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September 20, 2026

Seventeenth 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

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

During the prelude, let us prepare our hearts for worship.

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

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

"Ashokan Farewell"

Jay Ungar

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

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

NO. 453

*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

NO. 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.*

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00 am)

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

"For Me to Live Is Christ"

by Josh Sparkman

*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 Philippians 1:21-30

Common English Bible (CEB)

²¹ Because for me, living serves Christ and dying is even better. ²² If I continue to live in this world, I get results from my work. ²³ But I don't know what I prefer. I'm torn between the two because I want to leave this life and be with Christ, which is far better. ²⁴ However, it's more important for me to stay in this world for your sake. ²⁵ I'm sure of this: I will stay alive and remain with all of you to help your progress and the joy of your faith, ²⁶ and to increase your pride in Christ Jesus through my presence when I visit you again.

²⁷ Most important, live together in a manner worthy of Christ's gospel. Do this, whether I come and see you or I'm absent and hear about you. Do this so that you stand firm, united in one spirit and mind as you struggle together to remain faithful to the gospel. ²⁸ That way, you won't be afraid of anything your enemies do. Your faithfulness and courage are a sign of their coming destruction and your salvation, which is from God. ²⁹ God has generously granted you the privilege, not only of believing in Christ but also of suffering for Christ's sake. ³⁰ You are having the same struggle that you saw me face and now hear that I'm still facing.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Side By Side

Rev. Gene Aiken

Next Sunday's Scripture: Philippians 2:1-13

*CLOSING HYMN

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

NO. 557

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"May the Road Rise to Meet You"

Lee Turner

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

"With Grateful Hearts"

J.S. Bach

arr. by L. Smith

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God for His many blessings and in honor of all
my Trinity friends and family.*

Given by Janis Ortmeyer



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

Dorothy Purvis Sandy & Curt Roberts Carmen Shaw

Marty & Terry Slapnik Angela Shaver Debbie Snow

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

Next Week is Loose Change Sunday.

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



ASAP: Peanut butter and jelly donations can be left in the ASAP box located in the hallway by the Volunteer Office. Thank you!

Total for the week of September 13, 2026 Year to date

Received:	\$	575,834.67
Expenditures:	\$	543,394.06
Total Difference	\$	32,440.61

Capital Campaign BF Contributions

Sunday offering:	\$	1,030.84
Received online:	\$	250.00
Total received	\$	1,280.84

Building Fund

Weekly Building Fund Offering:	\$	1,280.84
Current Bldg. Fund Bank Balance:	\$	124,384.91
Current Bldg. Fund Bank Loan Balance:	\$	509,151.24

Attendance for Sunday, September 13, 2026:

8:30 am: **138**

9:45 am: **63**

11:00 am: **135**

In-Person Total = **336**

Online Total: **139**

Facebook Total: **507**

Get Ready for Our Annual Pumpkin Patch!

This year we're fundraising for a new playground – a much-needed space for our kids. Come help unload pumpkins on Saturday, September 26 at 3 pm. The patch will be open Monday-Saturday, 11 am to 7 pm and Sundays, 12 noon to 6 pm, until Halloween.

We need enthusiastic volunteers to sell pumpkins and create a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Your help makes a difference! Invite friends and family; sign up online at trinitynmb.com under events or contact Pastor Stephanie.

We're looking for:

- Help unloading pumpkins on September 26 at 3 pm
- Volunteers for two-hour shifts during the week (training provided)
- Helpers to open or close the patch as needed.

Let's have fun and bring joy to our community while raising funds for a new playground!

Administrative Council Meeting

The council will meet on **Monday, September 21** at 6:00 pm in Trinity Hall. All committee chairpersons are requested to attend; all other members of the church are welcome to attend.

If members have items they would like to have added to the agenda, please contact Daisy Stiebel, Administrative Council Chair, at dwlee30@aol.com.

All Youth are invited to be a part of our next Youth Event.

All youth are invited to help us unload pumpkins on the front **lawn September 26 at 3 pm** for the Pumpkin Patch. Rain or Shine! Then have some fun bowling at Little River Lanes followed by dinner at Waffle House. All youth ages 6th to 12th grade are encouraged to attend and be a part of the life of the church. Help us raise funds to build a playground! Contact Jordan at youth@trinitynmb.com for more information or with any questions.

Join Us for the Blessing of the Animals' Service!

We invite you to bring your beloved pets for the **Blessing of the Animals'** service on **October 4th at 2:00 pm** on the front lawn. This special service is a beautiful opportunity to honor and bless our furry, feathered, and scaly friends, recognizing the joy and companionship they bring into our lives.

All are welcome to attend, so feel free to invite family and friends! Please remember to bring a lawn chair to sit comfortably as we gather outdoors for this meaningful occasion. Let's come together in worship and celebration, giving thanks for the love our animals provide and asking for blessings upon them.

Mission Committee - Christmas Cards

In the months of September and October, you are invited to sign Christmas cards with signature and brief message (if desired) that will be divided between deployed soldiers and local nursing homes. Last year Legacy and Myrtle Beach Manor were thrilled to receive our cards. You may sign your name with Trinity UMC, NMB underneath. Do not write on the envelope. Do not seal the envelope. Place your cards in the Christmas card box on the shelf outside the volunteer office. **Deadline: November 1st.** Thank you!

Please see today's inserts for TUMM Boston Butts and for the Mission Committee Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Meetings This Week

Today *Worship Service: 8:30 am (Sanctuary & Live Streaming Online)*

9/20 *Contemporary Band Rehearsal: 8:45 am (Trinity Hall)*
Adult Sunday School Classes: 9:45 am (Second Floor, Rm. 2 & Library)
Contemporary Worship Service: 9:45 am (Trinity Hall & Live Streaming Online)
Worship Service: 11:00 am (Sanctuary & Streaming Online)
Children's Sunday School: 11:00 am (AG Greene Choir Room)
Kids' Christmas Program Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Trinity Kids: 4:30 pm (AG Greene Building)
Youth Group: 6:00 pm (Youth Room)

Monday *TUMM Breakfast Meeting: 8:30 am (Trinity Hall)*

9/21 *Weight Watchers: 9:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room & New Kids' Room)*
Monday Golf Outing: 2:00 pm (River Hills Golf Club)
Administrative Council: 6:00 pm (Trinity Hall)
Gamblers Anonymous: 7:00 pm (AG Greene Choir Room)

Tuesday *Bridge: 9:30 am (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)*

9/22 ***Bible Study-Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit: 10:00 am (Trinity Hall)***
Staff Meeting: 12:00 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)
TUMW Executive Meeting (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 2)
GriefShare: 2:00 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)
Contemporary Worship Rehearsal: 6:00 pm (Trinity Hall)
New Member Class: 6:00 pm (Upstairs' Room #2)
SAG Meeting: 7:00 pm (AG Greene Choir Room)

Wednesday *Crafters: 9:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room)*

9/23 *Master's Meal: 12 noon (Trinity Hall)*
Handbell Choir Rehearsal: 4:30 pm (Sanctuary)
Bible Study-Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit: 6:00 pm (Trinity Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)

Thursday *Gamblers Anonymous: 7:00 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)*

9/24

Friday 9/25

Saturday *ASAP Distribution: 7:30 am (Trinity Hall)*

9/25 *Pumpkin Patch Delivery: 3:00 pm (On the Front Lawn)*
Youth Event: 3:00 pm (Help on the Front Lawn, then off to Little River Lanes!)

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church!

Volunteers this Week

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Ushers:	Aubrey & Pam Apple, Bob & Kathy Slack	Tonya Ard, Scott Keziah, Dave & MaryJane Ryan Jackie Stanley
Altar Guild:	Pam Early and Pam Apple	

Trinity Staff

Ministers:	The Congregation
AV Technician:	Kyle Frankman
Child Care:	Tera Velez
Church Sexton:	Lee Ann McDonald
Director of Contemporary Music:	Richard Schellinger
Director of Traditional Music:	Dr. Kenneth S. Klaus, Ph.D.
Financial Secretary:	Heather Ensor
Office Manager:	Jennifer Piccolo
Organist/pianist:	Melanie Welborn
Pastor Emeritus:	Edmond Daniel
Youth Director:	Jordan Bryant
Pastors:	Rev. Gene Aiken; Rev. Stephanie Schellinger

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

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The Nursery with professional child care 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 during Passing of the Peace in the AG Greene Building's 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

Library starting September 13

XYZ Young Adults

2nd Floor, Room #2 starting September 13

Trinity Kids (Grades 1-5) meets Sundays from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the AG Greene Building.

Youth Group (Grades 6-12) meets Sundays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Youth Room.