

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Liturgist: Bruce Rockett

Lay Reader: Kathleen Shuford

Flower Calendar: Don Patrick



Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 21, 2021—10:30 A.M.**

**Designates—“Those who are able, please stand.”*



EASTER LILIES

If you would be interested in purchasing an Easter Lily this year, please contact Tamara in the Church Office. Cost is \$10/each—and orders may be placed through [March 22nd](#).

THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

All Church Members, Ministers
Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor
Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader
Martha Caldwell, Director of Adult Traditional Choir
Marty Light, Organist
Joe Hart, Financial Secretary
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COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Choral Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jessica Spain, Liturgist

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Jessica Spain, Liturgist

Holy and Loving God, in this hour of worship, lift us out of the routine of our daily lives. Touch our hearts, challenge our minds, and give us a renewed strength to live as your children. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

PIANO INTROIT

Marty Light (*recording*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Peggy Stout

Merciful and Loving God, we often forget You when we are confronted by the problems and challenges of life. We tend to respond only in terms of our own resources. When our reason and logic fail, we tend to lose hope and give up. Forgive us, O Lord, for standing in the background, convinced that your divine promises are unreal. Give us faith to believe, assured that nothing is too hard for you. We ask in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Peggy Stout

Friends, our God is just and merciful. He reproves our sinful ways, offers the grace of repentance, and frees us to live as His beloved children. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

PRAISE RESPONSE *“On Eagle’s Wings”* Choral Ensemble
*And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand.*

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Linda Hill, Lay Reader
O Lord, our God, as we hear your Word read and proclaimed, fill us with your Holy Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 25:1-10* Linda Hill, Lay Reader
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”* Choral Ensemble

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 4:1-11* Rev. Peggy Stout
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

SERMON Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* Choral Ensemble

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Peggy Stout

The Lord’s Prayer (*vocal solo*) Dawn Kilby (*recording*)

ALL Sunday Services are available in-person in the Gym at 10:30am. **For everyone’s safety, please wear a mask during worship.** Services are also played live on 90.5FM — the only stipulation is that you must be close to the church to listen on the radio. (The best spot is in the parking lot!)

We try to share the video on YouTube, Facebook and the church website by 10:30am, but may be a little bit later on some days, especially now since our live-stream has been stopped.

Please know that you don’t have to miss a thing! You may also request to have copies of sermon notes mailed to your house — just contact the church office. **Thank you for your continued support of our church through this pandemic.**



We continue to collect canned goods for ECCCM. We will run our collection through the month of February.

Items Most Needed: Canned Meats, Peanut Butter, Fruit, Soups, etc.

Thank you so much for your generosity and all you do to help folks in our community!

On Monday, February 22nd, **volunteers are needed to help at ECCCM**—any time between 9am-4pm. A mask is required and many helpers are needed. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Rev. Peggy will be sharing **Devotional Thoughts** with you each week during the Lenten Season. **You can find these on Wednesdays on our Church’s Facebook page or on your weekly Sermon Notes mailing.**

ATTENTION GRADUATES: The Dewey A. Houston and The Graves Family Memorial Scholarship applications are now available in the Church Office. Please pick up yours as soon as possible. **Deadline for return: April 9th.**





OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 25:1-10*

¹In you, LORD my God, I put my trust. ²I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. ³No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. ⁴Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. ⁵Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. ⁶Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. ⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good. ⁸Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. ⁹He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. ¹⁰All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING** *Matthew 4:1-11*

⁴ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Gloria Hill Cal Harmon
Garland Whittaker Linda Hill
Sarah Hoffman Marjorie Reaves
Virginia Brown
Wanda Sue Ammerman

HOMEBOUND

Martha Sigmon Diane Loftin
Joyce Potts Lula Towery
Peggy Wright Bobbie Whisenant

IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES

ABERNETHY LAURELS

Joan Williamson—Room 240
Peggy Hollis—Apt 219
Joe Schell—Apt 205

TRINITY RIDGE

*Odessa Whitmire—Room 807

CAROLINA REHAB CTR OF BURKE

Peggy Miller—Room 110

CV ASSISTED LIVING at Rock Barn

Mary Crump—Room 114

Pender Memorial Hospital

Jackie Kanipe—Room 119

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:

Wally Davis Vae Hamilton
Debbie Crotts Randy Steelmon
Adrian "Al" L. Shuford III

- *Julia Shirts (Sarah Hoffman's daughter)
- *Rev. William "Bud" Painter, Jr. (Yvonne Propst's brother)
- *Tabb Crotts (Debbie Crotts' brother-in-law)
- *Becky Sherrill (cousin of Libby, Martha, Coy & Louise) - cancer
5491 Sherrills Ford Rd
Catawba, NC 28609
- *Ernestine "Tina" Buff (friend of Ivey & Betty Curlee)
- *Sandra Foster (friend of Rev. Peggy)
- *Mark Kiziah (friend of Debbie Crotts)

This Week

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:30am—Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Second Sunday in Lent

10:30am—Traditional Worship (LEC)
10:30am—Radio Broadcast (90.5FM—
in the parking lot)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

First Sunday in Lent

10:30am—Traditional Worship (LEC)
10:30am—Radio Broadcast (90.5FM—
in the parking lot)

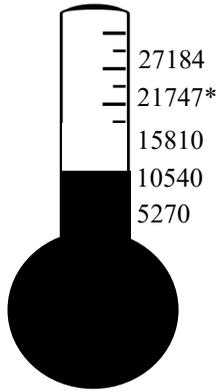
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00am—Helpers needed @ ECCCM
(until 4:00pm)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

*Lenten Devotionals (on church Facebook
page or weekly sermon mail-outs)



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY</u>						
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving
February 07	—	35	—	35	—	\$ 7,434.06
February 14	—	72	—	72	—	\$ 3,624.00
February 21						
February 28						
TOTALS	—	107	—	107	—	\$ 11,058.06

Goal for a four week month is \$21,747* and for a five week month is \$27,184.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

Lenten Devotional Thoughts (Week One)

(by Henri Nouwen - Catholic priest, professor & book author)

In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. Matthew 7:12

If you dare to believe that you are beloved before you are born, you may suddenly realize that your life is very, very special. You become conscious that you were sent here just for a short time, for twenty, forty, or eighty years, to discover and believe that you are a beloved child of God. The length of time doesn't matter. You are sent into this world to believe in yourself as God's chosen one and then to help your brothers and sisters know that they are also beloved sons and daughters of God who belong together. You're sent into this world to be a people of reconciliation. You are sent to heal, to break down the walls between you and your neighbors, locally, nationally, and globally. Before all the distinctions, the separations, and the walls built on foundations of fear, there was unity in the mind and heart of God. Out of that unity, you are sent into this world for a little while to claim that you and every other human being belongs to that same God of Love who lives from eternity to eternity.

Rev. Peggy's Prayer for Us:

Father, I am called to be your child - you chose me - you love me unconditionally. How amazing!! Help me in my words and actions to show others that they, too, are loved by our Awesome God. Amen.



OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Rev. Peggy Stout

Offertory

Doxology

*“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Offertory Prayer

HYMN

“Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult”

Choral Ensemble

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Peggy Stout

***POSTLUDE**

Marty Light *(recording)*



THE FLOWER on the table today is given by Vae and Gene Hamilton in Loving Honor of their many wonderful neighbors and close friends.

Attention Parents: Due to COVID regulations, we ask you to keep your children with you during Worship Services on Sunday. Children should NOT be in the preschool classrooms at all. Everything (toys, carpet, tables, chairs, etc.) are sanitized each day to make sure they are safe for our preschool children. Please remember, the preschool children are here five days a week and we must keep those rooms as safe as possible.

Thank you for your help in this matter!