



Trinity Reformed

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 11, 2020—10:30 A.M.**

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

Recuperating at Home: Lawrence Warf, 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	Ted Setzer	Debbie Crotts	Ken Poovey
Kate Wedrychowicz	Garland & Darlene Whittaker		

*Bill Comby (Alicia Deal's father)

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

*Carl & Jean Badger (Long-time friends of Jeanette Bitz in Ohio)

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

October 04: 71 Total Offering: \$ 5,649.01

• **Reminders for next week:**

Liturgist: Kelly Barringer Lay Reader: Lawrence Warf

• **The Brotherhood** will meet THIS Wednesday, October 14th at 6:00pm in the Chapel. We will be discussing upcoming events.

• The **Board of Christian Education** will meet THIS Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30pm in the Parlor.

• 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."*

Today, please help us welcome our **Special Guest Minister**, Rev. Sandi Hood! Rev. Hood serves as the Director of Community Outreach for Catawba Regional Hospice. She is married to local attorney, David Hood and has two children, Callie and Wilson.

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dennis Falder, Consistory President

HYMN *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"* Choral Ensemble

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Pat Bowers, Liturgist

God of all good things, we invite you to be present today — to receive our worship and to find the desires of our hearts pleasing to you. Open our hearts to fresh ways of serving you and our world. Open our minds to new ways of sharing all that you have given to us. Open our souls that we may be filled with your abundant love and grace. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

PIANO INTROIT Marty Light (*recording*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Pat Bowers, Liturgist

Merciful God, you have made us in your image — with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconsistent, and our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.

In your tender love and mercy, forgive us, O Lord, and strengthen us in our daily resolve to live for You.

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 “His Name is Wonderful” Choral Ensemble
*His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord;
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He’s the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He;
Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.*

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Tim Lail, Lay Reader
O Lord, our God, as we hear your Word read and proclaimed, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Philippians 4:1-9* Tim Lail, Lay Reader
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC “Lead Me, Lord” Choral Ensemble

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 22:1-14* Rev. Sandi Hood
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

SERMON “The Invitation” Rev. Sandi Hood

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostle’s Creed*) Pat Bowers
Let us confess the faith of our baptism:
*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.

PIANO INTERLUDE “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” Marty Light (*recording*)

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation Pat Bowers

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 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Choral Ensemble

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Sandi Hood
Friends—let us go out today in the power and love of our gracious God. May we speak often and lovingly his Holy Name—and may our spirits be sensitive to the opportunities of witness placed before us this week. Amen.

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



Today’s **FLOWER** is given in Love and in Honor of my wife, Vae Hamilton.

- Given by Gene Hamilton

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Diane Loftin in the loss of her brother, Larry D. Self on October 2nd. A funeral service was held this past Wednesday at Burke Mortuary Chapel. Memorials may be made to Carolina Caring, 3975 Robinson Road, Newton, NC 28658.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Jeff Jackson in the loss of his mother on October 9th. *Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.*