

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

Gathering
Welcome
Announcements and Prayer

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

*Call to Worship
Give thanks to God for summer.
Give thanks to God for rest.
Shout thanks to God for family.
Shout thanks to God for forgiveness.
Sing praises to God for Creation.
Sing praises to God for grace.

*Opening Hymn *“Let All Things Now Living”* TFWS 2008

*Opening Prayer
God of grace,
We enter your house this morning with sighs too deep for words. We come with overwhelmed hearts and overflowing worries. Open our ears to hear your Word that we might gain wisdom, strength and courage to live lives pleasing to you. Open our hearts to compassion and our bodies to your healing, for we pray in the name of the One who heals the world, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Psalter Psalm 105 *with Response* 828

*A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church 884

*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 29:15-28 Pages 25-26 (O.T.)
Romans 8:26-39 Pages 149-150 (N.T.)

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 13:31-33,44-52 Pages 19-20 (N.T.)

Sermon Seeking Understanding Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

*Hymn of Invitation *“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”* 142

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 *‘Just as I Am’* Choir 95
*Doxology
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 *“Victory in Jesus”* 370
*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: Karen Carter

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 ...

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: **Danielle Bradley** (*daughter of Ramona Shiffert, a friend of Kelsey Jones*); **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 Grah*); **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 07/19 SS: 14 Worship: 37

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 07/19 \$ 8,576.00

OUR SERVICE...

OUR WITNESS.”

Upcoming Events

TODAY Taste of Trinity

Ministry Team Meeting

07/29 T.a.G., 7 p.m.

07/31 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



seek the LORD
and his strength;
seek his presence
continually.

Psalm 105:4, NRSV

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**Taste of Trinity
Today**

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held today following worship. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and fellowship!



Today

The Ministry Team will meet today following Taste of Trinity. Ministry Team Members are Patsy Boggs, Erin Derrick, Ruth Frady, Dan Greshel, Jeanette Hornsby, Mary Sue Lewis, Jim Stiles, Slone Taylor and Celia Perez.



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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