

Trinity Reformed

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020—10:30 A.M.**

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

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	Jean Gurley	Aimee Falder
Wally Davis	Diane Loftin	Jo Ann Simmons
Deb Crotts	Ken Poovey	
Garland & Darlene Whittaker		

*Bill Comby (Alicia Deal's father) *Ed Helton (Jeanette Bitz's brother)

*Marvin Smith (Stepdad to David Setzer, Kellie Setzer, & Beth Sims)

Address: 3390 Cloninger St—Claremont, NC 28610

*Madeline Bone (CJ Jorgensen's mother)

*Willow Carroll (3-mo old grand-daughter of Kathleen Shuford's cousin)

*Sally Barringer (Friend of Kathleen Shuford & Terra West)

Address: 3457 Providence Mill Rd—Maiden, NC 28650

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

September 6: 81	September 13: 85	September 20: 86
Total Offering: \$ 12,743.00		

• **Reminders for next week:**

Liturgist: 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.

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

Silent Preparation: Speak Lord, for your servant is listening. Incline my heart to your words and let your speech come upon me as dew upon the grass. For you have the words of eternal life. Speak to me to comfort my soul and to change my whole life; in turn, may it give you praise and glory and honor, forever and ever. Amen. - Thomas à Kempis

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Choral Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Winters, Liturgist

Come, let the people of God worship; for Jesus has called us here.

We are here, although for some of us, it was not an easy choice.

Often what we say and do are very different.

Now is the time of healing, restoration, and renewal! Come, let us worship!

PIANO INTROIT

Marty Light (*recording*)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Kathy Winters, Liturgist

God of all faithfulness, you have opened the gate of mercy for your people and are always ready to welcome those who turn to you. Look on us in your compassion, that we may gladly respond to your love and faithfully walk in your way through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Peggy Stout

Merciful and Loving God, so often like rebellious children, we have given You our word that we would serve You, only to walk off and

deliberately continue doing exactly as we wish.

Forgive us, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within us.

We proclaim your faithfulness and betray each other; we proclaim your faithfulness and ignore many who cry for mercy; we proclaim your faithfulness and avoid telling others about the salvation that you have secured for all who would come to you.

Forgive us, O Lord, our inordinate pride, our undependable word, and our uncertain service.

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 *“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 Dawn Kilby, Lay Reader
O Holy Spirit, as the scriptures are read, fill us with wisdom and understanding. May our hearts and minds be open to receive all that leads to life and holiness. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 78:1-8, 35-38* Dawn Kilby, Lay Reader
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Surely the Presence”* Choral Ensemble

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 21:23-32* Rev. Peggy Stout
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

SERMON *“Actions Speak Louder Than Words”* Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN *“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”* Choral Ensemble

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Peggy Stout

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

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

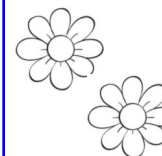
(Please be seated.)

HYMN *“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”* Choral Ensemble

*BENEDICTION Rev. Peggy Stout

*CHORAL RESPONSE *“Amen, Amen”* Choral Ensemble

*POSTLUDE Marty Light *(recording)*



The FLOWERS on the table today are given in Love
and to the Glory of God.