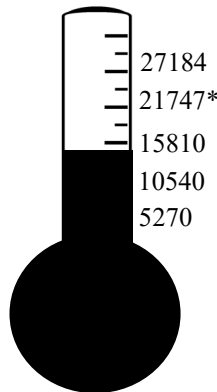
Snack Supper & Planning Meeting for Chairpersons of ALL Program & Administrative Boards—Tuesday, September 10 at 6:00pm. Please bring your calendars as we discuss upcoming events until January 2020. *(Food and beverages will be provided. Please meet in the Sun Room).*

Tommy Simmons' Sunday School Class is **collecting School Supplies for Shuford Elementary School.**

They are in need of: Clorox Wipes, Kleenex, Large-pump Hand-Sanitizer, Ziploc Bags (quart or gallon-size), Crayons, Pencils, Glue Sticks, & Loose-leaf notebook paper

We will be collecting these items until September 8th.
For more information, please see someone in the class.





<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST</u>						
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving
August 04	—	132	24	156	44	\$ 4,030.00
August 11	37	118	—	155	—	\$ 3,958.00
August 18	12	122	—	134	—	\$ 5,029.00
August 25	11	123	75	209	47	\$ 2,754.00
TOTALS	60	495	99	654	91	\$ 15,771.00

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

This Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15am—S.S. Assembly

9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)

10:30am—Traditional (with Rev. Phil Hardy from JRVC) & Lahu Worship

*NO "Faith Alive!" Services Tonight!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Labor Day

Church Office CLOSED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:00pm—Choir Practice

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

6:00pm—Sweet Adelines'

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:30am—Singles Outing to Blowing Rock (Price Park)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



9:00am—Breakfast

9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)

10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship

11:45am—Consistory Meeting

11:45am—Church Staff Meeting

11:45am—Kids Meeting—"Christmas in September"

*NO Faith Alive! Services Tonight!

THANK YOU for opening your church doors to me. I feel privileged to have found such a kind, loving church with heart. I appreciate all the prayers and concerns about my medical issues.
- Blessings, Jeanette Bitz

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostle's Creed*)

Dennis Falder

Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Pat Bowers

Offertory

"They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love"

by Peter Scholtes/arr by Charity Putnam

*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.

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

#523 Blue Book

*BENEDICTION AND COMMISSION (*responsively*)

Rev. Phil Hardy

May you go from this place of worship to walk with Christ in your hearts and minds. May you feel the power of the Holy Spirit guiding your path.

We go now to bless and serve our brothers and sisters in the love of God, with the mercy and compassion of Christ, and the strength of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Chancel Choir

*CHIMES

*POSTLUDE

"Festive March"

by G.F. Handel/arr by Kevin Norris—Marty Light



THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given in Loving Memory of Mrs. Rebecca "Becky" Sigmon (*better known to us as Ms. Beck from the preschool*).





OLD TESTAMENT READING *II Kings 4: 42-44*

42 A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' 43But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left." ' 44He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING** *John 6:1-14*

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. 2A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' 6He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' 8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' 10Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. 11Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' 13So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 14When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

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

Conover Community Blood Drive—Wednesday, September 18
from 2:30-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter Trinity Reformed
to schedule your appointment!



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

George Rockett—Baptist Hospital

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Wayne Trotter

Peggy Wright

Sarah Hoffman

Garland & Darlene Whittaker

HOMEBOUND

Peggy Miller

Paul & Lula Towery

Martha Sigmon

Bobbie Whisenant

Wanda Sue Ammerman

IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES

ABERNETHY LAURELS

Joan Williamson

Peggy Hollis

Mary Tuttle (Room 2115 Noble)

Joe Schell (Apt 205)

CONOVER NURSING & REHAB

Mike Kilby—Room 407

TRINITY RIDGE

Odessa Whitmire—Room 107

CATAWBA VALLEY ASSISTED LIVING

Mary Crump—Room 114

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:

Mary Schell

Jeanette Bita

Todd Hendrix

Pauline Pope

Virginia Brown

Peggy Price—upcoming surgery

Wade Shuford, Jr.—Hamp Shuford's
father (at Brookdale Falling Creek—
910 29th Ave NE—Hickory, NC
28601—Room 106)

Jo Graham—Deb Crofts' cousin

Charles W Spencer, II—Debbie Spencer-
Ahrens' son (in Kuwait)

Susan Anderson—Friend of Sandy
Lawrence & Susan Mallonee

Ami Berry—Friend of Linda & Will Hill



Wade Shuford, Jr. and his family would like to invite you to join him **TODAY at 4:00pm at Brookdale Falling Creek in Hickory.** They will be having a "Veterans Pinning Ceremony" in his honor.

This ceremony is to honor and recognize Wade's service to our country. *Everyone is welcome to attend.*