

Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 11, 2018 - 10:30AM

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

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Peggy Stout and Mark Dickerson

PRELUDE Amy Moore, Guest Pianist

***PASTOR'S DECLARATION** Rev. Peggy Stout

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #118 Blue Book

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsively*) Jerry Mallonee, Liturgist
Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace; approach our God, who is full of mercy.

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

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (*Responsively*) Jerry Mallonee, Liturgist
Creator God, our Strength and our Redeemer, you invite us, the church, to accept the cost and joy of discipleship and to be your servants in the service of others.

In so doing, may your presence be our guide and Jesus our model, and may we respond in loving faithfulness. Amen.

***CHORAL INTROIT** Chancel Choir, Alyssa Lowe—Director

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Responsively*) Jerry Mallonee, Liturgist
God of mercy, who longs to gather us in the wide embrace of your love, we confess that we have been wayward children.

We have disobeyed your commands. In thought, word, and deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name. Forgive us, O Lord!

In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy, but for the sake of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. We ask all these things in the name of Christ, who taught us

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Acolyte(s): Raegan Kilby

Cross Bearer: Nathan Lingle

Elder(s):

Greg Reitzel & Ted Setzer

Nursery Attendant:

Sonya Starnes

Treasurer Assistant today:

Dianne Propst

Ushers/Greeters for March:

Brenda Adams, Gloria Hill,
Kathy Winters, & Sandy Lawrence

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Liturgist: Gloria Hill

Lay Reader: Becky Setzer

Treasurer Assistant: Jessica Spain

Flower Calendar: Larry Fox

Soup Kitchen Helpers:

March 17: Youth—Mark Dickerson
March 24: Young at Heart—Mike Brittain
March 31: Children's School

THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

All Church Members, Ministers

Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor

Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader

Mark Dickerson, Director of Christian Education

Alyssa Lowe, Director of Adult Traditional Choirs

Marty Light, Organist

Joe Hart, Financial Secretary

Tamara McCarter, Church Secretary

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to pray:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. Peggy Stout

God's reconciling love meets you where you are and welcomes you into the family. You are valued, each and every one, as the person you are and as the fulfilled human being you are becoming. Praise God for His abundant mercy through Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God!

***PRAISE RESPONSE**

"On Eagles' Wings"

*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.*

(Please be seated).

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jessica Spain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Nate Misenheimer, Lay Reader

Open the scriptures to us, O God, that we may see ourselves in the stories and hear both a word of encouragement and a word of challenge. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Nate Misenheimer, Lay Reader

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir—Alyssa Lowe, Director

***GOSPEL READING**

John 3:1-8, 16-17

Rev. Peggy Stout

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

SERMON

"It's nothing you do—it's all grace!"

Rev. Peggy Stout



Upcoming Lenten Worship Services:

- Wednesday, March 14—11:30am in the Parlor
- Wednesday, March 21—6:30pm in the Chapel
- Maundy Thursday, March 29—6:30pm in the Sanctuary
For the lunch meetings, please bring a sandwich—chips and drinks will be provided.

Brotherhood:

Our next meeting will be held **TOMORROW, March 12** at 5:30pm in the Library.

Next Sunday:



Pizza Supper & Family Game Night
in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm!

We will be playing:
Heads-Up!
Sorry
Uno

Apples to Apples

and a variety of games to involve all ages!!

Megan Jorgensen & Gina Setzer will be doing activities with preschool kids (2-5 years old). Please join us!!

Lunch Bunch:

Due to Lenten Worship on Wednesday, we are going to change our Lunch Bunch meeting to: **NEXT Wednesday, March 21st.** We will meet at O'Charley's in Hickory at 12:00 noon. Please join us for FREE PIE Wednesday!

Kids/Youth:

NEXT Saturday, March 24:

- 11:00am—**Youth** to eat lunch at the soup kitchen and help hide Easter eggs.
- 2:00pm—**Kids' Easter Egg Hunt.** Please bring your own basket! **Prizes, Candy, Snacks & a visit from the Easter Bunny!**
- 4:00pm—Trip (youth and kids) to see the **Harlem Globetrotters!** We will stop for dinner on the way! Cost is \$22/person. *(Mark needs to know who's going by March 16).*





OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.
² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble ³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷ Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; ¹⁸ they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. ¹⁹ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; ²⁰ he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction. ²¹ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. ²² And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING John 3:1-8, 16-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ ³Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ ⁴Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ ⁵Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” ⁸The windblows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’

¹⁶ ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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.

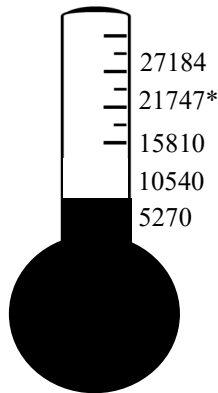
REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

<u>RECUPERATING AT HOME</u>	<u>ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:</u>
Peggy Wright Mary Schell Mike Kilby Sarah Hoffman Peggy Miller Odessa Whitmire Louise Schell	Ned Setzer Aiseng Singchanh Donna Griffin Cox Bobbie Whisenant Margaret Lane
<u>HOMEBOUND</u>	Jackie Kanipe
Paul & Lula Towery Mary Tuttle Martha Sigmon	Dotty Shuford Lynn Jenkins—Carl Jenkins’ brother
<u>IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES</u>	Lana Simmons—Chloe Simmons’
<u>ABERNETHY LAURELS</u>	step-mother
Grace Gundlach Joan Williamson Peggy Hollis Marilyn Mills	Blake Comby—Alicia Deal’s brother Martin Light, Sr.—Marty Light’s father
<u>CONOVER NURSING</u>	Dr. Ronald Fox—Cousin of Larry Fox &
Yvonne Propst (Rehab)	Pat Roark

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to the family of Helen Herman Ellis who passed on March 4, 2018. A memorial service was held for Helen this past Friday. Memorials can be sent to Trinity Reformed UCC—Chancel Choir.



Donations are needed for this year’s Easter Egg Hunt! Please donate candy, money, or plastic eggs to our Board of Christian Education, if you are able... Ideas for donations: Starburst, Jelly Beans, Gummy Bears/Worms, Skittles, Laffy Taffy, Jolly Ranchers, Airheads, etc.
**No chocolate and no peanuts, please.*



ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving
March 04	20	123	40	183	56	\$ 5,982.68
March 11						
March 18						
March 25						
TOTALS	20	123	40	183	56	\$ 5,982.68

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

This Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings Time Begins!

*One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

9:15am—S.S. Assembly

9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)

10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship

*NO "Faith Alive!" Services!

MONDAY, MARCH 12

5:30pm—Brotherhood Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

5:15pm—Board of Property Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

11:30am—Lenten Worship Service

7:30pm—Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

6:00pm—Sweet Adelines'

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Girl Scouts Collectors' Show

7:00pm—PCC Fundraiser Event @

Harvest Bible Chapel

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day

Girl Scouts Collectors' Show

10:00am—FCC's Silent Auction @ First

Presbyterian Church, Hickory

11:00am—Soup & Sandwich Lunch

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:15am—S.S. Assembly

9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)

10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship

5:00pm—Family Movie Night & Pizza!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles' Creed*)

Rev. Peggy Stout

Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the One Holy Universal Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
(Please be seated).

#349 Blue Book

MISSION MOMENT

John's River Valley Camp

Rev. Phil Hardy

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

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.***

Rev. Peggy Stout

*Offertory Prayer

***HYMN**

"This Is My Father's World"

#6 Blue Book

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Peggy Stout

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Chancel Choir—Alyssa Lowe, Director

***CHIMES**

***POSTLUDE**

Amy Moore, Guest Pianist



THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in Honor of Rhonda's Birthday on March 14th.
- Given by Patsy Randall & Rhonda Lail

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are now available to be picked-up from the Church Office. (Return Date: April 13). Applications are available for the Dewey A. Houston Scholarship, the Graves Memorial Scholarship, and the Whitener Scholarship.
Pick yours up today!!