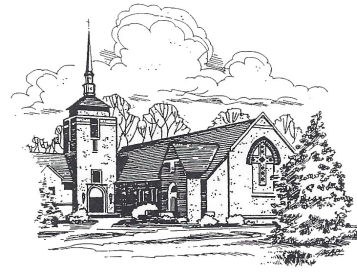


<p><u>IN THE LORD'S SERVICE</u> <u>Acolyte(s):</u> Jacob Houston <u>Cross Bearer:</u> David Setzer <u>Elder(s):</u> Greg Reitzel & Michael Lingle <u>Nursery Attendant:</u> Sonya Starnes <u>Treasurer Assistant today:</u> Kathleen Shuford</p>	<p><u>Ushers for March:</u> Shuford Abernethy's Class</p> <p><u>REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:</u> <u>Liturgist:</u> Kathy Winters <u>Lay Reader:</u> Cole Reitzel <u>Treasurer Assistant:</u> Tim Lail <u>Flower Calendar:</u> Larry Fox</p>
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Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 15, 2020—10:30 A.M.

**Designates "Those who are able please stand."*

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE "A Lenten Prelude" by Giovanni Pergolesi/arr by John Troutman
Marty Light, Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsively*) Rev. Peggy Stout
Let us come to the Lord, who is rich in grace; let us approach our God, who is full of mercy.

We will praise God with all our heart and glorify the name of the Most High forever.

***PROCESSIONALY HYMN** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #325 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (*Responsively*) Marty Wilson, Liturgist
O God, in creation you fashioned us in your image; in Christ you revealed to us your love, and through the Holy Spirit you welcome us into the fellowship of believers.

Come to us in this time and place, O Lord, that your image in us might be revealed, your love for us returned, and our relationship in Christ renewed. Amen.

***CHORAL INTROIT** Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Director

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Responsively*) Marty Wilson, Liturgist
Holy and Loving God, we have only to listen to the news to know that we humans have a hard time living together. We have forgotten the Ten Commandments that began to teach us what love looks like.

We have made idols out of people and things in our lives; we have not always honored our parents.

We often covet what our neighbor has, or wish we had been more like them than who you have made us to be.

Forgive us, O Lord!

We try to hide the wrong we have done or the good we have neglected to do.

Forgive us, O Lord!

Through your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ, you have made us your

NC Girl Scout Collector's Show

Friday, March 20 from 4-8pm &

Saturday, March 21 from 9am-2pm in the LEC

Attendees can explore the past with a memorabilia scavenger hunt, chat with vendors and collectors from other Girl Scout councils up and down the east coast and check out various Girl Scout displays.



Cost (age 6+): \$3 for one day & \$5 for both days. For more information, please contact Becky Byrns at 828-569-2035 or GSShow@aol.com.

<p><u>THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH</u> 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 Tamara McCarter, Church Secretary</p>
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children, members of your kingdom.

Strengthen us, O God, to show evidence of being your children as we work to bring your goodness, love, and hope to all we meet. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (*Responsively*) Rev. Peggy Stout
This is the good news of God's grace: Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Christ became our life and our salvation. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

***PRAISE RESPONSE** "O How He Loves You and Me" (vs 1) #622 Blue Book
***O how He loves you and me. O how He loves you and me;
He gave His life, what more could He give:
O how He loves you, O, how He loves me,
O how He loves you and me.***
(Please be seated.)

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON Jessica Spain

ORGAN INTERLUDE "Jesus Loves the Little Children" Marty Light

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*) Sydney Inman, Lay Reader
Loving God, we wait for you, and in your Word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on Christ—the source of abundant life and peace. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 17:1-7 Sydney Inman, Lay Reader
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Lord Jesus, Think On Me" by Jay Althouse/Chancel Choir

***GOSPEL READING** John 4:1-15, 28-30 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** "Fairest Lord Jesus" (vs 1 & 4) #240 Blue Book

LENTEN BOOK STUDY:

Next Meeting: THIS Wednesday, March 18th from 11:30am—12:45pm
Rev. Peggy will be leading a study on Adam Hamilton's newest book, "The Walk".
(At these lunch meetings we are asking everyone to bring a sandwich—drinks and chips will be provided—please meet in the church parlor.)

Good Timers:

The Luncheon scheduled for THIS Thursday, March 19th has been cancelled.

*We will reschedule a meeting sometime soon!
Please be on the look-out!*

Kidz Club:

Next Sunday, March 22nd, we will be meeting following worship for some "egg-citing" Spring activities! Please join us in the LEC for lunch, Bible Lesson, crafts, and games!

Spring Casserole Sale

Kidz Club will be selling casseroles and cakes to begin raising money for the Adopt-a-Family Community Service project that is done at Christmas. Orders will be taken on Sundays, March 22nd & 29th. Casseroles and cakes will be available for pick-up on Sunday, April 5th.

MENU: Chicken Pie or Company Beef
(Large—\$18, Medium—\$10, Small—\$6)
Carrot Cake—\$12, Coconut Cake—\$10, or
Red Velvet Cake—\$10

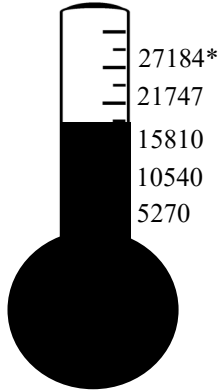
**Next Sunday,
March 22:**

- 10:30am—One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received & Ministry of Intercessory Prayer
- 11:45am—Kidz Club Meeting, LEC
- *NO "Faith Alive!" Services!*

Our next "**Coffee, Devotions, and Conversation Time with the Pastor**" will be held on Wednesday, March 25th from 10-11am (in the Pastor's Study) AND from 6:30-7:30pm (in the Chapel). Rev. Peggy invites all church members and visitors who would like to share to join her at one of these times!

If you would like to purchase an **Easter Lily** for Easter, please fill-out an order form (found at the back of the Sanctuary) and drop it in the offering plate—or return to the church office. Coast: \$10/each. Deadline: Sunday, March 29th.





<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH</u>							
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving	
March 01	13	123	—	136	—	\$ 10,265.14	
March 08	13	107	20	140	53	\$ 7,412.50	
March 15							
March 22							
March 29							
TOTALS	26	230	20	276	53	\$ 17,677.64	

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

This Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
Third Sunday in Lent/Trinity
Children's School Appreciation Day
 9:15am—S.S. Assembly
 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
 *NO "Faith Alive!" Services Tonight!

MONDAY, MARCH 16

TUESDAY, MARCH 17
St. Patrick's Day!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
 11:30am—Lenten Book Study, Parlor
 7:00pm—Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
~~11:45am—Good Timers Lunch & Guest~~
~~Speaker, Fellowship Hall~~
 6:00pm—Sweet Adelines'

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
 *Deadline for April Tablet Information!
 4:00pm—Girl Scouts Collectors Show

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
 9:00am—Girl Scouts Collectors Show

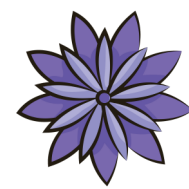
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THANK YOU for all your prayers, concerns, cards, and calls during my recent surgery and recovery. It's an honor to be part of such a caring church family.
 - Lawrence Warf

PASTORAL PRAYER
The Lord's Prayer (*vocal solo*)
 Rev. Peggy Stout
 Dawn Kilby, Soloist

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS
Invitation
Offertory "Give Me Jesus" Traditional Spiritual/arr by John Purifoy
***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** "I Love to Tell the Story" #619 Blue Book
***BENEDICTION** Rev. Peggy Stout
***CHORAL RESPONSE** Chancel Choir
***CHIMES**
***POSTLUDE** "The March to Calvary" by Colin Curtis/Marty Light



THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given in Loving Memory of a special daughter, Keila Ann Patrick. (Her birthday was March 12th.)
 - Given by Don Patrick

The Trinity Church School Kids and Parents will NOT be here today—due to excessive illnesses. They will reschedule and come at a later date.

TRINITY REFORMED UCC WELCOMES OUR NEWEST MEMBER TODAY—Donna Griffin Cox. Donna is coming by letter of transfer from Keith Memorial UMC in Athens, TN. She has one son named Justin. Donna works at a church school in Mooresville and enjoys teaching preschool-aged children. She also enjoys traveling, playing games, basketball, and music! Please help us make Donna feel welcome.



OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 17:1-7*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, ‘Give us water to drink.’ Moses said to them, ‘Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?’ ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?’ ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, ‘What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.’ ⁵The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING** *John 4:1-15, 28-30*

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, ‘Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John’— ² although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized— ³he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink’. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?’ (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, “Give me a drink”, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.’ ¹¹The woman said to him, ‘Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?’ ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?’ ¹³Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.’ ¹⁵The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.’ ²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

Congregational CARE NOTES today! There are notebooks provided at the end of each pew. Please take a moment to write a note of care, thought, or appreciation to someone on the church prayer list. *Please write their name on the top of the paper.* We will take the notes up after the service and mail them directly to the person’s home.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Diane Loftin—Carolina’s Medical Center, Room 119 (Charlotte)

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Mike Kilby
Debbie Crotts
Virginia Brown
Sarah Hoffman
Wanda Sue Ammerman
Bobbie Whisenant
Garland & Darlene Whittaker

HOMEBOUND

Paul & Lula Towery
Martha Sigmon
Joyce Potts
Peggy Wright

IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES

ABERNETHY LAURELS

Joan Williamson—Room 240
Mary Tuttle—Memory Care
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

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:

Tim Lail
Lawrence Warf
Dotty Shuford
Eric Kanipe
Bill Comby—Alicia Deal’s father
Garvin Huggins, Jr.—Debbie Crotts’ brother (heart-related issues)
John Roberts—Debbie Dickerson’s brother (cancer)
Rachael Spencer—Debbie Spencer-Ahren’s daughter-in-law (surgery)



Hygiene Kits Needed

Hygiene Kits (for National Disaster Areas)
For next Sunday, March 22nd—we will be collecting:
**Gallon-Size Ziploc Bags, Nail Clippers,
Standard-size Band-Aids, & Wide-Tooth Combs**

Please drop these items in the box outside the church office! We will collect these items from now through Easter Sunday, April 12th. Thank you for your help!!