



Trinity Reformed

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 25, 2020

• **Remember in Prayer & with your cards, calls, visits:**

Hospitalizations: Amanda Houston (CVMC, Room 606)

Recuperating at Home: Marjorie Reaves, Mike Kilby, Virginia Brown, Sarah Hoffman, Wanda Sue Ammerman

Homebound: Paul & Lula Towery, Martha Sigmon, Joyce Potts, Peggy Wright, Bobbie Whisenant

In Assisted-Living Facilities:

Abernethy Laurels: Joan Williamson (Room 240), Mary Tuttle (Memory Care), Peggy Hollis (Apt 219), Joe Schell (Apt 205)

Trinity Ridge: Odessa Whitmire (Room 807)

Carolina Rehab Center of Burke: Peggy Miller (Room 110)

CV Assisted Living at Rock Barn: Mary Crump (Room 114)

Also, please remember:

Vae Hamilton	Earline Sigmon	Wally Davis
Diane Loftin	Jo Ann Simmons	Debbie Crotts
Ken Poovey	Tony Wells	Kate Wedrychowicz
Garland & Darlene Whittaker		

*Andy Collins (Missionary in Thailand) - bike accident

*Dennis Houston (John Houston's father) - broken vertebrae in back

*Tyler Prince (friend of Lawrence Warf) - cancer (at Baptist Hospital)

• **Attendance for the month of October:**

October 04: 71 October 11: 52 October 18: 73
Total Offering: \$ 13,960.01

• **Reminders for next week:**

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

(Please set your clocks back 1 hour!!)

Liturgist: Greg Reitzel

Lay Reader:

• **The Trinity Foundation (Shuford Fund)** will accept requests for funding of projects in 2021 beginning in October 2020 and ending on November 30, 2020. Projects will be evaluated and potentially funded based on merit and funding available from 2020 Foundation (Shuford Fund) investment earnings. Final decision on projects will come in early 2021. **Application forms can be obtained in the church office.** Questions can be directed to Foundation Board members: Don Patrick, JV Randall, Jo Ann Simmons, Patsy Wells, or Greg Reitzel.

• **The Trinity Brotherhood** has decided to sell for \$35 precooked, prepaid Boston Butts sometime before Thanksgiving. *More details forthcoming.* There are also **5-pound buckets of frozen BBQ for sale.** Cost is \$20 per bucket. *There is a limited amount of buckets, so we are offering first come, first serve. Please contact Tim Lail or Ted Setzer to get yours.*

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

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bruce Rockett, Liturgist

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; **let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.** Let us come before Him with thanksgiving **and extol him with music and song!**

HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Choral Ensemble

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Bruce Rockett, Liturgist

Holy and Merciful God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Believing that we have to be serious so much of the time, we often miss out on the joy of your creation. Choosing to focus on the pain of the world and clinging to the despair that is often our companion, we forget or ignore Jesus, our hope and our comfort. Fill our hearts today with healing and joy; fill our lives with the love poured into us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

PIANO INTROIT

Marty Light (*recording*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Peggy Stout

Redeeming God, there is always more love, more hope, and more joy in our lives with you. Forgive us, O Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, and when we fail to love ourselves and others as You love us—

Renew our faith, O Lord, and restore to us the joy of our salvation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Peggy Stout

Friends, the good news of the gospel is this: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.

Thanks be to God!

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 Hamp Shuford, Lay Reader
Eternal God, fill us this day with your Holy Spirit that we may be sensitive to your Presence, attentive to your Word, and faithful to your Way. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING *I John 4:7-12* Hamp Shuford, Lay Reader

SPECIAL MUSIC “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” Choral Ensemble

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 22:34-40* Rev. Peggy Stout
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

SERMON “Just Say It, Mean It, and Show It!” Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN “I Love to Tell the Story” Choral Ensemble

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Peggy Stout
Holy God, we celebrate that where people are gathered together in love, You are present and good things happen. We celebrate that we are Immersed in your mystery and our lives are more than they seem: we belong to each other and to a universe of great creative energies whose source and destiny is you, our God.

We celebrate that your spirit beat in the heart of Jesus of Nazareth: the good news of your healing, embracing, and liberating love was heard and received by the broken, the lonely, and all bound by life’s sorrows and struggles.

We celebrate that your spirit of peace and hope is present with us and through us: in our struggle to love we incarnate your holy presence in our world. And so, aware of the hurts and longings all of us carry, the awe and wonder that is around us, and the gifts of faith and this community of faith:

We pause and become ever aware of the sacredness of our lives and your presence with us. In that awareness of You, may we act

and speak and live for your glory.

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.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation Rev. Peggy Stout

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.*

***Offertory Prayer**

(Please be seated.)

HYMN “Love Lifted Me” Choral Ensemble

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Peggy Stout

***POSTLUDE** Marty Light *(recording)*



Today’s **FLOWER** is given in Loving Memory of my wife,
Patricia Welch Warf.
- Given by Lawrence Warf

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Deb & Linda Hill in the loss of their cousin, Alvin Livingood on October 17th.

THANK YOU for all the prayers, cards, and calls that I have received in the last couple of months. I am very appreciative of your care and concerns.
—Lawrence Warf