



PastScripts

Volume IX, Issue 4/May 2016

Beneath the Spire...

Last week during our Sunday School gathering the Mission Ministry Team proposed their hope to have 100% congregational engagement in this year's mission ministry programs. As a church who seeks to be more missionally involved this is the initiative we ought to have; it calls on us as a church to *be* the church. This initiative makes a statement - a statement that our congregation is about mission, that we as a church gather together to grow in Christ and that involves serving Christ, serving God's children and working to build up the kingdom of God. It is a great statement to make, that our whole church – not just a group of our church, a certain age demographic, a certain social demographic, or certain ministry teams but rather our whole church is engaged in the mission of this church.

While this is a statement to make about who we are as a church, this is also a call. It is a way for our church to “grow together.” As we seek to be a church that grows together - growing in spirituality, faith and discipleship, mission is a wonderful way to do that. When we serve together in mission, we build relationships - relationships that affect who we are, how we understand the world, how we enjoy one another, how we serve Christ, and how we relate to Christ. And when we serve together, serving Christ by serving our neighbors, we grow closer to Christ, seeing Christ in new ways and recognizing our faith in action. Our relationships with those we serve with from our congregation and those we serve with in the community are vital to the life of our discipleship.

As we serve together - I believe we grow together - growing as we see new gifts and talents and passions of our brothers and sisters in the church emerge and as we learn about these gifts that God has given us. We grow together as we see one another serve, opening ourselves to the ways Jesus is at work in our midst. We grow together as a body of Christ as we work, the hard *hard* work, of building up the kingdom of God. We grow together by serving Christ, by laying down our needs and burdens at the feet of Christ and picking up the call to greater discipleship in Christ.

We ask that you prayerfully consider the ways you may get involved in mission ministry at Trinity. The mission ministry team has worked diligently to identify ways for every member to support these ministries - through monetary gifts, gifts of time, gifts of relationship and gifts of kindness. Similarly, consider your own God given gifts and talents and the ways they may be of use in avenues that we have not yet discovered. Help us to reach our goal of 100% congregational engagement in mission ministries, to help us grow together as a community of faith that serves Christ and serves its neighbors.

In Christ,

** Information about ways to be tangibly involved were presented on April 24 and will be available in a document format in the Mission and Outreach area and can be mailed upon request.

Session Highlights

Stated Session Meeting on March 20, 2016:

Approved Jim Calder as Trinity's nomination for Presbytery's Older Adult Award.

Approved the following Commissioners for 2016 Presbytery of Charlotte Meetings: Tom Collins and Kim Nims on Tuesday, May 17, 2016; Casey Field on Saturday, July 16, 2016; and Dale Sarjeant and Tom Collins on Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

Approved the adoption of "The Guidebook – NRSV Student Bible" for presentation to the Trinity Fifth Graders and the adoption of "The Discipleship Study Bible NRSV with Apocrypha" for presentation to our graduates. These bibles will be presented in May.

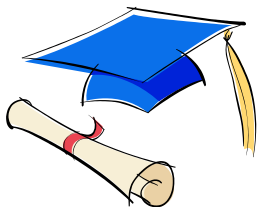
Approved the wedding of Noel Humphrey and Edgar McCall with Rev. DC Horne officiating on September 10, 2016.

Summer Worship Hours

Trinity's 10:00 a.m. summer worship hour will begin June 5 and continue through September 4. Sunday School will not take place during this period.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATING SENIORS!

If 2016 is your year to graduate, please let the church office know by calling Becky Purnell at 704.366.3554. We would like to recognize all 2016 graduates at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, **May 22**. Please send a current picture and tell us what high school or college you are graduating from and what your future plans are. If you are headed to college, we would like to know your choice. If you are stepping into the working world, please let us know your area of expertise or interest by Monday, **May 9**!

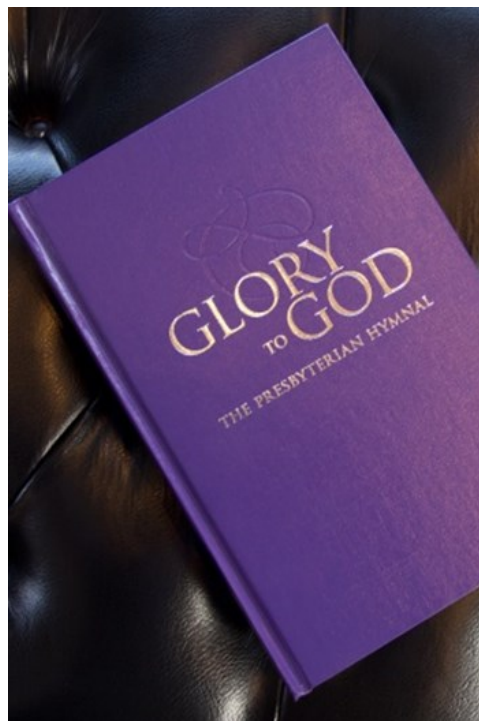


Glory to God Hymnal Drive

Make a joyful noise! Join together as we embrace the new *Glory to God* Hymnal from the Presbyterian Church (USA). If you've been to Montreat in the past three years, you have already seen and used this new hymnal. The *Glory to God* Hymnal contains over 65% of the hymns from the 1990 version and includes hymns from the 1950 and 1975 hymnals as well.

For a gift of \$25.00, you can dedicate a new hymnal with an acknowledgement on the inside front cover bookplate. The bookplate is optional should you prefer to make your gift anonymously. It will make a great Mother's Day gift!

Fill a pew for **\$200.00** (8 hymnals)
Fill half a pew for **\$100.00** (4 hymnals)
Individual hymnal - **\$25.00**



Order forms are available below, in the Cloister, the Narthex and the Church Office. Please make checks payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church (and indicate **hymnal** on the memo line) or pay on the website at www.trinitypreschurch.org.

The deadline to order is **May 8** (just in time for Mother's Day).

	Total Number of Hymnals
This hymnal is given to the glory of God and	
<input type="checkbox"/> in honor of: _____	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Bookplate dedication is not requested	_____
by: _____	

Please print and provide the exact spelling of how you wish the name(s) to appear.

Jim Calder

Presbytery of Charlotte 2016 Outstanding Older Adult



When asked to summarize his activities since retirement, long-time Trinity member Jim Calder simply responds that he steps in “whenever anything needs doing.” That is, of course, a major understatement. Currently he is serving a second term on Session since his retirement, making a total of six terms. He has been Clerk of Session and repeatedly chaired the Buildings and Grounds and Stewardship Committees. When not on Session, he remains active on ministry teams, such as the Pastor Nominating Committee and Long Range Planning Committee. Jim was a commissioner to the General Assembly.

Church is not Jim’s only ministry. As a Rotarian, he has been President, board member and committee chair of the Providence Rotary Club, which named him Distinguished Rotarian. He was Lt. Governor of District 7680. One highlight of his Rotary Club experience was a mission trip to Peru. As a member of Trinity’s Habitat for Humanity siding crew, Jim was on Habitat’s board. He is still active with Habitat.

The church houses the Shepherd’s Center, thanks in part to Jim’s efforts. Jim was recently featured in an article in the *Charlotte Observer* about the programs and services to the elderly offered by Shepherd’s Center. As a board member and the main handyman, Jim works to keep senior citizens independent in their homes by performing simple home repairs, or more complicated ones such as adding a safe porch railing...just doing what needs doing.

Jim is not one to shy away from challenging assignments. Currently Jim is a member of the Mecklenburg County Board of Equalization and Review. This board is the first stop for a taxpayer who cannot resolve a dispute with the county assessor over a property tax assessment or exemption.

Jim and his wife Ruth Ann now call Sharon Towers their home. The choice of retirement communities was natural, since Jim is a former chair of the Board of Directors there. Whatever is going on at Trinity, in the community or at Sharon Towers, both Jim and Ruth Ann Calder are front and center, humbly making life better for those around them...doing what needs to be done.

IMPACT STORY - Kit Sluder

Congregation members share an “Impact Story” during the worship service at least monthly. Please find below Kit Sluder’s story shared November 15, 2015.

Good morning. I am standing up by the way. So, I was asked to give my impact story on Trinity and in the number of years I have been here there are, of course, a number of stories so I could stay up here for a week but I am just going to try and keep it simple.

Impact, to me, implies force, yet this is a story about years of God’s unwearied and persistent show of love and teaching that found its way into my heart and mind through this place. Oddly enough it began right there where I was baptized. Thank you for the prop by the way.

In that moment the people of this church made a promise and that promise has been honored in countless ways over the years. As I grew there was always a place for me.

Even in Kindergarten I was at Trinity and I still miss that merry-go-round. My family had its pew and I remember looking way up to the pulpit which was filled with the presence of Dr. Patrick and at that time wondering if he would ever stop talking so we could get this done and get outside to play. With every pause I hoped, only to be disappointed as it was just a pause allowing for something said to sink in. But then I grew.

In those days of getting chided for giggling with May Johnston transformed into realizing there must be a reason that all the adults seemed to be enthralled with what was being said. And indeed there was a reason.

I began to pay attention.

In retrospect I realize he never once said this is what you

must believe. Instead he laid out scripture, beside literature, beside anecdote. He related the word of God to life thus my faith became my own. The Lord used what was taught to enter my soul and I was taught to think and the Lord allowed me to believe. I became truly committed, never forced. This place taught me to be open and willing.

As I became an adult Trinity continued to influence me and teach me and love me. When I was led to serve in Africa for a time, I was supported in every way by this incredible family. I found myself up here again, right there, being consecrated by the Reverend Gene Owens. Your kindness and your prayers sustained me through two trips of several months each and returning the second time you embraced me through a trial of trauma that I endured. It was never forced. It was the quiet enduring love of God shown through you in countless ways that allowed me to feel safe again.

Love seeps in where there is only darkness and slowly brings light. This church does that for people all the time and it happens whether we know it or not and that’s probably a good thing. It is not because the Lord uses Trinity in ways that we may be completely unaware of. The people of Trinity are always learning, always growing, always serving, never forced, only open, only loving. God takes care of the rest.

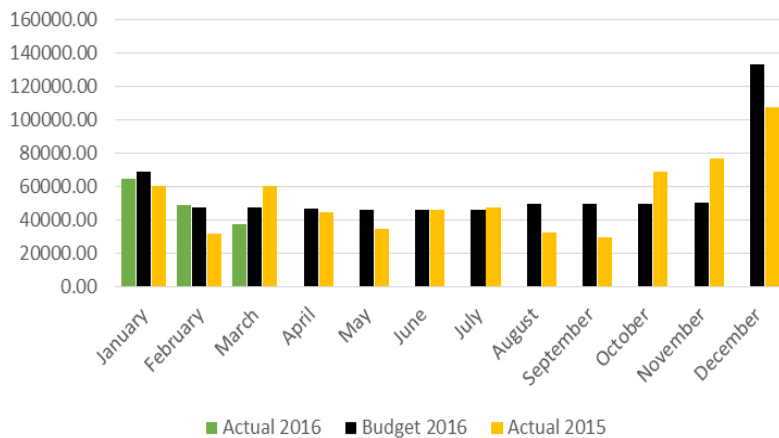
It has undoubtedly been true in my life and I will forever be grateful for all the ways that God has been shown to me in and through this place, my church, Trinity.

1st Quarter Financial Update

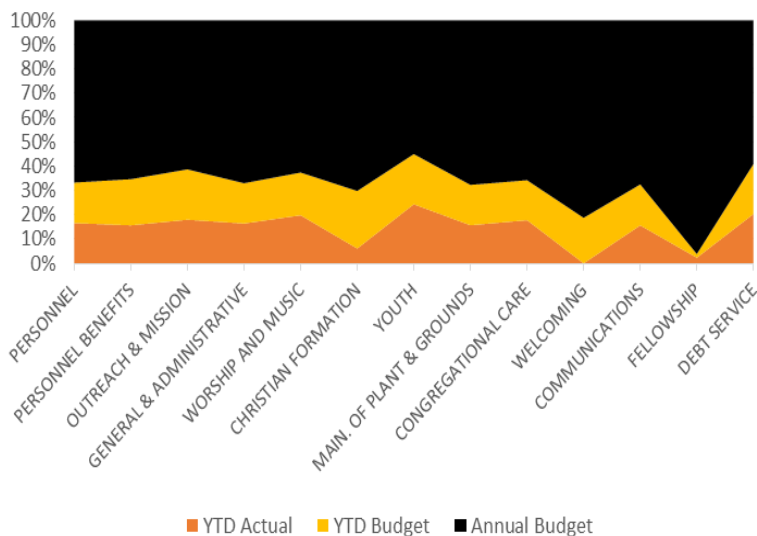
The Finance and Stewardship Ministry Teams are pleased to announce a legacy gift from the estate of Elizabeth (Liz) Deal. Liz's generous and unrestricted gift of \$20,000 will be directed to the Endowment Fund. The Finance and Stewardship Ministry Teams believe the underpinnings of any great institution is its endowment fund. Planned giving by an individual in the form of unrestricted gifts to Trinity's Endowment Fund helps to ensure the long-term health of our church.

If you would like to learn more about Legacy giving at Trinity, please contact Dale Sarjeant, chair of the Stewardship Ministry Team, or Steve Lindsley. You can also go to <http://bitly.com/TPC-Legacy-Giving>.

General Operating Giving



Expenses



	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
RECEIPTS			
CURRENT PLEDGES	137814.02	140000.00	582168.00
PLEDGE-PRIOR YEAR	443.72	4500.00	5000.00
PAYMENT WITHOUT PLEDGE	7456.00	12500.01	50000.00
PAYMENT OVER PLEDGE	1600.00	3000.00	30000.00
LOOSE PLATE OFFERING	2750.75	3000.00	12000.00
INTEREST INCOME	49.88	62.49	250.00
USE OF BUILDING	7345.00	9999.99	40000.00
ENDOWMENT FUND	14295.00	14295.00	57180.00
INCOME OTHER	0.00	0.00	0.00
FUND TRANSFERS	16490.73	14883.00	69241.00
BOLTZ FUND	0.00	1331.76	5327.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	188245.10	203572.25	851166.00
EXPENSES			
PERSONNEL	102031.34	103035.51	411542.00
PERSONNEL BENEFITS	13311.37	16143.75	55575.00
OUTREACH & MISSION	5751.61	6645.03	19640.00
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	18102.33	18318.99	74020.00
WORSHIP AND MUSIC	6648.46	5925.50	21050.00
CHRISTIAN FORMATION	932.58	3617.50	10725.00
YOUTH	9795.90	8328.01	22185.00
MAIN. OF PLANT & GROUNDS	46311.00	49090.76	200091.00
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	769.34	712.47	2850.00
WELCOMING	0.00	225.00	975.00
COMMUNICATIONS	916.75	990.99	3964.00
FELLOWSHIP	567.27	375.00	23650.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	205137.95	213408.51	846267.00
OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-16892.85	-9836.26	4899.00
DEBT SERVICE	26668.77	27010.01	77600.00
TOTAL CHURCH SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-43561.62	-36846.27	-72701.00

Capital Campaign Update

Total Contributions Received 839,996.00

Remaining Pledged Amount 241,020.00

Note: Some contributions were not pledged. If you wish to make a gift, envelopes are available in the Sanctuary Narthex and the church office or just indicate Capital Campaign on the memo line of your check or your online payment.

Welcome to our new seminary intern, Bill Prestwood

Trinity is pleased to welcome Bill Prestwood as our seminary intern beginning Sunday, April 3 and running through December 2016. Bill's primary areas of focus will be worship leadership, Christian Formation, Congregational Care and Youth. We are elated to have Bill join our leadership team – please extend him a Trinity welcome when you see him!



Dear Trinity Presbyterian Church,

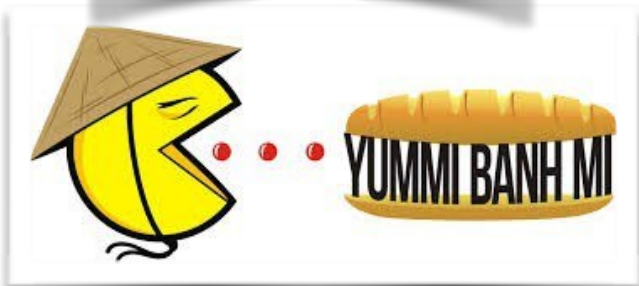
It is with great delight and happy anticipation that I prepare to spend the next nine months serving among you. Let me begin by thanking you for the opportunity to learn and to grow under the guidance of your ministers and with the grace of all who covenant together as a people on a journey of faith. The experience, no doubt, will shape the balance of my ministry, and for that you will forever hold a special place in my heart.

Trinity's place along Providence is one of rare provenance and unending potential. I pass this physical campus on my daily commute to and from work and have long felt a desire to become more aware of your greater presence in God's world. I see a church strategically planted to serve the once outer reaches of Charlotte that remains poised to carry Christ's love out into the world even as this church and city continue to reimagine their boundaries.

Charlotte's reach engulfed me in 1995, although eastern North Carolina and the little town of Enfield will always be my true home. There, I grew up as the son of two ordained ministers. Naturally, I chose to become an architect and have worked in that capacity for over twenty years. Still those earliest experiences of having two homes, one where I kept my earthly belongings and one where my parents worked and I spent most of my time, beckoned to me until I finally enrolled at Union Presbyterian Seminary. I now am a rising fifth year student, which means I have more course work behind me than ahead. Never did I imagine a time when I could see this end, but now that I do, I realize such a milestone is really only another new beginning. I am excited about all that God has in store for me yet!

Outside school and work, I have a wonderful wife who is a vice-president with Bank of America. We have known each other for nearly a decade but have been married just three years and counting. Together we over-indulge our dog and all our nieces and nephews who range in age from four to fourteen. I love to read and write, I love old cars and old houses, and I love that my wife grew up across the street from Augusta National and holds The Masters and all golf sacred in their own ways. Wallace and I look forward to getting to know each of you better in the weeks and months ahead.

Blessing,
Bill Prestwood



FOOD TRUCKS AND LIVE MUSIC

Thursday, May 12

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Please join us for an evening of great food, fellowship, and music as Trinity Presbyterian once again hosts its Food Trucks and Live Music event. There will be mouthwatering food options from Roaming Fork, Yummi Banh Mi, and Maryland Crab & Co., and Southern Cake Queen and King of Pops will be there to satisfy your sweet tooth. And, of course, there's the great music from:

THE HOLDOUTS

w/special guest RECHARGED

Be sure to bring a blanket or chairs and stake out the perfect spot on our lawn, and bring your family and all your friends to treat them to a night like no other.

Finally, please feel free to bring one or more non-perishable items so that we may donate them to Loaves & Fishes to help fight hunger here in our community.

We hope to see you there.
(in case of rain, come on inside!)

You are invited to the

Trinity Church Picnic

to share in food, fellowship, games and fun!

SUNDAY, MAY 22

On the church lawn immediately following the worship service

Families with last names starting A-M, please bring a main dish.

Families with last names starting N-Z, please bring a side or salad.

Trinity will provide desserts and drinks.

Bring chairs and blankets.

We will also have guests from Project Life (a non-profit 501c3) at the picnic discussing bone marrow donations to cure patients with blood cancers, with typing kits available for people who wish to get on the national bone marrow registry.



We look forward to seeing you there!



Growing, Playing and Learning together!



Great things are happening at the Weekday School!

Like us on Facebook.

Tell a friend or neighbor about our 2016-17 fall registration.

Take a look at our webpage at www.trinitypreschurch.org.

Summer Camp is around the corner and openings are still available

Visit our website at www.trinitypreschurch.org.

Call us at 704.366.3556 and speak with Stephanie Palmer or Jill Billings.

Email us at spalmer@trinitypreschurch.org or jbillings@trinitypreschurch.org.

Schedule a tour for Wednesday or Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

We look forward to serving you and your family!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016!

JUNE 12 - 15 ~ 5:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. ~ Ages 3 through adult



Featuring....

BIBLE Stories about water....

MISSION stories about water....

Crafts! Games! Music! Food! FUN!

Mark your calendars!

Registration details and ways to get involved coming soon!



The all New
TRINITY in WONDERLAND
MONTREAT X-PERIENCE

MONTREAT ADVENTURE ~ OCTOBER 14, 15 AND 16

On a golden afternoon, young Alice follows a white rabbit, which disappears down a nearby rabbit hole. Quickly following him, she tumbles into the burrow and enters the topsy-turvy world of WONDERLAND!

Memorable songs and whimsical escapades highlight Alice's journey.

... And so too will your upcoming Montreat adventure be a WONDERLAND:

- ◆ Newly decorated rooms and a big stone fireplace will welcome you to the historic and charming Assembly Inn.
- ◆ Mountain splendor and fall color will surround you.
- ◆ An 'ole timey' Saturday night square dance will take place in the rustic Montreat barn.
- ◆ Yummy food with lots of choices to delight your palate and tummy.
- ◆ Child care with a Wonderland theme.
- ◆ A charismatic weekend guest to challenge and stimulate us with song, wit, and wisdom.
- ◆ A youth led Vesper Service Friday evening.
- ◆ A Sunday Service and spiritual and memorable communion.
- ◆ Sing-A-Longs, brewery tour, tennis, Bridge, shopping in Black Mountain, paddle boats and canoes on Lake Susan, mountain hikes, bubbling stream for wading, 5K run/walk Saturday morning.

... And prizes and fun memories galore with your Trinity family!

So, don't be late ... for this very important date.

What's Happening at Trinity

May 1	PostScripts Deadline, June Issue Youth and Confirmation Sunday Fifth Grade Bible Presentations Adult Choir (weekly) Children's Choir (weekly) Youth Group (weekly)	May 12	In-Home Communion Philips Academy Community Partner Lunch Weekday School Hello Spanish Food Truck Events
May 2	Sew 'N Sews Mondays (weekly) Weekday School Creative Movement Classes Girl Scout Troop #1335	May 13	Mercy School of Nursing Graduation Girl Scout Troop #2415
May 3	F3 Nation Fitness & Leadership (weekly) Philips Academy Parent Connect Sew 'N Sews Tuesdays (weekly) Weekday School Creative Movement Classes Trinity Staff Meeting (weekly) Weekday School Little Scholars (weekly) Al-Anon (weekly)	May 15	Pentecost Stated Session
May 4	Weekday School Hello Spanish Take Off Pounds Sensibly (weekly) Wednesday Class (weekly) Soccer Shots (weekly) Orchestra in Schools Welcoming Ministry Team Adult Choir (weekly)	May 16	Weekday School My Gym Classes Girl Scout Troop #1335
May 5	Jane Arant Discussion Group (weekly) Weekday School Hello Spanish Bridge (weekly) Orchestra in Schools Girl Scout Troop #1120	May 17	Charlotte Presbytery Meeting Sardis Presbyterian Church Weekday School My Gym Classes Trinity Book Club
May 6	F3 Nation Fitness & Leadership (weekly) Sons of Timaeus Girl Scout Troop #2409	May 18	Weekday School Hello Spanish Stewardship Ministry Team American Needlepoint Guild
May 8	Bible in a Year Class	May 19	Weekday School Chapel Weekday School Hello Spanish Girl Scout Troop # 1120
May 9	Men's Breakfast Weekday School Music Classes Girl Scout Troop # 1335 Weekday School Ministry Team	May 20	Girl Scout Troop #2409
May 10	Weekday School Parent Support Team Weekday School Music Classes	May 22	Graduation Sunday and Summer Picnic Personnel Ministry Team
May 11	In-Home Communion Shepherd Center Weekday School Staff Meeting Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team Finance Ministry Team	May 23	Girl Scout Troop #1335 Mecklenburg Historical Association
		May 24	Embroiderers' Guild
		May 27	Girl Scout Troop #2415
		May 30	Girl Scout Troop #1335
		Births	
		Emily Ruth Lewis	March 15
		Granddaughter of Sandy Shirley	
		Baptisms	
		Lane Rhodes Carlisle	March 20
		Daughter of Scott and Kelly Carlisle	
		Granddaughter of Liz Countess	

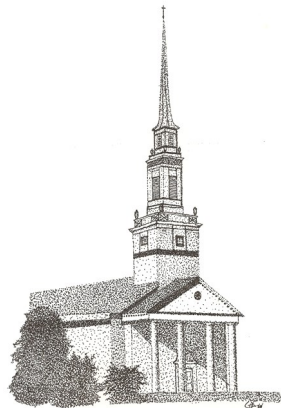


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Worship at Trinity

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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

Class of 2016

Steve Ball
Marty Brownlow
Tom Collins
Betty Lynn Lambert
Jim Calder

Class of 2017

Tony Arey
Donnie Bobbitt
Liz Countess
Warren Henry
Lori O'Keefe

Class of 2018

Casey Field
David Hood
Sean Kirby
Kim Nims
Dale Sarjeant

ADMINISTRATIVE ROSTER FOR 2016

CLERK

Lynette Neel

MINISTRY TEAMS

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Buildings and Grounds
Capital Campaign
Communications
Finance
Personnel

Grow

Christian Formation
Welcoming
Worship
Youth

Serve

Congregational Care
Fellowship
Mission and Outreach
Stewardship
Weekday School

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Carol Sugg
Casey Field

Lynda Opdyke and Debbie Fisher
Steve Ball
Warren Henry
Dale Sarjeant
Judith Parker

CHURCH STAFF

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The Reverend Grace Lindvall, Associate Minister
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Michael Rowland, Organist
Dr. Reta Phiher, Children's Choir Director
Becky Purnell, Office Manager
Cheryl Jernigan, Financial Administrator
Bill Jones, Facilities Manager
Stephanie Palmer, Weekday School Director
Jill Billings, Weekday School Assistant Director
Mark Grube, Part-time Event Assistant
Bill Prestwood, Seminary Intern
Jane Bostian Arant, Minister of Music Emeritus

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.