

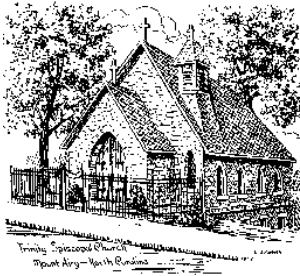
# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**The Last Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 26, 2023**

*Kid's bags are in the narthex. Please return the bags and they will be refilled for next Sunday.*

*Please remember that many are preparing for worship with prayer before the service.*

## **Hymn in Procession # 494** *(standing as you are able)*

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own;  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

- 2 Crown him the Son of God  
before the worlds began,  
and ye, who tread where he hath trod,  
crown him the Son of man;  
who every grief hath known  
that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for his own,  
that all in him may rest.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing  
who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.
- 4 Crown him of lords the Lord,  
who over all doth reign,  
who once on earth, the incarnate Word,  
for ransomed sinners slain,  
now lives in realms of light,  
where saints with angels sing  
their songs before him day and night,  
their God, Redeemer, King.
- 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven,  
enthroned in worlds above;  
Crown him the King, to whom is given  
the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns,  
as thrones before him fall,  
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
for he is King of all.

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Collect for Purity**

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis***

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #280*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **The Collect**

*(kneel or stand as you are able)*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated during the reading of the Lessons and the Psalm.*

### **The First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



## Psalm 100 *Jubilate Deo*

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you **lands**; \*  
serve the LORD with gladness  
and come before his presence with a **song**.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is **God**; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his  
**pasture**.

- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with **praise**; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his **Name**.
- 4 For the LORD is good;  
his mercy is ever-**lasting**; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to **age**.

## **The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**The Word of the Lord.**

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn # 377** *(standing as you are able)*

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make:  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3 O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his Name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why? the Lord our God is good,  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.
- 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from men and from the angel host  
be praise and glory evermore.

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**    (*stand as you are able*)

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’



Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*         Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**             The Very Reverend Sarah Carper Morris

**The Nicene Creed** *(standing as you are able)*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and  
glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People Form III**    BCP p. 387

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the  
nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your  
sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you  
in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

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*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

*People*                      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
                                    And also with you.

## **Announcements**

*(8:30 service only)*

### **Offertory**

*Celebrant*

*People*

All things come of Thee, O Lord.  
**And of thine own have we given  
Thee.**

## Doxology (10:30 service only)

In the Lord

El Senyor

$\text{♩} = 69$  Dm C F Bb C Dm C F C Bb A <sup>3</sup>

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-

Dm C F Bb C Am Dm Bb C *fine* Dm C

fraid; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near. In the

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

## **The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus***

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #127*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## Fraction Anthem: Be known to us

*Wonder Love and Praise, #875*

*Cantor or Choir*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, { in the  
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

1. Congregation 2. Cantor or Choir  
break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The  
The dis -

1. 2.  
bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -

*Congregation*

mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be The dis -

known to us, Lord Je - sus, }  
ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus } in the break - ing of the

*Cantor or Choir*

bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though

*Congregation*

man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord  
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord

Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the bread.  
Je - sus }

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. You may intinct from the small chalice or drink from the chalice. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. (Amen.)

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. (Amen.)

## **Music at Communion # 382**

- 1 King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
and that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast,  
thou hast spared me.

- 2 Wherefore with my utmost art,  
I will sing thee;  
and the cream of all my heart,  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied,  
thou didst hear me.
- 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is in this poor sort  
to enroll thee;  
e'en eternity's too short  
to extol thee.

## Communion Meditation

See, I am near

See, I am near, says the Lord. See, I make all things new.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key of three flats (E-flat major or C minor) and common time. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first system includes the lyrics 'See, I am near, says the Lord.' and 'See, I make all things new.' The second system continues the melody with a repeat sign at the end.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Blessing**

**Hymn in Procession # 460** *(standing as you are able)*

- 1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.
- 2 Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

- 3 Alleluia! bread of Heaven,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of holy Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace,  
to love and serve the Lord.

***People*** Thanks be to God.

## PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

### Immediate Needs:

Emily	Judy Liner	Tina Brown
Mary	Kay MacAllen	Kat Cook
Charlie Allen	Kitty Martin	Mary Couture
Martha Allen	Linda McMillian	Melissa Roth Culver
Erin Apperson	Arba Montgomery	Roger Danley
Cindy Blackwell	Craig New	Paul Derrick
Bobbie Bledsoe	Wade Nichols	Ron Doerschug
Bert Bond, Jr.	Bill R. Pendleton	Linda Doerschug
Tina Brown	Clara Powell	Mark Donnell
Marie Carl	Kerry Reagan	Barbara Embry
Mazie Chilton	Donna Schuessler	Donna Fargo
Ann Cochrane	Stephanie Serika	Johnnie Gunter
Ripley Cottrell	Emily Jarvis Simmons	Betty Hooven
Anne Cox	Angela Shur	Kelly Jarvis
Bishop Michael Curry	Eva Smith	Carrie Krahn
Sarah Springthorpe-Denmark	Wade Smith	David Kroupa
Liz Dilley	Rose Mary Smoot	Angelia Lawrence
Debbie Dockery	Richard Snyder	Rebecca McNabb
Sonia Donnell	Tammy Springthorpe	John Moore
Carmen Eldridge	Sharon Sutphin	Michael Morgan
Carol Ford	Celeste Tsaklis	Angie Nolfo
Marcus Ford	Carroll Vick	Bill Pendleton
Gus Galloway	Henrietta Williams	Beverly Putynkowski
Angie Golding	Betty Wright	Victoria Rogelin
Polly Hall	Pat Zebrowski	Candace Sammons
Steve Hines	<b>Long Term Needs:</b>	Evedene Schafer
Melissa Hopkins	Jean Amburn	Susan Slate
Max Hunter	*Anonymous	Sid Spencer, Jr.
Sandy Hutchens	Beatrice Attuah &	Betty Town
Fred Johnson	Lailaity	Vicky Town
Joy King	Jane Carper	John Townsend
Gus Lewis		Jack Woltz

### TRINITY FAMILY IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

Amanda Eads, Wesley Frye, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch, Gordon Lynch, Haley Muething, John Nichols, Christopher Noble, Robert Poole

### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Luke's, Salisbury  
St. Matthew's, San Mateo, Salisbury  
St. Paul's, Salisbury

### BIRTHDAYS

November 26<sup>th</sup> Sam Williams,  
29<sup>th</sup> Christopher Lamm, Candace Sammons & Roxann Moore

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Trinity Book Group-** We will continue discussing our new book, *The Girl with Seven Names: Escape from North Korea*, on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We hope to see you at our table next week. Please call if you have any questions. Wendy Tatman 336-374-6828

The next **Theology Group** meeting will be on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Stewardship Reminder-**Please remember to turn in your pledge cards. We want to keep being a functioning, viable, alive church. Copies of the stewardship letter and additional pledge cards can be found in the narthex.

If anyone would like to help pack bags for **Staples** on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. or Thursdays at 8:00 a.m., please contact Pat Sanderson at 336-673-0455.

**New Church Directory-**Our new directory is almost finished! With ***Instant Church Directory*** you can access the church directory from your phone or computer just by creating a login. Paper copies will also be available once we have everything compiled. Download the app on your smartphone or log in to [members.instantchurchdirectory.com](https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com).

Mark your calendars! The **Parish Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the church sanctuary. A potluck lunch will follow in the Parish Hall. Jim Tatman and Margie Martin will be going off this year and we have five candidates who are running to fill those positions. If you want to nominate someone, please speak to Sarah by Monday, Nov. 20.

They are:

Benny Combs, Janet Herman, Sandy Hutchens, Jessica Simandle & Wendy Tatman

**Caregiver Support Group** will meet on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

On December 17 at 1:30 PM our choir will join First Presbyterian Church of Pilot Mountain to sing Part 1 of **Handel's Messiah**. The event will take place at First Presbyterian Church in their sanctuary. Please come show your support for Trinity's choir and enjoy this beautiful music.



**Las Posadas**-Three years ago, we started a new tradition by participating in *Las Posadas*. Las Posadas is a novena (a nine-day devotional prayer). The tradition commemorates Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a warm place to stay the night. (*Posadas* is Spanish for "lodgings" or "accommodations.") Parishioners created 3-foot wooden figures of Mary, Joseph, and a donkey. Each night, one family agrees to house the pilgrims. You can sign up to host Mary & Joseph in your yard for a day as a way to remember and prepare for the Christ Child. On the night you host Mary & Joseph, you decide how to offer them hospitality. You may light a candle and enjoy quiet scripture and prayer time or invite family and friends to sing carols and talk about the meaning of Christmas. \*By signing up, you are agreeing to transport the figures to the next stop or making arrangements to have it moved.

**Christmas Pageant** Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 a.m. service. Let us know if you are interested in participating.

There will be one service on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Advent IV at 10:30 a.m.

Our **Candlelight Christmas Eve services** will be held on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. and at 11:00 p.m. Plan to join us and invite a friend!

### **FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for my son Sam, Jr. and my grandson Sam III by Sam Williams.

## **Congregational Reflection**

*So far, only 25 people have completed the reflection. Please, please, please fill out the survey by November 30<sup>th</sup>.*

The vestry created a list of questions for you to reflect and give feedback on the ministry of our church. We are trying access how we are doing, if anything needs to be addressed, and if there are new areas where our church is being called to serve. We recently emailed you the link to the questionnaire. You can fill a survey out online or you can pick up a hard copy in the narthex.

Please fill out one per person. If you need assistance, we are happy to help.

<https://forms.gle/iGLvPQ2A8t9boZEF7>



### **MINISTERS FOR THE 8:30 SERVICE**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Theresa Gray	LECTOR	Vicky Town
Vicky Town	CHALICE BEARER	Mike Wilson
Pat Sanderson	GREETER	Ted Ashby
Jim Couture	ACOLYTE	Mike Wilson

### **MINISTERS FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE**

<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Jesse Slate	LECTOR	Brenda Goings
Lucinda Fallin	CHALICE BEARER	Jesse Slate
Bill & Janet	GREETERS	Gloria & Larry
Martha Marcum	ALTAR GUILD	St. Mary's Guild
Jim Tatman	VESTRY	Ann Vaughn
Jeremiah Mills	ACOLYTE	Aleigha Wilsonwithers
Wyatt Fallin		Janiah Mills

### **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

Today	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Medical Loan Closet
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Book Group
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Staples
	3:00 p.m.	Medical Loan Closet
	4:00 p.m.	Caregiver Support
	6:00 p.m.	Theology Group
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Next	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

### **TRINITY VESTRY**

Ross Borders, Margie Martin, Roxann Moore,  
James Tatman, Ann Vaughn, Mike Wilson, Lee Wilsonwithers

*No matter where you come from or where you're going  
No matter what you believe or what you doubt  
No matter what you feel or just don't feel today  
No matter whom you love  
You are welcome into this space to be met by a God  
Who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows  
your mind, and...  
Who wants to have a relationship with you*