

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026

Gathering
Welcome
Announcements and Prayer

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

*Call to Worship
A kind word opens a closed mind.
A soul-deep prayer lifts the clouds.
A generous gift helps heal the world.
A quiet deed catches another’s attention.
A heart-felt forgiveness lifts the soul.
Each act of love, each measure of care, weaves another strand in God’s kingdom and causes the heart to sing.

*Opening Hymn “Sanctuary” TFWS 2164

*Opening Prayer
God of Love,
You know what we need before we ask. Help us to surrender our lives to you that we might be your people doing your will and your work in this broken world. Heal us where we are hurting and help us to strive for the courage we need to truly love one another as your disciples, for we pray in the name of the One who loved us enough to walk among us, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Canticle of Moses and Miriam with Response 135

*Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” 881

*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 Lesson Romans 12:1-8 Pages 152-153 (N.T.)

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 16:13-20 Page 22 (N.T.)

Scripture Lesson Exodus 1:8-2:10 Pages 48-49 (O.T.)

Sermon Holy Disobedience Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

*Hymn of Invitation “A Mother Lined a Basket” (vs. 1-3) TFWS 2189

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 “Come and Find the Quiet Center” Choir
*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 “Trust and Obey” (vs. 1-3) 467

*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 honor of her niece, **Megan Howard**, on her 50th birthday today, by her loving aunt, **Bonnie Ramsey**.

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

Hilda Edwards	Marilyn Lloyd	Ruth Frady	Rhett Hook	Mary Sue Lewis	Christopher McCroskey
John Ballentine	Jeff Portwood	Ray Frady	Latson Lewis	English Pearcy	Jeanette Hornsby
Hannah Glanz	Arvan Derrick	Fran Laska	Kaye Floyd	Libby Strickland	Raleigh Carter
Jack Stevens	Donna Easterling	Becude			

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

Family and Friends: *Landon Luesing (friend of Jo Ann Heiting); Lynda Areheart (friend of Jo Ann Heiting & Bonnie Ramsey); 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 Grahl); George Hough (brother of Mary Louise Robinson); 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); 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 08/16 SS: 13 Worship: 36

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 08/16 \$ 1,360.00

OUR SERVICE...

OUR WITNESS.”

Upcoming Events

TODAY Administrative Team Meeting following Worship

08/26 T.a.G., 7 p.m.

08/28 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

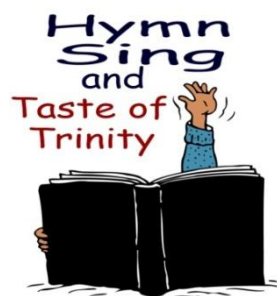


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The Administrative Team will meet in the Conference Room today following worship. Members of the Administrative Team are Tom Geddens, Sue Ballentine, Chris Derrick, Ted Frady, Jo Ann Heiting, Bonnie Ramsey and Marie Stiles.



Sunday, August 30

On **Sunday, August 30**, 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.



Grieving with God
Tuesday, September 8

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us on **Tuesday, September 8**, at **11 a.m.** in the Conference Room. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, will facilitate the discussion.

EPWORTH WORK DAY OFFERING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Because of faithful supporters like you, Epworth served 2,230 children, youth, and families through its statewide programs in 2025. On Sunday, September 13th, our congregation will participate in the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering to support the children, youth, and families served through Epworth's ministries across South Carolina. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to participate in this special offering. To learn more about Epworth, visit www.epworthsc.org.



September 7 – Labor Day

September 8 – Grieving with God

September 10 – Exercise Class Starts Back

September 13 – Trinity at MSN

September 24 – The Pines at Trinity

September 27 – Taste of Trinity