

<p><b><u>IN THE LORD'S SERVICE</u></b>  <b><u>Cross Bearer:</u></b> Joye Lane  <b><u>Elder(s) of the Month:</u></b> Pat Bowers  <b><u>Nursery Attendant:</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:</u></b>  <b><u>Liturgist:</u></b> Tommy Simmons  <b><u>Lay Reader:</u></b> Luana Wright  <b><u>Flower Calendar:</u></b> OPEN</p>
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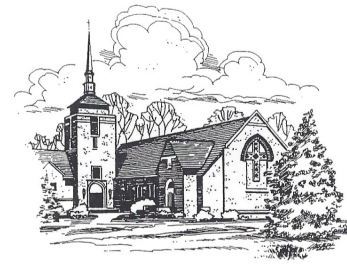


Beginning immediately, we will be using **Twigs & Twine in Conover** for our Altar Flower vases. Please call (704) 325-0557 to order your flowers, no later than the Tuesday before your scheduled Sunday. *(Flowers must be paid for when ordering.)*

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Setzer at 828-962-8282.

**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  
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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**JANUARY 22, 2023—10:30 A.M.**

*\*Designates "Those who are able may stand."*

**COMING BEFORE GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Peggy Stout

**PRELUDE**

Marty Light, Organist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sydney Mateyunas, Liturgist

To those who sat in darkness, light has dawned. God's glorious presence has appeared. Let us worship our God and celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*"This is My Father's World"*

#6 Blue Book

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(Responsively)*

Sydney Mateyunas, Liturgist

Most Holy God, whose Son began a ministry with disciples, and continues that ministry today with responsive followers: ***make us quick to give of ourselves to be in mission as your church, that the good news of Christ may bring wholeness in all parts of our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Responsively)*

Rev. Peggy Stout

We praise you, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who poured out his life in service that the light of his peace and joy might become reality for those in darkness. You entrusted your mission to the Church, and we have often failed to carry out our commission as your servants.

***Forgive us, O Lord, for our immaturity and our reluctance, which make us want to be receivers of your light without being your messengers.***

Give us strength and courage, O Lord, and may the testimony of our lives reflect the brightness of our Savior's love to the lost and hurting in our world.

***We ask all these things in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (*Responsively*) Rev. Peggy Stout  
Friends, our God of light and love hears us when we cry aloud; we have nothing to fear. He wraps us in His comforting arms and lifts us from the darkness of guilt and sin, and forgives us of all unrighteousness.  
**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.**  
(Please be seated.)

**LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (*Unison*) Cindy Abel, 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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 6:1-8 Cindy Abel, Lay Reader  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM** “Lead Me, Lord” Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Director

**\*GOSPEL READING** Matthew 4:12-22 Rev. Peggy Stout  
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.  
**All praise to you, Christ our Lord!**

**SERMON** Rev. Peggy Stout

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*HYMN** “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult” #399 Blue Book

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Peggy Stout  
**The Lord’s Prayer** (*vocal solo*) Todd Dickerson, Soloist



**Church-wide Chili Cook-Off**

**TONIGHT at 5:00PM!**

**Please join us for a night of fellowship, food, and fun!!**

Bring your favorite Chili dish to share!!  
(These may be beef chili, chicken chili, vegetarian chili, etc...)

**Come HUNGRY!! We will have dinner after judging—where you pick your favorite.**

**Prizes to be presented to: Best Overall, Best Beef Chili, Best Chicken Chili, etc.**

**Helpers are needed at ECCCM (Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries) on Monday, January 23rd any time between 9am-4pm.**

*ECCCM has a number of volunteer opportunities to appeal to every person, allowing you to use your gifts and interests. For more information, please call 828-465-1702: (thrift store: ext 123 for Christina or food pantry: ext 116 for Allen.)*

Please join us **next Sunday, January 29th** at 10:30am for Traditional Worship. We will have a special guest, Rev. Jaha Seechang, who will be sharing some information about his recent Mission Trip to Thailand back in November 2022.

Our next **Singles’ Outing** will be held on Wednesday, February 7th. Please meet at the church at 4:30pm to carpool—or meet at Captain’s Galley Seafood (1261 16th St NE—Hickory, NC 28601) at 5:00pm. Captain’s Galley offers fish, shrimp, crab, lobster, chicken, soups, salads, sandwiches, and more! All adults age 18+ who are never married, divorced, or widowed are welcome to join us!!





**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup>And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup>At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

**\*GOSPEL READING**

*Matthew 4:12-22*

<sup>12</sup>When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— <sup>14</sup>to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: <sup>15</sup>"Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup>the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."<sup>1a</sup> <sup>17</sup>From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>18</sup>As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." <sup>20</sup>At once they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, <sup>22</sup>and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

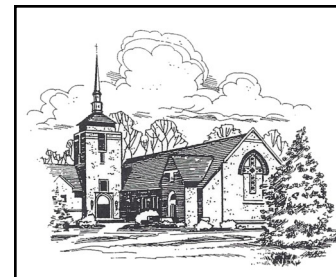
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.  
***All praise to you, Christ our Lord!***

**Congregational CARE NOTES today!** There are notebooks provided at the back of the Sanctuary. 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**

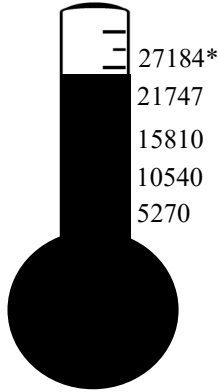
<p><b><u>RECUPERATING AT HOME</u></b>          Ted Setzer          Jane Hamilton          Sherry Eckard          Jane Bartholomew</p> <p><b><u>HOMEBOUND</u></b>          Diane Loftin                      Peggy Wright          Joan Saine                          Martha Sigmon          Virginia Brown          Wanda Sue Ammerman</p>	<p><b><u>ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:</u></b>          Lawrence Warf          Greg Reitzel          Carl Spencer          Margie Reaves          Jeanne Whitmire          Frank &amp; Debbie Dickerson</p> <p>*Michael Gantt-son of Charles &amp; Brenda          *Dr. Bob Andrews (husband of Barbara)          *David Monteith (friend of Deb Crofts)</p>
<p><b><u>IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES</u></b></p>	
<p><b><u>ABERNETHY LAURELS</u></b>          Joan Williamson (Room 240)          Joe Schell (Apt 205)</p>	
<p><b><u>GATEWAY (Lenoir)</u></b>          Pat Roark (Room E-146)</p>	
<p><b><u>PIEDMONT CROSSINGS (Thomasville)</u></b>          Jack Power (Room 512)</p>	

**Attention High School/College Folks:** Scholarship Applications (for Dewey A. Houston and Graves Family Memorial Scholarships) are available for pick-up in the Church Office. You may also find a copy on the church website: [trinitytoday.org](http://trinitytoday.org) under the "Kids/Youth" page. *The deadline for return is Friday, April 7th.*



**Check out our church website: [trinitytoday.org](http://trinitytoday.org)**

Here you can find Live Stream Videos, Sermon Notes, Full Calendar of Events, & much more!!



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY</u>				
	Sanctuary	Lahu	Livestream	Envelope Giving
January 01	35	25	66	\$ 6,642.24
January 08	97	18	40	\$ 5,525.50
January 15	81	19	76	\$ 11,226.90
January 22				
January 29				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>\$23,394.64</b>

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

## This Week

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

#### Third Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
- 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
- 10:30am—YouTube Live Stream
- 5:00pm—Church-wide Chili Cook-off

### MONDAY, JANUARY 23

- 9:00am—Preschool in Session
- 9:00am—Help at ECCCM (until 4pm)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

- 9:00am—Preschool in Session

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

- 9:00am—Preschool in Session
- 7:00pm—Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

- 9:00am—Preschool in Session
- 9:30am—Hugs & Stitches Ministry
- 6:00pm—Sweet Adelines'

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

- 9:00am—Preschool in Session

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

- 12:00pm—Baby Shower (Seechang), LEC

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

#### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
- 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship  
(Lahu Mission Report)
- 10:30am—YouTube Live Stream

### OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

**Invitation**  
**Ministry of Intercessory Prayer**  
**Offertory**

Rev. Peggy Stout

**\*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** *“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”* #606 Blue Book

**\*BENEDICTION (Responsively)** Rev. Peggy Stout  
May the love of God uphold you, the light of Christ guide you, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy—now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** *“All Praise to Thee, My God”* Chancel Choir

**\*CHIMES**

**\*POSTLUDE** Marty Light

In case you haven't seen, Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up at the back of the Sanctuary. Please see Pat Bowers if there are any questions or problems with yours!



**THE FLOWERS** on the piano today are given in Loving Memory of our parents, CW and Frances Hill's Anniversary, in Loving Honor of Steve & Gloria Thomas' Anniversary, and in Loving Honor of Rose Abernethy's Birthday on January 25th.

- Given by Deb and Linda Hill