



PastScripts

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Beneath the Spire...

THE PEACE OF WILD THINGS

*When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*

"The Peace of Wild Things"
Wendell Berry

*In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep,
while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.
Then God said, "Let there be light;" and there was light.
And God saw that the light was good.
And God separated the light from the darkness.
God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.
And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.*

Genesis 1: 1-5
God

My Dad grew up with a love for the outdoors. He got it from his father, a college professor and champion of the environment. They took lots of hikes near the Asheville home he grew up in and out west. My Dad passed that love for the outdoors on to me. And while I haven't achieved his green thumb level, I'm getting there. Working in the yard – mowing the grass, planting new azalea plants – it's my respite, my peace.

During these summer months when we spend more time outdoors and on vacation, at the beach and at the pool and at the mountains, enjoying longer days and shorter nights on our back porch, I pray that you'll be brought closer to what American poet and writer Wendell Berry so wonderfully calls "the peace of wild things." God's beautiful creation, made to be good, made to be enjoyed by us all. May you find your peace all around you!

Your pastor and friend,

Steve

IMPACT STORY - Dr. Christopher Gilliam

Congregation members share an "Impact Story" during the worship service at least monthly. Please find below Dr. Christopher Gilliam's story shared March 13, 2016.

When I began to think about the experiences at Trinity over the past year that have been particularly memorable to me, I thought of several moments with the choir in worship that were meaningful: the choir's singing the Introit and Kyrie from the Duruflé Requiem on All Saints' and the beauty of both the Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve services. I thought of my first-ever church retreat at the Montreat Conference Center and having the opportunity there to get to know many of Trinity's members—I especially enjoyed the opportunity to square dance with Kathleen Schneider and Grace Lindvall! I remember the kind words and supportive notes that many of you shared with me during my interim months, and I recall all the gratitude and happiness expressed to me when I was brought on as the permanent director of music. I also cherish the memory of going to visit Tom Heuerman in his sick bed at home only days before his passing and having the joy of hearing him sing a lusty duet of "Ghost Riders in the Sky" with Jim Glenn—what a precious gift. All of those memories, indeed, have had an impact on me.

But when I think of an Impact Story, I tend to think I should share something that has been life-changing and earth-shattering - some event or events that have dramatically altered me since I have been at Trinity - and square dancing, as life-changing as that can be - doesn't seem to pass muster where an impact story is concerned! So, I thought, since I have only been at Trinity for just over a year, what could I possibly share with the congregation that would be meaningful to them? The longer I thought about it, the less individual experiences seemed to stand out to me, and the more I began to ponder the impressions that have been made on me, and my impressions of Trinity and its people that have defined my time here. Impressions, to me, are less about impact, and more about influence, so this, rather, my Impression Story.

My first impression of Trinity was one of kindness and hospitality. From my very first phone conversation with Duke-loving (and people loving) Fran Worthington, to my eventual welcome as the permanent director of music, I have been warmly received by this congregation. All of us remember what it feels like to be the new kid on the block, and Trinity, with its strong heritage and tradition, could have easily been an intimidating place were it not for those in this congregation who go out of their way to make it known that new folks are both welcomed and valued.

My second impression of Trinity was one of an abiding joy. Transitioning after 30 years from a beloved director of music to "the unknown," could have been a difficult and potentially damaging event for this church and for the music program. But your choir, filled with the warmest, most successful, talented, and absolutely looniest individuals Charlotte has to offer, accepted me and integrated me into the Trinity family with open arms—with laughter and joy. There is not a week that goes by that we do not tease, mock, or poke fun at one other, and I always find myself in a better mood and a pleasant spirit after we have been together. If the choir is a microcosm of the larger Trinity body, then the heart and soul of Trinity Presbyterian is, indeed, healthy and vibrant.

The third impression I had of Trinity was one of great potential. Take a look at our facilities. Take a look at our youth. Our organ. Our location. The incredible young professionals who have made Trinity their church home. Take a look at the faithful, rock-solid pillars of Trinity—members who have worshipped and served here for most of their lives, those who have grown up here, and those who have given of their time, service, money, tears and years, to make Trinity the kind of church that it is and continues to be. Every ministry faces challenges, but Trinity Presbyterian has been blessed with faithful congregants and scholarly, vibrant, friendly, humble, and gifted ministers who are uniquely qualified to lead Trinity and to realize its full potential. Simply observing all of Trinity's potential made me realize what a special place it is and how rich our church is in possibility.

When an individual says, "that person had an impact on me," it usually means that someone has been a positive influence on them or that someone has provided encouragement to them in one way or another. I have begun to realize that impact is not necessarily a dramatic or active event or events. An impact does not have to be a huge, life-altering moment. One can make an impact in subtle ways - never realizing that he or she has made or is making a difference. Conversely, an individual, if he is careless, can just as easily have a negative impact. Gestures of welcome and kindness, laughter, selfless service, and graciousness, can be thoughtlessly replaced with sullen discontent, moodiness, inhospitality, and begrudging service. We are all, in the smallest and sometimes most subtle of ways,

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writing our own Impact Story every day, and it is often too easy for us to overlook the small things that make the biggest, most lasting impact.

Thinking about how Trinity has had an impact on me in my short time here has caused me to also think rather about how I can have an impact on Trinity. In truth, the impact or impression that I leave will likely not be from the music services I plan or the solos I sing - though I certainly hope that I will make a difference in that regard. Likely the greatest impact I have will be in the daily, weekly, and yearly impressions that I leave upon each of you - and that is a sobering thought if you stop to think about it. Have I been kind today? Have I been gracious to others? Have I been forgiving, longsuffering, and loving? Did I forget to laugh at myself today? What have I done to serve? Am I serving only because I am being paid to do so? Am I volunteering because I feel as though I have to? Do I only want my way and my opinion? Am I unwilling to listen to another's opinion or am I unwilling to allow them to have theirs?

Sometimes I think that we try too hard to make an impact on something or someone instead of realizing that we simply always are. We are always leaving an impression - or a permanent mark - on someone

or something. That impression is what makes the impact. An impression - like a paper stamp one receives at a notary - is subtle, but lasts. If that is the case, then, I need to be certain that my Impact Story - the impression I leave on others - is thoughtful and meaningful and purposefully, willfully good.

I may never truly know or be able to express how deeply and meaningfully Trinity will have had an impact on me in my lifetime. Regardless, the impression that you and I leave upon one another here at Trinity can and will make a huge impact on our lives. Each impression that we leave on our fellow congregant will shape Trinity on a daily basis. Each of us, by our actions, will make the kind of impression we want to make on the lives of everyone around us. I truly hope that the impact story in which I am privileged to be a part at Trinity will be one that overflows with the fruits of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, meekness, temperance, patience, forgiveness - and that the impression that I leave - intentionally or unintentionally - stamped upon each of you will be as positive as the impact that you have already had on me.

Financials as of June 30, 2016

	June Actuals	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget
Receipts:	\$ 52,568	\$ 312,180	\$ 322,125
Unrestricted Funds Used:	\$ 8,975	\$ 27,452	\$ 29,644
Endowment Funds Used:	\$ 4,765	\$ 28,590	\$ 28,590
Boltz Funds Used:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,664
Expenses:	\$ 85,660	\$ 457,722	\$ 478,208
Surplus/Deficit:	\$ (19,352)	\$ (89,500)	\$ (95,185)

VACATION TIME!

Your Stewardship Ministry Team hopes you're finding time to rest and relax wherever you are. Thanks for remembering that the work of the church keeps going and needs your continued support! Make church giving easy by using online giving at our website or the Church Life Mobile App.

Session Highlights

Stated Session Meeting on June 28, 2016:

Session approved a partnership with Matters to Mission (M2M), a New Worshipping Community in NoDa, through the Presbytery of Charlotte, promising to prayerfully walk alongside them in their call to worship and serve in Charlotte.

Session approved the motion from Youth to begin nominating youth elders in 2017 (to begin service in January 2018.) The proposal will be brought to the congregation for approval at a fall congregational meeting date to be determined.

Session approved the following from Capital Campaign Construction Committee:

- prioritize construction of the entranceway and parking reconfiguration; and
- approve construction of the columbarium; and
- confirm that columbarium costs will come from other funds and not capital campaign funds; and
- accept the proposed design from The Adams Group; and
- accept dirt from Publix construction site including temporary placement on the campus as needed; and
- approve up to \$275k in capital campaign funds for construction of entranceway and parking reconfiguration; and
- approve up to \$125k in additional funds for construction of columbarium; and direct the Capital Campaign Construction Committee to work with Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team to develop a landscape plan for project area, including potential use of restricted funds, with a separate motion within 90 days.



It is not too late to register for the 2016-17 school year! Registration is now on a first-come, first-serve basis. Summer office hours are Monday-Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Feel free to stop by for a tour! Registration forms are available in both the weekday school and church volunteer offices. We look forward to serving you and your family. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

We had a blast at the “Kids in Motion” Trinity Weekday School Summer Camp with *At the Zoo, Travel the Globe, Ooey Goey Fun and Summer Games!* Mark your calendars for March 2017 and look for registration information for the 2017 Summer Camp Program. Also, like us on Facebook to see more great pics of our summer fun!



ANNUAL RETREAT TO MONTREAT

October 14-16, 2016

CHILD CARE AND YOUTH CLASSES

Infant and Toddler Care

Care will be provided for the youngest of our group during the scheduled speaker times.

Children K-5th Grade

Elementary age children will meet together during the scheduled speaker times and have their own lesson.

Youth 6th - 12th Grade

Youth will plan and lead Friday night Vespers. They will also participate in a mission project Saturday morning.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, October 14, Evening

- 3:30 p.m. Check-in begins
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:45 p.m. Welcome
- 8:00 p.m. First Session with David LaMotte
 - Infant and Toddler Care
 - K to 12th Grade Sessions
- 10:00 p.m. Vespers led by Youth

SATURDAY, October 15, Morning

- 6:30 a.m. Group Run/Walk
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Sessions with David LaMotte
 - Infant and Toddler Care
 - K to 12th Grade Sessions
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch

SATURDAY, October 15, Afternoon

- 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Activities
- 5:15 p.m. Group Picture
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Square Dance in Barn
- 9:00 p.m. Sing-a-long in Lobby

SUNDAY, October 16, Morning

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Pack & Check-out
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch on own

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Hiking up Lookout Mountain
Paddle boats/canoeing on Lake Susan
Shopping in Montreat or Black Mountain
Fishing in Lake Susan (bring your own gear)
Watching football in lobby
Montreat playground
Bridge and card games
Second Annual Brewery Tour
Bubbling stream for wading
Kids' Scavenger Hunt



David LaMotte

PATRICK SPEAKER

“Worldchanging 101 - Challenging the Myth of Powerlessness”

What does the Lord require of you? Are we really called to “do justice?” What does that look like in our daily lives? How does large-scale change really happen? David does not pretend to offer answers, but rather suggests different and perhaps more productive questions. In this case, the questions are: How we are called to engage the world around us and how do we practically approach that work? David will challenge our deeply embedded narratives of how large scale change occurs and offer a fresh framework to examine our own capacity for making a significant impact on the world.

David LaMotte is an award-winning songwriter, speaker and writer. He has presented keynotes and workshops on five continents, appearing as either a speaker or a musician, with well-known world changers such as Desmond Tutu, Pete Seeger and civil rights hero John Lewis. He has keynoted conferences at the Scottish Parliament building, at a week-long retreat in El Salvador, in Berlin, and at conferences in Thailand, Australia, and Zambia, as well as the United States.

LaMotte obtained his masters in International Relations, Peace and Conflict Resolution from the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia as a recipient of the prestigious Rotary Peace Fellowship. As a part of that work, he also spent three months in rural India studying integrated, sustainable development with a Gandhian organization. He currently serves as the Clerk (Chairperson) of the AFSC Nobel Peace Prize Nominating Task Group. He is also a consultant on peace issues at the North Carolina Council of Churches and the president of a non-profit he founded in 2004 to help support critical thought and literacy through schools and libraries in Guatemala, PEG Partners. His undergraduate alma mater, James Madison University, named him a “Madison World Changer.”

TRINITY MONTREAT REGISTRATION FORM

3115 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28211

Registration deadline is **September 12** and can be done online by clicking [here](http://trinitypreschurchurch.org/montreat-retreat/) or copying this link into your browser <http://trinitypreschurchurch.org/montreat-retreat/>.

Names of adults attending. (please print):

Contact email address _____ **Phone** _____

Names of children attending. Please list ages and school grade as of September 2016. (please print):

_____	Age _____	Grade _____
_____	Age _____	Grade _____
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Preferred Room Type. Most single rooms can accommodate an air mattress or sleeping bag. Room choices are not guaranteed and assignments are made on a first-come first-serve basis.

- ☐ Single Room with private bath - \$107.00 per night, includes tax (1 bedroom, 1 bathroom)
Please check preferred accommodations (not guaranteed) - King Queen Twin
- ☐ Connecting rooms with shared bath - \$ 188.32 per night, includes tax (2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom)
Please check preferred accommodations (not guaranteed) - King & Twin Queen & Twin
- ☐ Connecting rooms with private bath in each room - \$214.00 per night, includes tax (2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms)
Please check preferred accommodations (not guaranteed) - King & Twin Queen & Twin

Are you a First Time Attendee? Yes No

Food allergies (Montreat must have this information prior to your arrival): _____

FEES

Conference Fees - Fees are non-refundable unless requested room can be filled with another attendee.
~~Conference Fee is \$20.00 per person if registration form is received **before July 1**~~
Conference Fee will be \$30.00 per person for registration forms **received after July 1**

Meal Fees - Adult meals are \$54.04 (includes tax) per adult and begin with Friday supper and end with Sunday breakfast. All children through high school receive complimentary meals paid for by the Thomson Fund.

The balance of your room and meals will be due on Monday, October 10 and payable by check to Trinity Presbyterian Church or you may pay online by clicking [here](https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=95700) or copying this link into your browser <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=95700>.

Please remember that all persons under the age of 18 attending without their families must have a designated adult guardian to be responsible for the young person(s) all weekend. The designated guardian must have a signed parental consent form, which provides for emergency medical treatment. These forms are available in the church office or you may download when registering online.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

What's Happening at Trinity

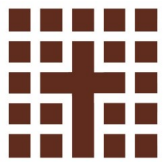
August 1	PostScripts Deadline, September Issue Sew 'N Sews Mondays (weekly)	Marriages Mateusz Glapiak and Marie Ruth Henry Daughter of Warren and Sarah Henry	June 18
August 2	F3 Nation Fitness & Leadership (weekly) Sew 'N Sews Tuesdays (weekly) Trinity Staff Meeting (weekly) Communications Ministry Team AI-Anon (weekly)	Births William Floyd Coppedge Son of Michael and Kelley Coppedge Grandson of John and Kathy Coppedge Great-grandson of Dr. Thomas Coppedge	June 5
August 3	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (weekly) Welcoming Ministry Team		
August 4	Bridge (weekly)		
August 5	F3 Nation Fitness & Leadership (weekly) Sons of Timaeus	Congratulations John and Marty Brownlow 50th Wedding Anniversary	July 9
August 10	Shepherd's Center Travel Committee Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team	Church Triumphant Reid Carr Coward Husband of Nell Coward	June 22
August 17	Stewardship Ministry Team American Needlepoint Guild		
August 18	Finance Ministry Team		
August 21	Stated Session	Congregational Sympathy Phala Taylor Vick Jones Grandmother of Melanie Hood Great-grandmother of John, David and Caroline	June 10
August 24	Embroiderers' Guild		
August 25	Weekday School Parent Orientation		
August 26	Parlor & Crib Room Carpet Cleaning		



September 11 - Rally Day - 9:45 a.m.

The Annual College of Elders dinner will be on Sunday, **September 11**, at 6:00 p.m., in the Carson Fellowship Hall. We are currently working to secure a very exciting speaker - more details to follow.

September 25 - Trinity will host a Day of Discipleship following the worship service. All ages are encouraged to participate. More details to follow!



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Summer Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School Resumes September 11

Publication Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin: Tuesdays at Noon

Newsletter - *PostScripts*: 1st day of each month

Wednesday email: Two weeks before the email

Website events: One month before the event

Website announcements: One month before the event

THE SESSION

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator

Lynette Neel, Clerk

Donnie Bobbitt, President of the Corporation

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Steve Ball

Marty Brownlow

Tom Collins

Betty Lynn Lambert

Jim Calder

Class of 2017

Tony Arey

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Liz Countess

Warren Henry

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Class of 2018

Casey Field

David Hood

Sean Kirby

Kim Nims

Dale Sarjeant

ADMINISTRATIVE ROSTER FOR 2016

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Lynette Neel

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Buildings and Grounds

Capital Campaign

Communications

Finance

Personnel

Grow

Christian Formation

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Youth

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Weekday School

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Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.