Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

Gathering Welcome

Announcements and Prayer

Prelude Christopher A. McCroskey

(Prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

*Call to Worship

Gather one and all,

Young and old, shy and bold, saint and sinner.

Don't be afraid, step right in; our hearts and doors are open.

To pray and to share, to hear and to care, redeemed and forgiven.

Gather and be the church,

All of us, touched by grace, saved by faith, gathered to praise God!

*Opening Hymn "Gather Us In" TFWS 2236

Stewardship Moment Presence

*Opening Prayer

Majestic God,

Shine upon us with your glorious love; shine through us with your brilliant grace. As we worship together, reveal your truth to us that we might see and live the paths of discipleship you set before us. Strengthen us to walk in your brightness and live in your ways. Give us the courage and hope to live as your people—a community of faith together, a people of light and love. Amen.

*For Courage to Do Justice 456

*Affirmation of Faith "The World Methodist Social Affirmation" 886

*Gloria Patri 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Passing of the Peace: Let us greet one another with love and peace.

"Let the Children Come!" Patsy Boggs

(Those 3 years of age through 8 years of age may go to Children's Church.)

Anthem "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Choir

Scripture Lessons Jeremiah 31:27-34 Page 695 (O.T.)

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 Page 203 (N.T.)

*Gospel Lesson Luke 18:1-8 Page 79 (N.T.)

Homily The Persistent Widow Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

*Hymn of Invitation "Open My Eyes, That I May See" 454

Pastoral Prayer

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. 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

*Closing Hymn "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord" 352

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You" Choir & Congregation

*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: Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor

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.

TODAY'S LOVELY FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God.

"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 Pearcy Jeanette Hornsby Hannah Glanz

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

Family and Friends: Matt Imel (husband of Holley Gleaton Imel); Cayla Watters (friend of Karen Carter); 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 ...

Attendance 10/12 SS: 13 Worship: 47

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 10/12 \$ 2,599.00

OUR SERVICE...

OUR WITNESS."

CHARGE CONFERENCE NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 4 P.M. AT TRINITY

Upcoming Events

TODAY Administrative Team Meeting following Worship
10/20 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
10/22 Choir, 6 p.m.
T.a.G., 7 p.m.
10/23 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
GLIA Articles Due
10/24 Office Closed
10/25 Trinity Ladies Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. @ Lizard's Thicket #1



Ministers Pastor Resident Bishop District Superintendent The Congregation Darlene L. Kelley Leonard Fairley 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



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Columbia, Community Concert Band Sunday, October 19 4 p.m.

The Columbia Community Concert Band will have their Fall Concert on Sunday, October 19, at 4 p.m. at Airport High School Auditorium. A flyer will be on the round table in the Gathering Area. Lynn Martin will not be performing with the band for the Fall Concert, but will be performing with them for the Christmas Concert.



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.



Sunday, October 26

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on **Sunday, October 26.** Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and fellowship!



Friday, October 31 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Join us on Halloween from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on our Gunter Circle parking lot to celebrate our children, our church and our community with Trunk or Treat. We've got candy bags with stickers that say "Trinity UMC" on the side, ready to fix and fill. We'll need some willing bag stuffers at Taste of Trinity on Sunday, October 26th.

We'll decorate the side of our church bus and have a table out front to attract some attention. You can decorate your car, bring your lawn chair and your treats and join in the fun! You may want to bring a flashlight or lantern too.

Invite your friends and neighbors, and all your favorite ghouls and join us on Halloween! It will be boooootiful!



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

Killingsworth's annual fund-raising Gala is 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 mariebstiles@gmail.com to indicate your interest in attending.



EXCITING News

We are leading up to our Consecration Sunday on Nov 16th. Our District Superintendent, Rev Fran Elrod, will give the sermon. It will be a covered dish meal following the service, so think about what you might want to bring. Meat will be provided. Please plan to be present.