

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026

Gathering
Welcome
Announcements and Prayer

Prelude Richard Jones
(Prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

*Call to Worship
Summoned by love,
Beckoned by grace,
Invited to return,
Welcomed home,
For the first time or the thousandth time,
Welcome home.

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

*Opening Prayer
Ever-present God,
You are a source of hope to those despairing and a source of light to those in darkness. We turn to you in gratitude and need. We thank you for bringing us together to worship in this sacred space. Lift the grieving into your arms of constant care, heal the hurting and the ill, strengthen our faith and let your light and love so fill us gathered here that others will be warmed by your love and drawn to the faith, for we pray in the name of the One who makes all things new, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Prayer of Ignatius of Loyola 570

*A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada 883

*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. 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.)

Scripture Lessons Exodus 16:2-15 Page 62 (O.T.)
Philippians 1:21-30 Page 187 (N.T.)

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 20:1-16 Pages 25-26 (N.T.)

Sermon Got Grace? Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

*Hymn of Invitation *“Let All Things Now Living”* TFWS 2008

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 Richard Jones
*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 *“Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day”* 411

*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*
Pianist: *Richard Jones* AV Assistant: *Chris Derrick; Erin Derrick*
Liturgist: *Raleigh Carter* 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 ...

Hilda Edwards	Marilyn Lloyd	Ruth Frady	Rhett Hook	Mary Sue Lewis	Christopher McCroskey
John Ballentine	Jeff Portwood	Ray Frady	Latson Lewis	English Percy	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*); **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*); **Matt Imel** (*husband of Holley Gleaton Imel*); **Cayla Watters** (*friend of Karen Carter*); **Tommy Stokes** (*nephew of Joyce Robinson*); **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 09/13 SS: 13 Worship: 47

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 09/13 \$ 1,527.83 Epworth Work Day Offering \$ 950.00

OUR SERVICE...

OUR WITNESS.”

Upcoming Events

09/21 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

09/23 GLIA Articles Due
T.a.G., 7 p.m.

09/24 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
The Pines @ Trinity, 12 p.m.

09/25 Office Closed

09/26 Trinity Ladies Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.



Ministers
Pastor
Resident Bishop
District Superintendent

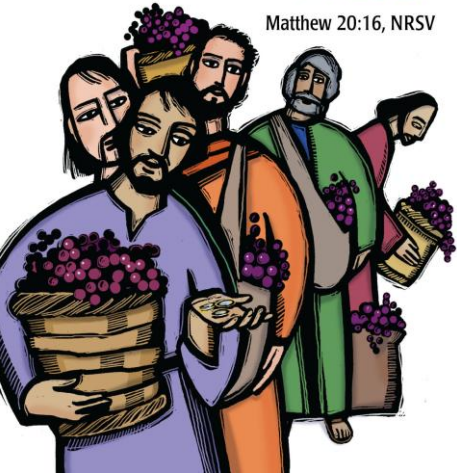
The Congregation
Darlene L. Kelley
Leonard Fairley
Rev. Fran M. Elrod

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform

So the **last** will be **FIRST**,
and the **first** will be **LAST**.

Matthew 20:16, NRSV



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We will continue our Love Your Neighbor Ministry on **Thursday, September 24**, as we once again host some of the residents of **The Pines** at Trinity for a **Summer Breeze Luncheon**.



The Ladies Group will resume its Saturday breakfasts on the fourth Saturday of each month beginning in September. We will meet at the Lizard's Thicket on Highway #1 in Lexington at 9:30 a.m. The dates are September 26, October 24 and November 28. We will skip December as the 4th Saturday falls on Christmas week-end. And we'll resume on January 23, followed by February 27, March 27, April 24, and May 22. Jackie will send reminders through her weekly update emails and Marie Stiles will send out an email each month to obtain your RSVP. If you are not on Marie's group email and wish to be added, contact her at 803.463.9706 or mariebstyles@gmail.com.



Taste of Trinity
Sunday, September 27

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on **September 27**. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and fellowship!

Please Note: The Ministry Team will meet following Taste of Trinity.



Sunday, October 4
11 a.m.

We once again invite you and your beloved pets to our Blessing of the Animals Worship Service on Sunday, October 4 at 11:00 a.m. Inspired by the birthday of St. Francis and adapted from our own United Methodist Book of Worship, this unique service is a wonderful way to celebrate the joy and companionship of our pets, and to thank God for all the wonderful gifts of Creation.

Whether your pet has fur, feathers or fins, all creatures are welcome! We'll gather outside (weather permitting) on the Gunter Circle side of the building for a time of prayer, reflection and blessing. A pet is not required for attendance; this is our Sunday worship service. Bring the whole family—some may require leashes or carriers. If your pet is unable to attend, please feel free to bring a photo, and we'll bless them in spirit. Blessing certificates with your pet's name will be available. Palmetto Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation (a non-profit rescue for orphaned and injured wildlife) will once again be joining us. A Love Offering will be taken up for them.

If you have a pop-up or canopy tarp that we might borrow for our outside service that day, please contact the church office at 803-794-7777 or email us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com. We'll also need three or four volunteers to set up chairs outside on the morning of the event.

Let's use this opportunity to invite friends, family and neighborhood animal lovers to this special worship event at our church! Say a prayer, spread the word and give God the glory!

If you have any questions, just ask Rev. Kelley at 845-416-7308. Thank you!