

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

Gathering  
Welcome  
Announcements and Prayer

Birthday Celebration

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

\*Call to Worship  
Light our path, O God, of grace.  
**Fill us with courage that we might live our faith.**  
Help us to praise you with upright hearts.  
**Fill us with courage that we might seek you with our whole hearts.**  
Let your steadfast love come to us, O God of grace.  
**Give us the courage to love our neighbor as ourselves.**  
**Give us the courage to keep your commandments and sing your praises!**

\*Opening Hymn *"Come and Find the Quiet Center"* TFWS 2128

\*Opening Prayer  
**Eternal and gracious God,  
Source of all goodness, we gather in your house to worship you and to praise your holy name. Born into confusion, we are drawn to your light and the dawn of your glory. Open our hearts, inspire our minds, and infuse our souls with your presence. Let your Spirit fall on us today and on our whole community. Dry our tears of shame and sorrow, and bring us to new lives of love and service, for we pray in the name of the One who heals the world, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

\*Psalter Psalm 119 Response 3 840-843

\*Affirmation of Faith *"From Romans 8:35, 37-39"* 887

\*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.*

Scripture Lessons Genesis 25:19-34 Pages 21-22 (O.T.)  
Romans 8:1-11 Page 149 (N.T.)

\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Pages 18-19 (N.T.)

Sermon The Sower or The Soil Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

\*Hymn of Invitation *"Wonderful Words of Life"* 600

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 Choir 95  
\*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 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* (vs. 1-3) 384  
\*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  
Liturgist: Tom Geddens Time Together: Celia Perez

**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** and in loving memory of her friend, **Paul Lagatore**, by **Laurie Knapp**.

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

|                 |                 |                |              |                  |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Hilda Edwards   | Marilyn Lloyd   | Ruth Frady     | Rhett Hook   | Jo Ann Heiting   | Christopher McCroskey |
| John Ballentine | Diane Muszynski | Ray Frady      | Latson Lewis | English Percy    | Jeanette Hornsby      |
| Hannah Glanz    | Arvan Derrick   | Fran Laska     | Kaye Floyd   | Libby Strickland | Raleigh Carter        |
| Jack Stevens    | Pam Turner      | Mary Sue Lewis |              |                  |                       |

**Shut-Ins:** Nell Cooke; Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch

**Family and Friends:** **Vicary Whitaker** (sister of Edwa Meek); **Jack Reeves** (uncle of Mary Sue Lewis); **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](mailto:trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com).

**OUR PRESENCE ...**

Attendance 07/05 SS: 13 Worship: 42

**OUR GIFTS ...**

General Fund 07/05 \$ 3,360.40 (The correct total for 06/28 was \$9,770.00.)

**OUR SERVICE...**

**OUR WITNESS."**

**Upcoming Events**

**TODAY** Birthday Celebration

**07/14** Grieving with God, 11 a.m.

**07/15** The Pines @ Trinity, 12 p.m.

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

**07/17** Office Closed



**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***



*The Parable of the Sower*



**Grieving with God  
Tuesday, July 14**

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



We will continue our Love Your Neighbor Ministry on **July 15** as we once again host some of the residents at Trinity.



**COLUMBIA SUMMER BAND IN CONCERT  
THURSDAY, JULY 23, AT 7 PM**

For the past 25 years, the Columbia Summer Band has been entertaining our senior citizens in the Midlands area with musical memories from the 1940s to the present day. In celebration of our 250<sup>th</sup> Independence Celebration, we're performing patriotic music significant in our history. We'd like to invite you to our **2<sup>nd</sup> Friends and Family Concert** on Thursday, July 23, at 7 pm at Kilbourne Park Baptist Church, 4205 Kilbourne Road in Columbia. There will be food and fellowship following the concert, so we hope you'll be able to join us for this special concert. If there's enough interest, we may be able to use the church bus. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Gathering Area. Hope to see you there!



The Exercise Class will not meet for the rest of the summer. The class will start again on **Thursday, September 10**.

The **T.a.G. Group** will **continue to meet** throughout the summer.

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