

Ascension Sunday

May 17, 2026

Gathering
Welcome
Announcements and Prayer

Prelude Christopher A. McCroskey
(Prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

*Call to Worship
Sing praises to God!
Who took on human form and came to dwell among us,
Shout praises to God!
Who faced death on the Cross, that we might have life eternal and abundant,
Whisper praises to God!
Who gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we might grow in love and grace.

*Opening Hymn *"To God Be the Glory"* 98

*Opening Prayer
God of Grace and Surprise,
Keep us watching for signs of the Risen Christ, and grant that our time of worship may inspire us to leave this place filled with the hope and peace of new life. Forgive us for having our heads in the clouds when Jesus is by our side. Help us to forgive, so that we might walk in love. Even as we persist in our foolish ways, keep us as your own. And help us, O God, to delight in your law that we may partake of your mercy as freely as you give, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Psalter Psalm 47 *with Response* 781

*Affirmation of Faith for Ascension Sunday Insert

*Gloria Patri 71
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. Amen.

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

"Let the Children Come!"
(Those 3 years of age through 8 years of age may go to Children's Church.)

Anthem Choir

Scripture Lessons Acts 1:1-11 Page 113 (N.T.)
Ephesians 1:15-23 Page 182 (N.T.)

*Gospel Lesson Luke 24:44-53 Page 88 (N.T.)

Sermon Sermon for Ascension Sunday Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

*Hymn of Invitation *"Spirit Song"* 347

Prayer for Ascension Sunday Insert
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 *"I'll Fly Away"* TFWS 2282

*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; Erin Derrick
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** in honor and celebration of their **50th Wedding Anniversary on May 15th**, by **Jim and Marie Stiles**.

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

Marie Stiles	Marilyn Lloyd	Ruth Frady	Rhett Hook	Raleigh Carter	Christopher McCroskey
John Ballentine	Diane Muszynski	Ray Frady	Latson Lewis	English Percy	Jeanette Hornsby
Hannah Glanz	Hilda Edwards	Fran Laska	Kaye Floyd	Libby Strickland	Jan Stamps

Shut-Ins: Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch

Family and Friends: **Wayne Gunter** (*uncle of Tony Scott*); **Marty Johnson** (*former member*); **Otis A. McCroskey** (*father of Christopher McCroskey*); **Connie Crouch** (*friend of Mary Sue Lewis*); **Kristie Carter** (*niece of Faye Grahl*); **George Hough** (*brother of Mary Louise Robinson*); **Cody Linholm** (*husband of Taylor Linholm*); **Donna Eidson** (*former Trinity pastor*); **Ghent Brewer** (*brother-in-law of Jeanette Hornsby*); **Kim & Sandra Meetze** (*friends of Martha Cooke*); **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*); **Christina Lindemuth** (*daughter of Karen Carter*); **Kathleen Varnadore** (*Ted & Ruth Frady's neighbor*); **Paul Frenzel** (*friend of Chris Derrick*); **Sissy Henry** (*former member of Trinity*); **Colby Martin** (*son of Donna Muszynski*); **Lynne Powell** (*friend of the Ballentines and Branhams*); **Bryan Collard** (*brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis*); **Mary Davis** (*daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland*); **Connie Mason** (*friend of Lynn Martin*); **Nancy Wilson** (*friend of Jeanette Hornsby*); **David & Kristen Turner** (*brother and sister-in-law 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 05/10 SS: 13 Worship: 43

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 05/10 \$ 7,697.38 Epworth \$ 959.00

OUR SERVICE...

OUR WITNESS.”

Upcoming Events

TODAY Administrative Team Meeting following Worship

Brunch and a Movie following Worship

05/18 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

05/20 The Pines at Trinity, 12 p.m.

T.a.G., 7 p.m.

05/21 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

GLIA Articles Due

05/22 Office Closed



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Resident Bishop
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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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TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Join us today after worship to see the documentary *Happy*. Brunch will be served. This is not a children's movie, but is appropriate for anyone twelve and older. Watching this movie might make your life just a little better.

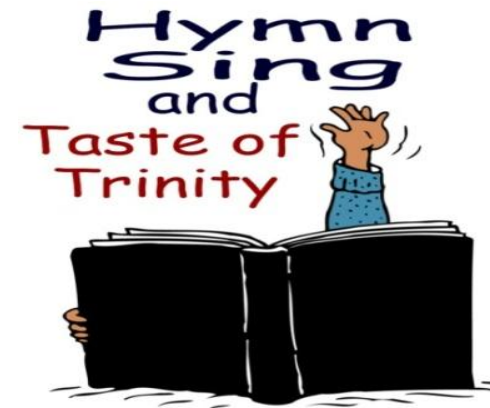


Administrative Team Meeting

The Administrative Team will meet **today** following the service. Members are Tom Geddens, Sue Ballentine, Chris Derrick, Ted Frady, Jo Ann Heiting, Bonnie Ramsey and Marie Stiles.



On **Wednesday, May 20**, we will provide a **light lunch for six to 10 residents and staff members** from The Pines. Three or four volunteers are needed to help set-up, serve and clean up. Please let Darlene know if you can help.



Sunday, May 31

On **Sunday, May 31**, we will have a combined **Hymn Sing and Taste of Trinity covered dish luncheon**. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for both the hymn sing and the luncheon. Plan now to join us and invite your friends as we sing our favorite hymns and enjoy our favorite foods.



Prayer for Ascension Sunday

O God of earth and sky,
as Jesus came among us in Bethlehem to raise us up to
heaven,
so today we recall his departing from us at Jerusalem to
be in all places.

Though he is hidden from our sight,
enable us to abide in him
by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit, until his mercy
and grace fill your whole creation. Amen.

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ASCENSION DAY

Affirmation of Faith for Ascension Sunday

I believe in God, the Father of glory who by great power resurrected Jesus from the dead; Giving us hope in the high calling of a heavenly inheritance; and who is revealed in the immeasurable greatness of Jesus Christ; allowing us to know God's own self through the Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe in Jesus Christ who suffered and died for our sins, who rose from the dead and rose up into heaven, who sits at the right hand of the Father, whose name is above every name, whose authority is above all authority, whose power and dominion are above all power and dominion, who reigns now and throughout every age.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who gives us wisdom and the ability to love one another, who enables us to believe and empowers us to be the church, the body of Christ, indwelling and filling us with power, and with the fullness of him who fills all in all. Amen.

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