



# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Growing Together. Welcoming All.*

# POSTSCRIPTS

November/December 2022

**Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.**  
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**Church Office is Open  
to Visitors:**  
Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
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## Stewardship Corner

Thank you for continuing to stay current on your pledged giving this year, as well as your commitment to the work of the church and TPC's ability to "Make a Joyful Noise" in the year ahead.

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## Mission & Advocacy Panel Discussion



Liz Clasen-Kelly (Roof Above), Kirk Louis (Union Presbyterian Seminary), Nick Paquette (Nations Ford Elementary) and Trinity member Meredith Thompson (Charlotte Pride) helped transform one Sunday's sermon into a conversation about mission and advocacy. They participated in the service as liturgists and engaged in a discussion framed by questions such as, "What's making God's heart break in the Charlotte community? What is advocacy? How do advocacy and hands-on service complement each other and work together?" and "Why does our faith compel us to be present and active doing hands-on and advocacy work in our community?"

The panel shared stories of how their experiences working with a diversity of marginalized communities inform their responses to these questions, as well as how their faith drives their work. Trinity is thankful for the ways in which God calls each one of us to serve, using our talents and gifts to change individual lives (including our own!) -- and even corrupt and broken systems of oppression.

"And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" – Matthew 25:40

**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-Campbell,  
Associate Minister  
Rev. Jodi Martin, Christian Formation  
and Youth Director  
Dr. Justin Smith, Interim 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  
Sara Martin, Seminary Intern

## On the Journey



Presbyterian pastor Eugenia Gamble once shared the story of a busy time in her life. She took on more commitments than she probably should have and felt exhausted and burned out. It was at the last of these commitments, a church conference on the other side of the country, where she found herself in a leader's meeting resenting the conference before it even started. As they began their meeting, the conference organizer opened in prayer. It was short and sweet, and it was exactly what she needed to hear: "Lord, please help us know that what we have to give is enough."

It is not always easy living the lives we have made for ourselves. We have many commitments tugging at us, many hats to wear, many things that define us. We are parents, students, workers. We are supervisors, employees, committee chairs. We're the guy who mows our neighbor's lawn because he's too old to do it anymore. We're the girl scout troop leader because no one else stepped up. It's no wonder when we feel overwhelmed and exhausted. Whatever this day, this week, this month, and year brings you, beloved, I hope you can hear the prayer Eugenia once heard and know that you are enough. In fact, you are more than enough. You are exactly who God needs you to be. Rest in this knowledge today and always!

Steve

## College of Elders Dinner

Our annual College of Elders dinner and speaker program was restarted this year on Sunday, September 18, at 6:00 p.m., in the Carson Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker was Jan Edminston, Executive Presbyter of Presbytery of Charlotte. She spoke on *Common Thread of Churches that are Thriving in a Post-Pandemic World*.



She started by saying all mainline Christian churches are currently struggling with the same issues including membership connections. Sunday morning Worship is no longer the emphasis and connection point for congregations. Churches that are thriving have expanded their connection points to other church activities and the congregation is joined by others through a less defined community connection. People are more apt to connect to a church that has expanded into the community and that is focused on mission, outreach, and "hands-on" activity. She closed by saying thriving churches are building partnerships in the community not only through traditional means (other congregations, non-profits) but are also looking into non-traditional partnerships as well (an example is a foundation of a large business).

## Montreat Retreat 2022



Trinity members made a comfortable return to the annual retreat in Montreat after two canceled years due to the pandemic. The mountains provided a stunningly colorful backdrop to the conversations set in motion by the speakers British and Kevin Hyrams. Members deeply considered the implications of race and the continual difficulty of racial prejudice against Black individuals

with their presentation titled “Gems Along the Journey.” As a community of faith, Trinity is committed to progressing toward racial justice. The theme and the discussion were reflected in a painting by artist Lisle-Gwynn Garrity that she created during the weekend. Customary activities such as Friday night vespers was followed by a rousing sing-along which finished the day. On Saturday, while not in sessions, attendees enjoyed picture-perfect weather to hike, golf, shop, or just enjoy the view from the patio of the historic Assembly Inn. On Saturday evening, the traditional square dance called by Beth Gunn was enjoyed by young, old, and all ages in between. Through his telescope set up on the patio, Gary Sugg helped delighted stargazers see planets Jupiter and Saturn. The worship service on Sunday morning completed the weekend and time with the Hyrams and their thought-provoking and challenging “gems.”

## Weekday School Chapel: Join Us!

Trinity Weekday School welcomes families of many faith traditions and cultural differences. We want to respect these differences, but also acknowledge that we are a ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church. The overall theme of our chapel program is very simple: God loves you!

The routine of chapel is simple and repeated monthly. We are reinforcing to our children that at Trinity Weekday School we are a community of children, parents, and teachers. Everyone is welcome. Each of us is important. We are loved. We have thankful hearts. We belong. We help one another. Adults listen to children and children have important things to share!



Join us for Children's Chapel! Everyone is welcome! Coffee is served at 9:15 a.m. in the Narthex and the Chapel service begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. #TogetherAtTrinity

Session Highlights

August

- Motion from Stewardship Ministry Team to make minor changes to Gift Acceptance Policy was approved.
- Motion from the Finance Ministry Team (on behalf of the Building and Grounds Ministry Team) to use up to \$25,000 from the Boltz Fund was approved.



While at Montreat, artist Lisle-Gwynn Garity created this painting for Trinity. It reflects the theme and discussion of the weekend, and the commitment of Trinity members to progress towards racial justice.

Our Church Family

Congregational Sympathy:

October 14 Alpheus Stuart Jernigan, husband of Cheryl Jernigan

Births:

October 5 Virginia Lea Bruckmann, daughter of Blair and Ronnie Bruckmann

Baptisms:

November 20 Ryder Isiah and Caroline Marie Nielsen

Congratulations:

October 22 Marriage of Daniel Stribling and Courtney Cosby

Save the Dates

- November 23-25 WDS closed for Thanksgiving
- November 24-25 Church Office Closed
- November 27 First Sunday of Advent
- December 1-2 Greenery Order Pick-up
- December 4 First Sunday Lunch
- December 11 Lessons & Carols
- December 18 Christmas Festival
- December 19-January 2 WDS closed for Christmas
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service for Young Families at 1:00 p.m.
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 p.m.
- December 25 Christmas Day Hymn Sing
- December 26 and 27 Church Office Closed for Christmas
- January 2 Church Office Closed for New Year's Day
- January 3 WDS 2023/2024 Registration Open
- February 25 Gilchrist Speaker's Series

Financials as of October 31

	October Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	61,723.26	435,121.05	619,147.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	0.00	1,327.71	39,000.00
Boltz Funds Used:	652.17	6,521.70	7,826.00
Endow. Funds Used:	0.00	141,120.00	141,120.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint. Funds Used:	307.92	3,079.20	3,695.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Expenses:	60,555.56	646,492.51	862,514.00
<b>Surplus/Deficit:</b>	<b>2,127.79</b>	<b>(59,322.85)</b>	<b>(45,226.00)</b>