



Trinity Reformed

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 15, 2020—10:30 A.M.**

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

Hospitalizations: Garland Whittaker (Atrium, Charlotte)

Recuperating at Home: Andy Collins, Check Mills, Marjorie Reaves, 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 Wally Davis Diane Loftin
Jo Ann Simmons David Eckard Garland Whittaker
Mike Kilby (to have surgery on Nov. 16 at Baptist)
Jerry Mallonee (to have hip replacement on Nov. 17 at CVMC)

*David Kilby (Mike Kilby's son - has COVID, lives in Virginia)
*Mason Archer (18-yr old undergoing chemo for leukemia)
*Deborah Godfrey (friend of Terra West & Kathleen Shuford)

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

November 1: 75 November 8: 70 Total Offering: \$6,310.52

• **Reminders for next week:**

Liturgist: Linda Hill Lay Reader: Todd Dickerson

The Trinity Foundation (Shuford Fund) will accept requests for funding of projects in 2021 ending on November 30, 2020. 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.

• Becky Setzer is working on the **FLOWER CALENDAR for 2021.** If you would be interested in placing flowers in the church for Sunday Worship in 2021, please contact Becky at 828-962-5625 as soon as possible!

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

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Choral Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathleen Shuford, Liturgist

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Sing with joy unto the Lord!

Know that the Lord is God and we are His creation.

We are God's chosen servants, and each of us is given special talents for service.

Let us lift our voices in praise and grow in serving the Lord with joy.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Kathleen Shuford, Liturgist

Gracious Father, whose gift of life includes abilities which demand responsibility: Keep us faithful in committing our whole being to living the Christian life, that discipleship may lead us into an ever growing and maturing experience of salvation through Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PIANO INTROIT

Marty Light (*recording*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Peggy Stout

We are your church, O God, but we are still affected by our human characteristics and frailties. Forgive us for taking our eyes off Jesus, who defends us against all that would weaken our faith. Strengthen us with determination to live the Christian life with sincerity. We ask all these things in the name of Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 “On Eagle’s Wings” Choral Ensemble
*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Kathy Alexander, Lay Reader
We give thanks, O God, for the witness of the Holy Scriptures.
Through them, you nurture our souls, increase our awareness,
challenge our assumptions, and call us to action. Bless, we pray, our
hearing of your Word this day. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 100* Kathy Alexander, Lay Reader

SPECIAL MUSIC “Thy Word” Vocal Trio—Kathy Alexander, Kristi
Conner, and Tera Rockett

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 25:14-30* Rev. Peggy Stout
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

SERMON “It’s up to You” Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine” Choral Ensemble

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Peggy Stout

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Rev. Peggy Stout

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

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Choral Ensemble

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Peggy Stout

*POSTLUDE

Marty Light *(recording)*



Today’s **FLOWER** is given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Martha Whitener Fox. This month would have been our 56th Wedding Anniversary.

- Given by Larry O. Fox

Due to COVID-19, our annual **Christmas Poinsettias Orders** will be changed a bit this year. We will not have the poinsettia flowers at the church (due to space in the LEC), BUT we are giving you an opportunity to donate the poinsettia cost (\$10) in Honor or Memory of your loved ones.

The money collected will go to Carolina Caring (Hospice).

If interested, please contact Tamara in the church office.

THANK YOU for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers during my recent foot surgery and recuperation. It has all meant so much to me. I appreciate everything and am so glad to be walking again after ten long weeks! - Ken Poovey