



# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Growing Together. Welcoming All.*

## POSTSCRIPTS

May/June 2022

**Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.**  
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to Visitors:**  
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### Stewardship Corner

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### Gilchrist Sunday 2022



It was a special day in the life of our church as we welcomed the Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis back to Trinity for our 2022 Gilchrist Sunday. Baron shared an invigorating lecture during the Sunday School hour on how American Protestantism moved from eschewing egotism to embracing it, including its implications for the church. In worship, Baron preached on, "*The Cultivation of Figs*," and following worship we all gathered outside for a special reception. We are grateful for this time with Baron and the "ties that bind" us all together!

Gilchrist Sunday is an annual Lenten speaker series that connects Trinity and the wider community with leading theologians and ministers to dig deeper into what it means to be a faithful witness in today's world. Founded in 1982 and named for charter members Pat and Katie Gilchrist, this ministry is endowed by funds given in their honor by Press and Nancy Millen and the Gilchrist family. We are looking forward to our 2023 Gilchrist Sunday and our speaker, Rev. Aisha Brooks-Johnson.

### The Session

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator  
Warren Henry, Clerk  
Louise Sanford, Asst. Clerk  
Peiffer Brandt, Pres. of the Corp.  
Cookie Parnell, Treasurer

### Class of 2022

Andrea Anderson Betty Anderson  
Peter Devlin Patrice Pickett  
Mike Wellman Molly Click, Youth

### Class of 2023

Peiffer Brandt Amy Bynum  
Bev Bradley Christie Jameson  
Caryl Stribling

### Class of 2024

Ned Parnell Louise Sanford  
Susanne Sawyer Carol Sugg  
Walter Reid

### Ministry Team Chairs Equip

Personnel: Peiffer Brandt  
Finance: Walter Reid  
Buildings & Grounds: Carol Sugg  
Stewardship: Mike Wellman

### Grow

Christian Formation: Patrice Pickett,  
Susanne Sawyer  
Youth: Sherese Smith, Ned Parnell  
Worship:

Caryl Stribling, Andrea Anderson  
Weekday School: Amy Bynum

### Serve

Mission & Outreach:  
Bev Bradley, Peter Devlin  
Congregational Life:  
Betty Anderson, Louise Sanford  
Welcoming: Christie Jameson, Molly Click

### Church Staff

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Senior Minister  
Rev. Rebecca Heilman, Associate Minister  
Rev. Jodi Martin, Christian Formation  
and Youth Director  
Dr. Chris Gilliam, Director of Music  
Michael Rowland, Organist  
Cheryl Jernigan, Church Administrator  
Caroline Dalton, Comm. Coordinator  
Angela Drugan, Admin. Coordinator  
Rick Neil, Facilities Technician  
Jodi King, Sunday Assistant  
Amy Vaughn, WDS Director  
Jane B. Arant, Music Minister Emerita

## On the Journey



For several of my meetings recently, I've closed with a prayer adapted from the book, *A Collection of Prayers and Liturgies for Parents* by Kayla Craig. She reminds us of the blessings in the mundane, the simplicities and routines of our days. She takes the shame out of laundry left unfolded and the toothpaste on the bathroom mirror. Take this blessing with you today:

*We thank You for the unmade beds and pray for those without a soft and safe place to land.*

*We thank You for toothpaste on the bathroom mirror and pray for those who ache for someone to share their life with.*

*We thank You for the fruit flies in the kitchen and pray for those whose hands pick the produce we take for granted.*

*We thank You for the cool air pumping through the house and pray for those working tirelessly, wiping sweat from their brow.*

*We thank You for the piles of dirty clothes growing in the laundry room and we pray for those who collect coins for the laundromat.*

*We thank You for the fits of summer boredom and pray for those whose tired minds and bodies ache for the chance to rest.*

*We thank You for laughter, fits of knee slaps, belly chuckles, and noisy LOLs.*

*We pray that laughter might be contagious, a good reminder of what you've given all of us.*

*It is in your name we pray, Amen.*

*Rebecca Heilman*

## The Way Forward Task Force

Trinity's Way Forward Task Force began working in February on "a new vision for a new Trinity." They are working with Olanda Carr from the Presbyterian Foundation. The Task Force was commissioned in worship on Sunday, March 6. Members of the Way Forward Task Force are Eric Banks, Brian Field, Christie Jameson, Louise Sanford, Sherese Smith, Youssef Siage, and Gary Sugg, Jr.





## Youth Outreach - Spring 2022

During the first few months of this year, the youth of Trinity have been diligently engaged in several exciting outreach endeavors. In January, we prepared flashcards for Classroom Central to help children learn numbers, letters, and colors. In February, we prepared a homecooked meal for our neighbors at Room in the Inn. And most recently, we organized and hosted a churchwide BBQ lunch to benefit the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund for the Ukraine, raising more than \$1,400! Many thanks to the congregation for your support of our outreach efforts!



## Justice Drive of Charlotte

On April 3, six Trinity members drove the Justice Drive of Charlotte to learn more about the racial history and injustices in our city. Starting at Second Ward Gym, we made our way downtown to learn about the "city within a city" called Brooklyn neighborhood. The Brooklyn neighborhood was destroyed, like Second Ward High, by the Urban Renewal Project in the 1960s. We walked around First United Presbyterian acknowledging its history of being built by ex-slaves. Then we drove to West End to visit Pinewood Cemetery, learning about the strategic construction of I-77 to intentionally separate the black and white community. Finally, we ended our drive at Pearl Street Park to read more about the Brooklyn neighborhood. At each site, we talked about the history, the injustices, and finally ended in a prayer. In Susanne Sawyer's own words, "My Justice Drive was more than I could have imagined and all I had hoped for - to move, perhaps, to a better understanding of how justice was deliberately sidetracked and opportunities for true justice deliberately ignored by the powers that be in our community." More information about the Justice Drive of Charlotte can be found [HERE](#). We hope you will use this resource to learn more about Charlotte and the injustices in our community.



## Trinity's Weekday School News



Transitional Kindergarten is back at Trinity Weekday School! We are delighted to welcome Melanie O'Dell to our team of amazing educators. A note from Melanie:

*I am so excited to be teaching TK at Trinity Presbyterian Weekday School in the fall! I am a graduate of the University of Central Florida with a degree in Elementary Education. I have been teaching for over twelve years. Throughout college, I taught three and four year olds at a fantastic preschool in Orlando. Afterwards, I taught Kindergarten in Raleigh and Charlotte (Selwyn Elementary). I took a leave of teaching for a few years to pursue being a stay-at-home mama. I have two beautiful girls whom I have had the opportunity to teach every day. This year, I have been subbing at Trinity in*

*hopes to revisit the classroom once again. While doing this, I realized how much I missed being a part of a team that shares the same passion as I do each day. I missed watching the kids grow and thrive. As a teacher, I believe in learning through exploration, creativity, and hands-on play. I love incorporating art, music, and science within my lessons. I also believe that all children are unique and have different learning needs. Your kids are amazing, and I am truly looking forward to a great year here at Trinity.*

## Session Highlights

### February

- Session moved that the Covid Policy for the church and preschool change from "mask mandate" to "mask recommended" beginning Monday, February 28 for all church-related activities and for the Weekday School. There was debate and questions related to application across the campus. Motion passed.
- Finance Ministry Team moved to approve the 2022 Weekday School Budget with an approximately \$27,000 budget deficit, which is considered very conservative. Preschool is seeing positive momentum in census and the Director is hoping to be nearer a balanced budget by the end of the year 2022. Motion passed.
- A motion is recommended from the Worship Ministry Team for Session to approve the baptismal request for Sebastian Charles Bumgardner and Margaret Anna Bumgardner, for April 24, 2022. The parents are Jennifer and Harrison Bumgardner. Motion passed.

ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE REPORT – Anne McGovern. Verbal report focused on the values and culture (what matters) and meaningful conversation through a common language. A formal list of recommendations is expected to come to the Session this Fall.

## The Session



### March

- The Congregational Life Ministry Team (as recommended by the Montreat Team) moved that Rev. British Hyrams and Mr. Kevin Hyrams be approved as the 2022 Montreat Retreat Guest Preachers. The motion has the concurrence of the Worship Ministry Team. Motion passed.
- The Worship Ministry Team moved that we approve Caroline East as Guest Preacher for June 12 and June 19. Motion passed.

## Our Church Family

### Church Triumphant:

**March 27** Carolyn "Sissy" Kimball Milford

### Congregational Sympathy:

**March 21** Doris Blue, mother of Patrice Pickett

### Baptisms:

**April 24** Sebastian Charles Bumgardner and Margaret Anna Bumgardner, children of Jennifer and Harrison Bumgardner

### Births:

**March 21** Jackson Ridge Sugg, son of Sarah and Gary Sugg, Jr.

## Save the Dates

**May 22** Spring Picnic  
**May 25** Last Day for WDS Students  
**May 31** WDS Summer Camp Begins  
**June 13-16** Vacation Bible School  
**October 14-16** Montreat Retreat

## Financials as of April 30

	April Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	42,616.30	185,872.25	619,147.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	603.18	953.76	39,000.00
Boltz Funds Used:	652.17	2,608.68	7,826.00
Endow. Funds Used:	11,760.00	47,040.00	141,120.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint. Funds Used:	307.92	1,231.68	3,695.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Expenses:	64,700.06	273,049.08	862,514.00
<b>Surplus/Deficit:</b>	<b>(8,760.49)</b>	<b>(35,342.71)</b>	<b>(45,226.00)</b>