

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Stewardship Dedication
November 10, 2024 - 11:00 AM (single service)

“Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.”—Romans 12:2

Prelude Elevation Edmond Lemaigre

Introit 262 Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord,

For God keeps faith with us forever.

Praise God who brings justice for the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

We will praise the One who lifts up all who bear heavy burdens.

God will reign in mercy and righteousness for all generations.

Let us praise the Lord with our lips and honor God with our lives.

***Hymn 687** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, hear us as we confess our sin. We are not the stewards Christ calls us to be. Riches possess us while others go hungry. We mismanage creation with pollution and strife. We abuse your provision for us by our selfish desires. Help us hear once again Christ’s call to be faithful; through him, forgive us as we repent of our sin and turn from it. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 582** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Passing of the Peace

First Lesson Mark 12:38–44

Anthem His Delight is in Our Praise Gwyn Williams, arr. Buda

A Prayer for Children

Second Lesson

Romans 12:1–2

Sermon

I Appeal to You . . .

Tom Phillips

*Hymn of Commitment 694

“Great God of Every Blessing”

During the hymn, you are invited to bring your Stewardship Pledge Card to the box on the Communion Table.

*Affirmation of Faith

Summary of the Law (*hymnal*, p. 36)

Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn 331

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Psalm 19 - Benedetto Marcello

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Our Guest Preacher

The Rev. J. Thomas Phillips, who grew up in Mills River, is a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and, in his retirement, is an associate presbyter of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Tom served four congregations over his forty-one-year ministry and is Pastor Emeritus of the Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, Tennessee. He has been married to Karen Scoltock Phillips for fifty years; they have two daughters, both of whom are married, and one granddaughter, Isla.

Sowing Seeds of Hope: meditations on stewardship

“Stewardship is leaving something in better shape than you found it.”

– Michael Barber

LITURGIST(S): Jan Prichard, Billie Hicklin

PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
Catherine Langsdorf

LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,
Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz

FLOWERS: Given by Marty Zigovsky in honor of the Marine Corps birthday and in memory of ALL veterans

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 155

WORSHIP TEAM

Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury

Minister of Visitation: Sally Beghtol, C.P.

Music Director: Stephen Klein

Section Leaders: Claire Crook, Tim Kuykendall,
Eric McAnallen, Gwen Roberts

TRINITY TEAM

Maintenance Facilitator: Jim Kisner

Treasurer: Bob Forsythe, Bev Luzadder

Financial Secretary: Diane Bowers

Bookkeeper: Lynne Meluch

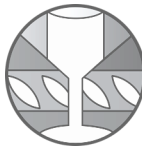
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors wide open. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.



PC(USA)
June 10, 1983 -
our denomination



Presbytery of Western
North Carolina -
our regional leadership



More Light
Presbyterians -
LGBTQ+ affirming



an Earth Care
Congregation -
eco-stewardship



Fuente de Vida
Guatemala - global
partnership



a Matthew 25
Church - social
justice advocacy

SUNDAY - STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

9:45 Learning Hour

- *Lectionary Class (Trinity Room)*
- *Issues & Concerns Class (Classroom 207)*
- *Hashing It Out (Lounge)*
- *Youth Learning Hour*

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

12:00 Celebration Reception

4:00 Concert: Mountain Song

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY - VETERANS DAY

9:00 Finance Team

10:00 New Member Subcommittee

10:30 New Member Ministry Mtg.

4:00 Tai Chi

5:30 Local Missions Ministry Mtg.

6:30 Session Meeting

TUESDAY

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

3:00 Origami Group

3:30 Deacons Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10:00 Esther Circle

10:30 Friends in Christ

6:00 Mental Health Toolkit

(at Grace Lutheran)

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

11:00 "Between the Lines Book" Group

4:00 Tai Chi

6:30 Cub Scouts Pack 620

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

11:00 Memorial Service for Bill Bowers

4:00 Silent Vigil for Immigration Reform
(Historic Courthouse)

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5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

Weekly Calendar: Nov 10 - 17

Contacts (office/pastoral business) during the week

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PRAYER CONCERNS Hospital: Jeffrey Sheffield (Advent ICU); Evelyn Christensen (Mary-Louise & Betty's sister) **Rehab/Nursing:** Art Wayboer; Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell); Fitz Streshley (Carolina Reserve); Don Widmayer (The Bridge); Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Jane Sugawara (Tore's Home); Jack Caylor (HHR); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana) **Home:** Steve Kuykendoll; Martin Roller; Maureen (Jane Strange's friend); Sue Osterberg; Tim Simmons; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); Brenda Crossman (Carole Ball's sister-in-law); Helen Dearborn; Angela Kuykendoll; T.K. Owens (Dolly's son); Linda Dillon; Katie Hankla; Ken Sugawara; Harry Petersen; Susan Kincaid; Pat Dienst; Michael Ballenger (Cindy Householder's brother-in-law); Sandra Dwork; Paul Soltesz; Evans Thibodeau; Benny Elliot (Landen Gailey's partner); Dan Green; Kim & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend); Lauren McBride (Kuykendoll's daughter); Barbara Nichols; Bud Weeks; Irene Lunsford; Barbara Pickwood; Alice McCullough; Dave Morrison **Others:** our mission coworkers and the people of Madagascar, Malawi, and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, the people of Israel and Gaza, Lebanon, Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, those harmed by gun violence and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation, and all who have suffered loss, harm, and loss of loved ones due to Hurricanes Helene & Milton.

2025 STEWARDSHIP CARDS – Stewardship Dedication Sunday is today. After this service, if you plan to offer a 2025 estimate of giving to Trinity, please complete and sign a pledge card as soon as you are able. You may put a stamp on the return envelope provided with the pledge card and mail it to Trinity; or drop it by the church office during office hours. Extra stewardship cards and envelopes are in the church office. Alternately, you may complete an “on-line pledge card”, found on the Trinity website (trinitypresnc.org) under the “Sign Up” link on the toolbar of the home screen.

WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS...NOW! (or at least a bit o' Thanksgiving) As the world in general and western North Carolina in particular have endured some difficult times of late, we are reminded of ways to participate, celebrate, and help our neighbors in need through...

• SHARING

The Mitten Tree is up in the Atrium, welcoming new mittens, gloves, hats, and other small clothing items to warm toddlers to teens in need in our community.

IAM Pantry requests for November include donations of Thanksgiving-themed foods, stuffing, canned fruits, etc....

Christmas Poinsettias, to decorate our sanctuary, can be reserved to honor your loved ones this season. Please see trinitypresnc.org/sign-ups or fill out a paper reservation slip.

• CREATING

2024 Advent Devotional: My Soul in Stillness Waits. You're invited to help us create our annual Advent devotional guide. For more information, see the signup table in the narthex.

• LEARNING

Mental Health: Holiday Survival Toolkit Presentation, Nov 13, 6PM at Grace Lutheran. Join Sandra Kahn, a Licensed Clinical Mental Health to learn about healthy boundaries, effective communication, and self-care.

• BEING IN COMMUNITY

- **Nov 10, after worship:** Stewardship Celebration to celebrate our dedication to our church family and our missions for the year!
- **Nov 10, 4PM** Concert - Mountain Song Community Chorus sings the Beatles!
- **Nov 15, 11AM** Memorial Service for Bill Bowers (Cindy Ann's father and Diane's brother)
- **Nov 20, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Presentation** Wed Night Live with “Geriatric Jukebox” - favorite songs of the 50s, 60s, and 70s