

✦ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost ✦
September 23, 2018 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.

◆Prelude

◆Call to Worship (Responsively)

Pastor: Great and amazing are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!
Just and true are your ways, King of the nations!

People: Lord who will not fear and glorify your name? For you alone are holy.

Pastor: All nations will come and worship before you, for your judgements have been revealed.

Unison: To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! Amen!

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #195) *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

◆Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (forgive us our sins...)

Kingdom Kids

WORD

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 54:1-7

Hebrews 11:35-40

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH 584) *Faith of Our Fathers*

Message

“Heroes of the Faith”
Kavitha Priyadharshini Gumpula

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #612) *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

We are sorry, God; hear our repentance for our wayward handling of life. We have squandered time, hoarded money, avoided challenges, and used others. We have borne waiting grievously, illness stubbornly, trials reluctantly, and responsibility half-heartedly. We have doubted your care, mistrusted your providence, distorted your power, and ignored your love. We have neglected our discipleship, injured our relationships, sabotaged our fellowship, and underrated your forgiveness. Forgive us now, we pray, and let us try again, sensitive to your Spirit and committed to your will. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor):

Your gospel keeps astounding us, gracious God. Just when we are sure we are down and counted out, you renew us with breathing room and time. You tell us you forgive and forget. Thanks be to you, God, thanks be to you! Sometimes I can hardly fathom it. Years ago, ages ago, Christ died for my sin – and yours. Live with honesty in confession and with such joy in assurance of God's forgiveness that no one will doubt that you really believe it.

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory (BH #78) *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (**Pastor Mark and Carol Strickland vs. 1,2; Congregation vs. 3**)

◆Doxology

◆Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆Hymn of Dismissal (BH #72) *To God Be the Glory*

◆Benediction

Postlude

◆Indicates those who are able should stand.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Marjorie Cassady, Chloe Johnson, Dorothy Karner, Elsie Koler, Barbara Mateer, Char Dunk-Sladek, Lorraine Sorensen.

The altar flowers this morning are given by Paula Cassady in honor of her mother Marjorie Cassady's 100th Birthday! Happy Birthday Marjorie!

Thank You

Thank you to Kavitha Priyadarshini Gumpula, our guest speaker this morning. Kavitha Priyadarshini is married to Muthu and has 3 children. She has been serving the Lord with YWAM (Youth With a Mission) for the last 18 years. She is mainly involved in training missionaries and sending them all over India and other needy nations. Currently she is pioneering various ministries in Mumbai. Her vision is to see the city of Mumbai, with 26 million, come to Christ.

An interesting side note: Pastor Mark stayed with Kavitha and her husband Muthu when he traveled and ministered in India in 2015. At that time, they lived in Trichy, India.

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Stuart Seale	Director of Music and Worship
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Christina Palazzolo.....	Director, Noah's Ark Preschool
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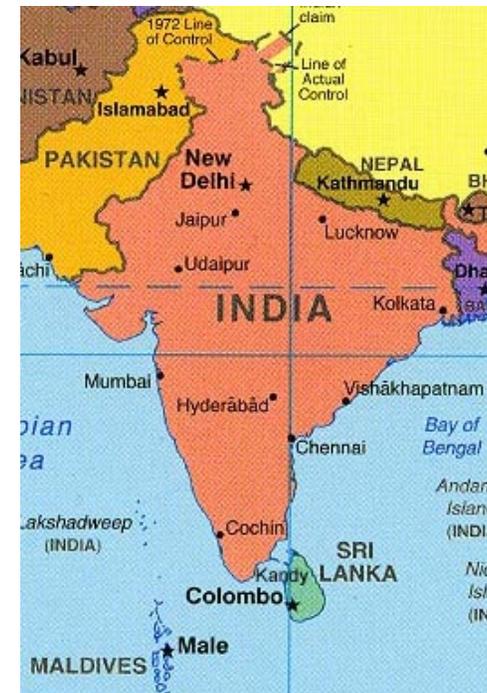
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Hebrews 11:35-40

Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—³⁸the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

WELCOME TO TRINITY

So that we can get to know you better and you can better know us, please complete the tear-off below and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Date: _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Calendar for the Week:

Today: Special Offering for Ronald McDonald House

10 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K to 6th Grade

10 A.M. Worship

The Deacons will have a Special Offering today to help with supplies for Ronald McDonald House suppers that Trinity prepares on the first Tuesday of every month from September through May.

11:15 A.M. Marjorie Cassady's 100th Birthday Celebration
Luncheon Peterson Hall

Note: No Confirmation Class today

This Week:

Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool

Tues. 9:30 AM. Women's Bible Study

Wed. 6 P.M. Lite supper

Wed. 6:30 P.M. Pastor Mark's class "The Call"

Thur. 11 A.M. Pryme Tymers

Sat. 1 P.M. Olson/Wojanis Wedding Ceremony

Next Sunday:

10 A.M. Worship

10 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade

11:20 A.M. Confirmation Class, Youth Room

September 30 – Nursery Helpers: Pat Klutcharch, Marcia Lellos

Greeters: Rita Grijalva, Kristine Schroeder

Announcements:

Happy Birthday!

Trinity's very own Marjorie Cassady is 100 years old! You are invited to celebrate with Marjorie, her daughter Paula, family and friends after worship today in Peterson Hall.

Wedding Invitation

Joyce Olson invites everyone to witness the wedding ceremony of her granddaughter Sara Olson to Steven Wojanis on Saturday, September 29, at 1 P.M., at Trinity Covenant Church.

New Address

Edith Fornell

2780 E. Main St., Apt. C 103

Spartanburg, SC 29307

Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade: Volunteers Needed

We need Sunday School teachers this year. We are asking for 2 people to share a six-week rotation of teaching. Lessons will be provided. We ask that you arrive at church by 9:45 A.M. to greet the children and bring a snack to pass out. Please pray that we will get the teachers needed for this year and be open for GOD to place the call in your life! If you are interested or have questions please talk to Kelly Bradbury.

October Adult Sunday School

In October join us in the Fireside Room BEFORE worship at 9 A.M. with Dr. Paul Bischof leading the class on “Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A 20th Century Martyr”. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, professor, pastor and plot participant, spoke out early against Hitler and his demonic reign. His secular-yet-Christian theology countered the racist religious fantasy of the Nazis. This seminar gets into four of Bonhoeffer’s best-known books: *Discipleship*, *Life Together*, *Ethics* and *Letters & Papers from Prison* in which he challenges us to proclaim the Gospel in Jesus’ non-religious language with a human accent as a church that exists for others.

Today’s Scripture:

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Because the LORD revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. ¹⁹I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree and its fruit;
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”

²⁰But you, LORD Almighty, who judge righteously
and test the heart and mind,
let me see your vengeance on them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Psalm 54:1-7

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
vindicate me by your might.
²Hear my prayer, O God;
listen to the words of my mouth.
³Arrogant foes are attacking me;
ruthless people are trying to kill me—
people without regard for God.
⁴Surely God is my help;
the Lord is the one who sustains me.
⁵Let evil recoil on those who slander me;
in your faithfulness destroy them.
⁶I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;
I will praise your name, LORD, for it is good.
⁷You have delivered me from all my troubles,
and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.

Wednesday Evening Class with Pastor Mark

Frederick Buechner said, "Call is where your greatest joy meets the world's deepest pain."

Pastor Mark's Wednesday evening class started on Sept. 12 in the Fireside Room. It is a 10-week class, so you can STILL join us for the remaining 8 sessions! We would LOVE to have you with us!

There will be a light dinner at 6 P.M. in Peterson Hall, followed by the class from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in the Fireside Room. Again, the course is titled, "The Call." We



will be examining "Call" in our own lives and also calls upon the lives of many of the OT and NT heroes.

One of the themes we looked at this past Wednesday was that there are three different types of "calls."

1- The call that Jesus makes upon our lives to bring us to Him through salvation.

2- The occasional/seasonal/short term call that we get involved with through the "nudgings" of the Holy Spirit. We can have different calls through the seasons of our lives.

3- The call that is upon our lives on a daily basis. We have coined a phrase for this which is: "Life-Thread."

Come enjoy the interaction and fellowship.

Please fill out the form below and return to the church office.
We hope you'll join us for all the classes.

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October 3 _____
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October 17 _____
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I would like to prepare a light supper: Date _____

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Dear Members of Trinity Covenant Church,

With Fall approaching, apple season is underway!

Noah's Ark Preschool is holding its first Affy Tapple Sale! To place an order for apples or any other goodies, please circle the items below and place order form in the offering plate.

Please place your order along with payment (cash or check payable to Noah's Ark Preschool) before Friday, October 19.



We truly appreciate your support! Thank you!
~Noah's Ark Preschool Fundraising Committee



Name _____

Phone No. _____

The Original Peanut Caramel Apple \$2.50/apple or 2 for \$5.00

The Original Plain Caramel Apple \$2.50/apple or 2 for \$5.00

Halloween Sprinkles Caramel Apple \$2.50/apple or 2 for \$5.00

Party-Colored Chocolate Drops Caramel Apple \$2.50/apple or 2 for \$5.00

Triple Chocolate Caramel Apple \$2.50/apple or 2 for \$5.00

Gourmet Peanut Caramel Apple \$3.50/apple

Gourmet Plain Caramel Apple \$3.50/apple

Gourmet Chocolate Candy Pieces Caramel Apple \$3.50/apple

Gourmet Double Chocolate Crunch Caramel Apple \$3.50/apple

Gourmet Milk Chocolate Almond Caramel Apple \$3.50/apple

Homemade Caramel Corn \$2.50/bag or 2 for \$5.00

Milk Chocolate Pretzel Bites \$2.50/pouch or 2 for \$5.00

Famous Homemade Caramels Pouch \$2.50/pouch or 2 for \$5.00

Mini Sandwich Cookies Pouch \$2.50/pouch or 2 for \$5.00

Milk Chocolate Caramel & Chocolate Dipped Pretzel Rods \$1.50/Pretzel

Assorted Chocolate Caramel & Chocolate Dipped Pretzel Rods \$1.50/Pretzel

We will call you with the Pick-up Day. Items will be distributed in Peterson Hall.
Pick up for Peanut Apples will be located in the Kitchen.