

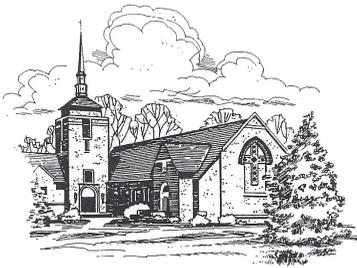
<p><b><u>IN THE LORD'S SERVICE</u></b>  <b><u>Acolyte(s):</u></b> Nate Misenheimer  <b><u>Cross Bearer:</u></b> Richard Bowers  <b><u>Elder(s):</u></b> Joye Lane &amp; Pat Bowers  <b><u>Nursery Attendant:</u></b> Sonya Starnes  <b><u>Treasurer Assistant today:</u></b>  Ted Setzer</p>	<p><b><u>USHERS for November:</u></b> Youth</p> <p><b><u>REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:</u></b>  <b><u>Liturgist:</u></b> Jo Ann Simmons  <b><u>Lay Reader:</u></b> Brenda Adams  <b><u>Treasurer Assistant:</u></b> Kelly Barringer  <b><u>Flower Calendar:</u></b> Brenda Adams</p>
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We will be **collecting canned goods for the month of November** for Harvest Home—Nov. 24th. Our collection will go to ECCCM—who accepts all forms of non-perishable food items (in cans or boxes). *The items that they are in most need of are: Canned or Dried Fruit, Canned Meats, Soups, Peanut Butter, Rice, and Pasta.* Please help if you can!

**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 Choirs  
Marty Light, Organist  
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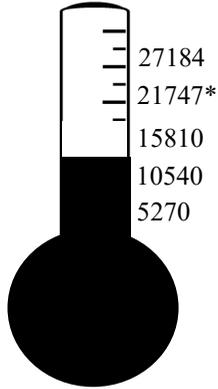
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 17, 2019—10:30 A.M.

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

**COMING BEFORE GOD**

- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Peggy Stout
- PRELUDE** "Give Me Strength, O Lord" by Lucy Ann Warriner/Marty Light, Organist
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsively*) Rev. Peggy Stout  
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!**
- \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #377 Blue Book
- \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (*responsively*) Dawn Kilby, Liturgist  
Holy and Merciful God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Believing that we have to be serious all 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.**
- \*CHORAL INTROIT** Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Director
- \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*responsively*) Dawn Kilby, Liturgist  
Redeeming God, there is always more life, more hope, and more joy in our lives with you. **Forgive us for doubting to see you at work in our everyday lives, our busyness and in our darkest moments.** Forgive us, O Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world. **Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (*responsively*) 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!**





<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER</u>							
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving	
November 03	13	135	—	148	61	\$ 8,184.00	
November 10	15	121	—	136	56	\$ 3,073.00	
November 17							
November 24							
<b>TOTALS</b>	28	256	—	284	117	\$ 11,257.00	

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

## This Week

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

#### Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

9:15am—S.S. Assembly  
 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)  
 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship  
 11:45am—Fall Congregational Meeting  
 11:45am—Children’s Pageant Practice  
 5:00pm—“Faith Alive!” Music & Book Discussion

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00pm—Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

6:00pm—Preschool Thanksgiving Feast & Program  
 6:00pm—Sweet Adelines’

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00am—Volunteers are needed to help the Board of Worship put-up the Christmas Tree

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

#### Reign of Christ/Harvest Home Sunday

9:15am—S.S. Assembly  
 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)  
 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship  
 11:45am—Children’s Pageant Practice  
 \*NO “Faith Alive!” Services Tonight!  
 6:00pm—Community Thanksgiving Service @ Covenant Christian

**The Trinity Foundation (Shuford Fund)** will accept requests for funding of projects in 2020 beginning in October 2019 and ending on November 30, 2019. Projects will be evaluated and potentially funded based on merit and funding available from 2019 Foundation (Shuford Fund) investment earnings. Final decisions on projects will come in early 2020. Application forms can be obtained in the church office. Questions can be directed to Foundation Board Members: Don Patrick, JV Randall, Joann Simmons, Patsy Wells, or Greg Reitzel.

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.*

\*HYMN “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” #394 Blue Book

### OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

**Invitation** Rev. Peggy Stout  
**Offertory** “Nocturne” by John Field/arr by Lani Smith  
 \*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 “Because He Lives” #292 Blue Book

### \*CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Peggy Stout  
 “Lord, as I stumble through this life, help me to create more laughter than tears, dispense more happiness than gloom, spread more cheer than despair. Never let me become so indifferent that I will fail to see the wonder in the eyes of a child or the twinkle in the eyes of the aged. Never let me forget my effort to cheer people, make them happy, and forget, at least for a moment, all the unpleasant things in their lives. And Lord, in my final moment, may I hear you whisper: ‘When you made My people smile, you made Me smile.’” (copied - “The Clown’s Prayer” of Smiles Unlimited)

\*CHORAL RESPONSE Chancel Choir

### \*CHIMES

\*POSTLUDE “Heeding the Call” by Tom Birchwood/Marty Light



**THE FLOWERS** on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of my wife, Martha Whitener Fox. This month would have been our 55th wedding anniversary.  
 - Given by Larry O. Fox



**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: <sup>2</sup> a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; <sup>3</sup> a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup> a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup> a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; <sup>7</sup> a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup> a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

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

**OLD TESTAMENT READING (#2)**      *Genesis 18:1-15*

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, 'My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup> They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' <sup>10</sup>Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" <sup>14</sup>Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

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

**Congregational CARE NOTES today!** There are notebooks provided at the end of each pew. 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**

**RECUPERATING AT HOME**

Charles Gantt  
Mabel Lawing  
Mike Kilby  
Peggy Wright  
Sarah Hoffman  
Garland & Darlene Whittaker

**HOMEBOUND**

Paul & Lula Towery  
Martha Sigmon  
Bobbie Whisenant

**IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES**

**ABERNETHY LAURELS**

Mary Schell—Room 146  
Joan Williamson—Room 240  
Mary Tuttle—Memory Care  
Peggy Hollis—Apt 219  
Joe Schell—Apt 205

**BRIAN CENTER REHAB (Tate Blvd)**

Wanda Sue Ammerman—Rm 503

**TRINITY RIDGE**

Odessa Whitmire—Room 807

**CAROLINA REHAB CENTER**

Peggy Miller—Room 110

**CV ASSISTED LIVING**

Mary Crump—Room 114

**ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:**

Tommy Simmons  
Diane Loftin  
Randy Steelmon  
Todd Hendrix  
Virginia Brown  
Donna Griffin Cox  
Charles W Spencer, II—Debbie Spencer-Ahrens' son (in Kuwait)

I am so **THANKFUL** for friends at Trinity. Pastor Peggy is the best! This community of people are so giving, friendly, and true followers of Christ. That's what it is all about!! I am truly blessed and thankful. My mom is getting better each day. She will be here (at the new hospital) until at least the end of the week. We are setting-up a plan for at-home care. She has a strong faith that moves mountains and she loves the afghan from the Hugs & Stitches group! My son, Charlie is also doing well in Kuwait. Thank you again for your thoughts and prayers!  
- Sincerely, Debbie Spencer-Ahrens

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Dawn Wilson who recently received a 2019 Congressional Coalition Institute (CCAI) Angels in Adoption Award from Senator Richard Burr! Dawn has dedicated more than 30 years to serving the most vulnerable children and families through her work with the child welfare and mental health fields. A larger write-up will be featured in the December Tablet! Thank you, Dawn!