

Blessing of the Animals
October 5, 2025

A Blessing of the Animals witnesses to God’s love, care, and concern for Creation. As we recognize our mutual interdependence with God’s creatures, the Church’s witness of stewardship of creation is strengthened. The Blessing is generally celebrated during October or on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. (Adapted from the UM BOW #708)

Greetings, Announcements & Prayer

Prelude Rhett Hook
(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

*Call To Worship
God of Creation, we gather together with all your creatures,
We gather to praise your name,
We gather to ask your blessing,
We gather to celebrate your creation,
We gather to ask for your peace,
We gather together to praise the Lord!

*Opening Hymn 145
“Morning Has Broken”

*Opening Prayer
Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless our earth, our animals and our people. By the power of your love, enable us to live according to your plan. May we praise you always for your beauty and abundance in Creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.

Blessing of the Animals
Bless, O Lord, this creature, and fill our hearts with thanksgiving for its being.

Passing of the Peace: *Greet one another with love and peace!*

*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi for All Created Things Insert

Scripture Lessons Genesis 1:24-26, 31a
Genesis 6:17-22
Pages 1-2 (O.T.)
Pages 5-6 (O.T.)

Anthem Choir
“Bless the Beasts and the Children”

A Message from Our Friends at Palmetto Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation

Scripture Lesson Page 610 (O.T.)
Isaiah 11:6-9

A Few Words from the Pastor Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

*Hymn 144
“This Is My Father’s World”

Prayer of Confession 890
The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
Offertory Christopher A. McCroskey
*Doxology 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

A Celebration of Holy Communion

Concluding Prayer Insert

*Closing Hymn Rhett Hook
“He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands”

*Dismissal With Benediction
*Benediction Response Choir
“May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You”

*Please Stand As You Are Able

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: *Rev. Darlene L. Kelley* AV Director: *Marie Stiles*
Music Director: *Christopher A. McCroskey* AV Assistant: *Chris Derrick*
Liturgist: *Tom Geddens* Time Together: *Pam Turner; Jack Stevens*

VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor’s tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

Today’s Lovely Flowers** are given to the **Glory of God** and in loving memory of **Patsy Shuler**, by her daughter, **Kim Shuler Ferguson, and family.

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS...

Marilyn Lloyd Ruth Frady Rhett Hook Kaye Floyd Libby Strickland Christopher McCroskey
John Ballentine Diane Muszynski Ray Frady Latson Lewis English Percy Jeanette Hornsby
Hannah Glanz

Shut-Ins: Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch; Jean Raynor

Family and Friends: **Tommy Stokes** (nephew of Joyce Robinson); **Kati Flowers** (mother of friend of Blake Kamoroff); **Wayne Young** (brother of Faye Grahl); **Berry Cochran** (son-in-law of Charlyn McNeill); **Jim Lewis** (father of Mark Lewis); **Christina Lindemuth** (daughter of Karen Carter); **James Leonard** (previous coworker of Mark Lewis); **Kathleen Varnadore** (Ted & Ruth Frady’s neighbor); **Paul Frenzel** (friend of Chris Derrick); **Sissy Henry** (former member of Trinity); **Keith James, Jay Clark** (friends of Darlene Kelley); **Sean & Tucker Smith** (cousins of Darlene Kelley); **Sonny Hardee** (brother of Lynn Martin); **Colby Martin** (son of Donna Muszynski); **Lynne Powell** (friend of the Ballentines and Branhams); **Bryan Collard** (brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis); ; **Michael McNeill** (brother of Mary Sue Lewis); **Missy Abrams** (stepdaughter of Lissa Abrams); **Mary Davis** (daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland); **Chuck Hardee** (cousin of Lynn Martin); **Bruce Beatty, Sandra Hornsby, Gloria Erd** (friends of Lynn Martin); **Nancy Wilson** (friend of Jeanette Hornsby); **David Turner** (brother of Pam Turner); **Chip Mixon** (friend of Tommy Gleaton); **James Boggs** (father of Claire Boggs); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **Monnie Tiller** (friend of Chris Derrick); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); **Haidee Baehr** (friends of Ruth Frady); **Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson** (cousins of Gale Frady); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (friends of Gale Frady); **Janet Beck** (friend of Jo Ann Heiting); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com.

OUR PRESENCE ...

In-Person Attendance 09/28 SS: 16 Worship: 46

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 09/28 \$ 1,531.00

OUR SERVICE ...

OUR WITNESS.”

Upcoming Events

- 10/06 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.
- 10/08 Choir, 6 p.m.
T.a.G., 7 p.m.
- 10/09 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.
- 10/10 Office Closed



Ministers	The Congregation
Pastor	Darlene L. Kelley
Resident Bishop	Leonard Fairley
District Superintendent	Rev. Fran M. Elrod

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform

The wolf will live with the
lamb, the leopard will
lie down with the goat,... and
a little child will lead them.



Isaiah 11:6

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We will continue our ministry to **The Pines** on **Sunday, October 5, at 2 p.m.** with a short Worship and Communion Service.



Grieving with God
Tuesday, October 14
11 a.m.

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us on **Tuesday, October 14, at 11 a.m.** in the Conference Room. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, will facilitate the discussion.



Saturday, October 25
9:30 a.m.

The Ladies Group will resume Saturday morning breakfasts on the fourth Saturday of October and November. We will again meet at the Lizard's Thicket on Highway #1 in Lexington, at 9:30 a.m. on October 25 and November 29. For additional information or to sign up for the group texts, please see Marie Stiles.



Killingsworth -- a home for women recovering from various life distresses

It is a safe place which supports personal development: recovery habits, mental and physical health habits, employment and identity. The dedicated staff and volunteers foster an environment of encouragement and hope, helping women rediscover their strengths and potential.

Recovery at Killingsworth means each resident has requirements related to 12-step meeting attendance, working with a sponsor, and working the 12 steps of recovery. These requirements, practiced faithfully, will become habits. Through consistent participation and support, residents gain valuable tools for lifelong recovery and personal growth.

There is a fund-raising Gala scheduled for November 13, 2025, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Seawells Restaurant in Columbia. Highlights are: Gourmet Meal – Silent Auction– Live Music – Special Guest Speaker. The cost per person is \$65.00. There is a sign-up sheet on the round table in the Gathering Area or you may contact Marie Stiles by texting or calling her at 803.463.9706 or by sending her an email at mariebstyles@gmail.com to indicate your interest in attending.