



I Am With You, Lauren Wright Pittman

We welcome all guests worshipping with us today. Today is Trinity Sunday. On Trinity Sunday, we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Unlike other festivals in the church's liturgical calendar, Trinity Sunday centers on a doctrine of the church. It celebrates the unfathomable mystery of God's being as Holy Trinity and is a day of adoration and praise. In a way, Trinity synthesizes all of God's mighty acts we have celebrated over the past months: Christmas and Epiphany, Lent and Easter, and Pentecost. As such, it is a fitting transition to the part of the liturgical year where, Sunday by Sunday, we celebrate the presence of God in our lives.

Worship care for preschool children and infants is offered during this hour in the children's building. Large print hymns and T-coil access are available at the back of the Sanctuary. An usher can assist you with these and any other needs you may have.

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Trio Sonata No. 21, Allegro” Muzio Clementi
Paul David Kehrberg, piano; Miles Kexel, violin; Martha Kehrberg, cello

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE “Come Sunday” Duke Ellington

GREETING Amy Stertz

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In chaos and in order,

God gathers us.

In creating and in commissioning,

God inspires us.

In blessing and in sending,

God strengthens us.

In challenge and in comfort,

God loves us.

How awesome is the Lord’s name in all the earth!

Come, let us worship our God in wonder, love, and praise.

*HYMN 316 AMEN SIAKUDUMISA

“Amen, Sing Praises to the Lord!”

Frankie Arledge, soloist

Choirs sing the first two times; congregation joins on the third

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Casey Callahan

God of love and peace, you call us to put things in order, to listen for encouragement, and to make peace where we are planted.

Yet, we confess that we often create disorder instead of caring. We speak louder instead of listening, and choose what is easy over what is right.

You send us out with good news,

but we hesitate to go.

You invite us into harmony,

but we focus on our differences.

You call us to seek peace,

but we go our own way.

Forgive us, God.

Forgive us, and be with us, as we turn toward you and toward one another. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God hears our confession and forgives us.

May we live in God’s love and be at peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SHARING PEACE The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*HYMN 74

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

BALM IN GILEAD

Ingrid Cole, soloist

Verses are soloist only; congregation joins on chorus

PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Kendra Plating

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Walk in Jerusalem”

Rollo Dilworth

Bryan Boone, soloist

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

Jane Holman

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Be Restored”

Mack Dennis

RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES *Caswell Retreat*

Mae Craig

OFFERTORY

“Blue Cirrus”

Jason DeCristofaro

DOXOLOGY

“Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

arr. Vasile



1. Glo - ry to God, _____ whose good - ness shines on me, and to the
2. World with - out end, _____ with - out end. A - men. World with - out



Son, _____ whose grace has par - doned me, and to the
end, _____ with - out end. A - men. World with - out



Spir - it, _____ whose love has set me free. As it
end, _____ with - out end. A - men.



was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

RECOGNIZING MACK DENNIS'S TEN YEARS OF SERVICE

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 388 “Rain Down” RAIN DOWN
Rusty Owen, Sharon Owen, and Martha Kehrberg, soloists

SENDING FORTH

*CALL TO COMMUNITY

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE “Hallelujah” William Walker

*POSTLUDE “This Little Light of Mine” Traditional

*Those who are able please stand.

Worship leaders include Interim Minister of Music and Worship Sarah Kehrberg, pianist Jason DeCristofaro, bassist Kevin Kehrberg, percussionist Sam Cobb, Lay Reader Jane Holman, Deacon of the Week Lisa Barnett, and the Cherub, Junior, and Adult Choirs, with soloists.

Bulletin art is *I Am With You*, by Lauren Wright Pittman. Lauren is an artist and graphic designer whose work interprets scripture and theological themes through image, color, texture, and form. Her progressive approach nurtures the curiosity and resilience needed for today's spiritual pilgrims. Lauren Wright Pittman | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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THIS WEEK

Bible Study
Today at 9:45 a.m.

First Kids VBS
Monday - Friday

**FBC Aiken
Overnight
Helene Team**
Monday - Friday

Pick up Basketball
Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Yarn Birds
Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

**Free Market &
Lunch at the
Crossroads**
Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

May 31, 2026

If you are a guest with us today, greetings! We joyfully proclaim the sacred worth of all people and welcome you with glad hearts. Please complete the “Connect with Us” card from your pew, and place it in the plate during the Offertory. We would love to connect with you.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Join our Prayer Shawl Ministry on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the church library (except the last Wednesday of the month). Bring your knitting or crochet projects—all skill levels welcome! Yarn and shawl donations may be left on the table at the back of the library. For more information, contact Dolores Lee, Cindy DeGrave, or the church office.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Lisa Barnett

PASTORS ON CALL

Kendra Plating

JUNE SUMMER SCHEDULE

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| June 1-5 | First Kids Vacation Bible School |
| June 1-5 | Overnight Helene Team: FBC Aiken |
| June 6-11 | Overnight Helene Team: Newnan Team |
| June 14 | Baccalaureate Sunday |
| June 21 & 28 | Summer Pick-up Choir |
| June 22-26 | Via Karis Camp (children) |
| June 27 | Guns to Gardens Safe Surrender Event |
| June 29-July 3 | Advocacy Camp (children) |
| June 30 | Asheville Tourists Game |



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Sacred Garden 10-Year Anniversary

Adult Bible Study: “Swords into Plowshares”

June 7 * 9:45 a.m. * Chapel

You are invited to take part in a special one-week adult Bible study taught by Casey Callahan. Together, we’ll explore the powerful vision of the prophet Isaiah where “God shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks” (Isaiah 2:4a-b). Casey will help us reflect on the theological significance of this passage and how it calls us to be people of peace in a world that longs for healing. This study will also help us better understand the scriptural imagination behind the annual *Guns to Gardens* community peacemaking event, which is set to be held in our parking lot on June 27.

Volunteer Sign-Up: Gun Safe Surrender Event

June 27 * 9:30 - Noon * Parking Lot

Join us on Saturday, June 27, for a Gun Safe Surrender Event. Volunteers are needed to help welcome community members and support this meaningful effort to safely dismantle unwanted firearms and transform them into garden tools through the nonpartisan Guns to Gardens movement. Be part of a community effort focused on safety, healing, and renewal. Sign up to volunteer by scanning the QR code or in eNews.

SIGN UP



Asheville Tourists Game

Tuesday, June 30 * Game begins at 6:35 p.m. * McCormick Field

Join us for some summer fun with fellow church members as we go and cheer on the Tourists in their game against the Hub City Spartanburgers. Tickets are \$10/person. Sign up by June 23 to be guaranteed a ticket in the church block. Sign-up online or call the church office.

GAME

