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*August 10, 2025*

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*



### **Worship With Us**

Traditional Sunday Services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Contemporary Worship Service on Sunday at 9:45 am

Our Mission Statement

**"Life in the Son"**

Loving, Inviting, Faithful Examples, Serving Our Neighbors

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*August 10, 2025*

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*Welcome to Trinity. We are so glad you are here to worship today.*

*Let us prepare our hearts for worship.*

*Where indicated (\*), please stand in praise of God if you are able.*

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

"Bread of Heaven"

by Marc Jordan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

"Sanctuary"

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true*

*With Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

\*OPENING HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

NO. 529

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

NO. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"What Wondrous Love is This"

by B.B. Mockery

*Carole Petro, flute*

\*DOXOLOGY

NO. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.*  
*Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!*  
*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

READING OF THE WORD Hebrew 11:1-3, 8-16

**11** Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see. <sup>2</sup>The elders in the past were approved because they showed faith.

<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe has been created by a word from God so that the visible came into existence from the invisible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out without knowing where he was going.

<sup>9</sup>By faith he lived in the land he had been promised as a stranger. He lived in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were coheirs of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>He was looking forward to a city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

<sup>11</sup>By faith even Sarah received the ability to have a child, though she herself was barren and past the age for having children, because she believed that the one who promised was faithful. <sup>12</sup>So descendants were born from one man (and he was as good as dead). They were as many as the number of the stars in the sky and as countless as the grains of sand on the sea-shore. <sup>13</sup>All these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and welcomed them. They confessed that they were strangers and immigrants on earth.

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<sup>14</sup> People who say this kind of thing make it clear that they are looking for a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking about the country that they had left, they would have had the opportunity to return to it. <sup>16</sup> But at this point in time, they are longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God isn't ashamed to be called their God—he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: This is the Word of God,  
For the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Desire a Better Country

Rev. Gene Aiken

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

NO. 12

\*CLOSING HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

NO. 452

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back,  
May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your field;  
And until we meet again, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.*

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*POSTLUDE

"Fantasia on 'Forest Green'"

Lani Smith

*Based on a traditional English melody*

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*The pastors and congregation will be in prayer this week for the following:*

Gina Larson Alex & Mary Lee Laura Leedah

Bobby Lewis Jim & Margie Lingerfield Catherine & Kenneth Locatelli

Please also keep our armed forces, police officers, first responders and teachers in your prayers.

*The flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God for his many blessings and in memory of parents,  
Wiley & Kathryn Oakley's 69th wedding anniversary.*

*Given by Beth Johnson*

**Communion during the 11 am service:** Trinity Kids are invited to participate in a service project and learn about Communion today. Children will leave the worship service during the first hymn at the 11:00 am service and meet Rev. Stephanie in the back of the church. From there, we will head to the AG Greene building for our activities. Children will return to participate in Communion and then sit with their families for the end of service. If you do not want your child to participate in Communion, please let Stephanie know. We hope to see you there!

**Our Gifts: Weekly Offering Week  
of August 3, 2025**

Needed each week:	\$ 16,899.08
Received:	\$ 13,616.00
Received online:	\$ 2,735.00
Total received	\$ 16,351.00

**Year to date**

Received:	\$ 472,771.21
Expenditures:	\$ 500,996.21

Hearing amplification devices are available for anyone needing assistance hearing throughout the service. Please see an usher for assistance.



**Attendance for Sunday,**

**August 3, 2025:**

8:30 am: **106**

9:45 am: **65**

11:00 am: **171**

In-Person Total = **342**

Online Total: **215**

Facebook Total: **522**

**The New Building Fund**

Amount donated this week:	\$ 2,170.00
Amount received online:	\$ 555.00
Total Received	\$ 2,725.00
YTD Received:	\$ 184,961.60
YTD Expenditures:	\$ 617,473.14

**Get Ready for the Blessing of the Backpacks!**

As we kick off a new school year, let's gather for a special blessing! **On August 17, at both the 9:45 am and 11:00 am services,** we invite all students and educators—bring your backpacks and briefcases! We'll pray for your journey ahead and offer support as we embark on this exciting adventure together. Come join us for this uplifting tradition!

**PEP Club - Back-to-School!**

**Thursday, August 21st at 11:30 am in Trinity Hall**

Let's get together and have some food, fun and fellowship. Remember when? This is a Retro back-to-school party with "show and tell." Do you have any high school memorabilia? Bring it to our "show and tell" to share with others. Also, what do you remember about the times? Challenge yourself to some trivia across the ages. Wear your old high school colors or letter jacket or other clothing from high school.

Food: If your last name begins with A-L, bring a side dish to share or if your last name is M- Z, please bring a dessert.

Sign up on Realm or on the today's sign up sheet. Let's make this a great homecoming! Hope to see everyone there! Any questions call or text Rhonda Thompson at 843-655-1922.

### **Back-to-School Shoes**

The Missions' Committee is sponsoring a Back-to-School Shoe Drive for Helping Hands of the North Strand. We are asking for monetary donations to help support this ministry. You can make a check payable to TUMC with Back-to-School Shoes in the memo of the check. Helping Hands will give children gift cards to be used at local shoe stores, so they can select their own school shoes. We have supported this ministry for several years. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

### **The Mission of Jesus Bible Study Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 September 11-October 23rd**

What was Jesus' mission, and how did he achieve it? This Bible study will give you insight into how he achieved it as Ray Vander Laan takes us back to the land of Israel where Jesus was with his disciples. Travel by video to the region of Galilee where Jesus revealed the power of God's kingdom. Explore the historical, geographical and cultural context of the sacred scriptures.

Join us on Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 am from **September 11 - October 23rd** as Marie Peacock facilitates the group to learn more about the scriptures and Jesus' message to the world. Sign up on Realm or on the bulletin insert.

### **Explore the Lives of Daring Women in Our Upcoming Bible Study!**

We invite you to participate in our upcoming 12-week Bible study called "The 12 Daring Women of the Bible," led by Rev. Stephanie Schellinger. This study will take place every Tuesday from September 2 to November 18 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am in the AG Greene building.

In this enlightening video series, you will delve into the stories of twelve remarkable women from scripture, including Deborah, Ruth, Esther, and others as shared by some of today's most inspiring Christian authors and speakers.

As we explore their lives, you will discover how to:

- Integrate Biblical lessons into your modern-day challenges.
- Navigate through both your triumphs and setbacks.
- Seek God's presence in a world full of difficulties.
- Cultivate a sense of contentment regardless of your situation.
- Triumph over feelings of insecurity and rejection.

Donations to help with the cost of the study materials are appreciated but not mandatory. To sign up for the study, you can fill out the bulletin insert during the month of August, sign up through Realm, or reach out to Rev. Stephanie by calling the church office.

We look forward to embarking on this meaningful journey together!

## Meetings This Week

<i>Today</i>	<i>Worship Service: 8:30 am (Sanctuary &amp; Live Streaming Online)</i>
<i>8/10</i>	<i>Contemporary Band Rehearsal: 9:00 am (AG Greene Choir Room)</i> <i>Adult Sunday School: 9:45 am (Second Floor, Rms. 2 &amp; 4)</i> <i>Contemporary Worship Service: 9:45 am (Sanctuary &amp; Streaming Online)</i> <i>Worship Service: 11:00 am (Sanctuary &amp; Streaming Online)</i> <i>Children's Sunday School: 11:00 am (AG Greene Choir Room)</i> <i>Wednesday Night Meal Committee Meeting: 12:15 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 2)</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Weight Watchers: 9:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room &amp; New Kids' Room)</i>
<i>8/11</i>	<i>Faith, Love &amp; Friendship Circle: 10:00 am (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 2)</i> <i>Monday Golf: 3:00 pm (Beachwood Golf Course)</i> <i>Trustees' Meeting: 5:30 pm (Library)</i> <i>J1 All Nations' Café: 6:00 pm (Trinity Hall)</i> <i>Finance Meeting: 7:00 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 2)</i> <i>Gamblers Anonymous: 7:00 pm (AG Greene Choir Room)</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Trinity Book Club: 10:00 am (AG Greene Choir Room)</i>
<i>8/12</i>	<i>Staff Meeting: 12:00 pm (Library)</i> <i>SAG Meeting: 7:00 pm (AG Greene Choir Room)</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Bridge: 9:00 am (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)</i>
<i>8/13</i>	<i>Crafters: 9:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room)</i> <i>Master's Meal: 12 noon (Trinity Hall)</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Contemporary Worship Rehearsal: 3:30 pm (Sanctuary)</i>
<i>8/14</i>	<i>Gamblers Anonymous: 7:00 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)</i>
<i>Friday</i>	
<i>8/15</i>	
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sundowner Village HOA Meeting: 9:00 am (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)</i>
<i>8/16</i>	

## **Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church!**

### **Volunteers this Week**

	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
Ushers:	Aubrey & Pam Apple Baxter Barger Kenneth McIver	Jolie Tandy CJ Bennett	Tonya Ard, Jackie Stanley, Cindy Burgio, Margaret Martin, Curt Roberts
Altar Guild:	Carol Holt and Susan Douglas		

### **Trinity Staff**

Ministers:	The Congregation
Associate Organist:	Melanie Welborn
AV Technician:	Kyle Frankman
Child Care:	Tasha Baker
Church Sexton:	Lee Ann McDonald
Contemporary Worship Leader:	Richard Schellinger
Financial Secretary:	Heather Ensor
Office Manager:	Jennifer Piccolo
Pastor Emeritus:	Rev. Edmond Daniel
Pastors:	Rev. Gene Aiken; Rev. Stephanie Schellinger

**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

### **Worship With Us**

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**Contemporary Worship Service on Sunday at 9:45 am**

The Nursery is available during all of the Sunday services.

Nursery (ages 0-3) AG Greene Nursery

Children/Youth Sunday School (4 yr. old - 5th Grade)

9:45 am after worship music in the AG Greene Building's *New* Trinity Kids' Room

11:00 am following the Children's Sermon in the AG Greene Building

### **Adult Sunday School Classes**

9:45-10:45 am

Young + Young at Heart 2nd Floor, Room 2

XYZ Young Adults Library - 2nd Floor, Room 4

Trinity Kids (Grades 1-5) meets Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6 pm in the AG Greene Building

Trinity Kids meet during the school year. We hope you are enjoying your summer!

Youth Group (Grades 6-12) meets Sundays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in the Youth Room

Youth Group has special activities during the summer. See the bulletin and Realm for updates!