

Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 07, 2021—10:30 A.M.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:
Liturgist: Kathleen Shuford
Lay Reader: Kara Wise
Flower Calendar: Jeanne Michael

THANK YOU for your donations to ECCCM during the months of January & February. We collected 305 pounds of food!!

 **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.

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.



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
Tamara McCarter, Church Secretary

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

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Peggy Stout

HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" Choral Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP Kelly Barringer, Liturgist
There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you and glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things. You alone are God. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Kelly Barringer, Liturgist
Lord, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Deep inside we know that all of our riches, "toys", and our possessions do not offer us the peace we desperately want. Yet, we often chase after things and find it difficult to follow the ways of Christ. Help us to be ready today to hear your word for us, to experience your healing love, and to witness to your Good News. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PIANO INTROIT Marty Light (*recording*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Peggy Stout
Holy God, we have cluttered the "temples" of our lives with many unnecessary things that have blocked out your healing words of hope and mercy. Forgive us, O Lord, when we have been so preoccupied about these things that we have not listened to your words nor followed your ways. Clear away our fears and frustrations, O Lord, and give us clean hearts and spirits. Help us to be confident in your mercy and transformed by your love. We ask all these things in the name of Christ, who taught us 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.

PRAISE RESPONSE “Morning Has Broken” Choral Ensemble
*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,
God’s recreation Of the new day!*

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Dillen See, 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 Psalm 19:7-14 Dillen See, Lay Reader
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

PIANO INTROIT Marty Light (*recording*)

GOSPEL READING John 2:13-22 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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle’s Creed) Dillen/Ashllen See
Let us confess the faith of our baptism:
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 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 holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM “Think of Me and Remember” Choral Ensemble

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sunday, March 14:** Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring FORWARD one hour!!) & One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received
- **Monday, March 22:** Volunteers needed to help at ECCCM any time between 9:00am and 4:00pm.

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.*

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

Lenten Devotions – February 26, 2021
(by Henri Nouwen – Catholic priest, professor & book author)

You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you... Matthew 5:43-33

We often wonder what we can do for others, especially for those in great need. It is not a sign of powerlessness when we say: “We must pray for one another.” To pray for one another is, first of all, to acknowledge, in the presence of God, that we belong to each other as children of the same God. Without this acknowledgement of human solidarity, what we do for one another does not flow from who we truly are. We are brothers and sisters, not competitors or rivals. We are children of one God, not partisans of different gods.

To pray, that is, to listen to the voice of the One who calls us the “beloved,” is to learn that that voice excludes no one. Where I dwell, God dwells with me and where God dwells with me I find all my sisters and brothers. And so intimacy with God and solidarity with all people are two aspects of dwelling in the present moment that can never be separated.

Prayer: Lord, forgive me when I see my enemy (the person who has hurt me or someone close to me) as an object or a nonentity. When I’m having difficulty forgiving in my actions, please help me to still pray for them (and myself). Amen.





OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 19:7-14*

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. ⁸The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. ⁹The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. ¹⁰They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹²But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. ¹³Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING** *John 2:13-22*

¹³When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." ²⁰They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

Our **Flower Calendar** is incomplete for this year!!

We have a few dates available - May 30th, July 25th,
September 5th, & November 21st.

If you would like to choose one of those dates, please let Tamara know - or contact Becky Setzer at 828-962-5625.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Gloria Hill
Cal Harmon
Garland Whittaker
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 204

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:

Carole Cross—cardioversion for Afib
Brenda Adams—broken knee cap
Ted Setzer—hernia surgery
Linda Hill—radiation treatments
Randy Steelmon—major foot surgery
Wally Davis
Vae Hamilton

*Paul Dietz (Kathleen Shuford's uncle) -
cancerous bumps on top of his head &
biopsy on his hand—in nursing home

(Wife: Evelyn Dietz)

208 W Pine St
Palmyra, PA 17078

*Jean (Jeanne Michael's sister-in-law's
sister) - brain tumor

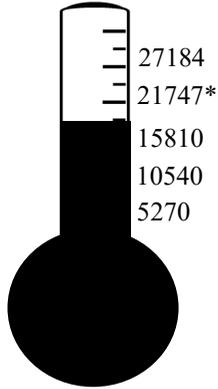
Updated Address & Phone #s

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Debbie Spencer-Ahrens
(828) 929-9126

To my Trinity Family, I just want to say **THANK YOU** for all of your calls, cards, prayers and well wishes during my recent hospital stay. I am home and doing much better. Once again I thank you for your thoughtfulness and caring.
- Love, Carole Cross

My **THANKS** to the "Hugs & Stitches" group at Trinity Reformed UCC for the beautiful handmade blanket I received this weekend in remembrance of the passing of my Mom. How apropos, my Mom knitted toboggans for the children at St. Jude's hospital. She is no doubt proud of all your work.
- Thanks, Tom Wedrychowicz



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY</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	—	72	—	72	—	\$ 3,107.00
February 28	—	69	—	69	—	\$ 4,718.50
TOTALS	—	248	—	248	—	\$ 18,883.56

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

This Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

10:30am—Traditional Worship (LEC)
 10:30am—Radio Broadcast
 (90.5FM—in parking lot)
 11:30am—Consistory Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 8

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

9:30am—Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

***Daylight Savings Time Begins!**
 (Spring FORWARD one hour!)
***One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**
 10:30am—Traditional Worship (LEC)
 10:30am—Radio Broadcast
 (90.5FM—in the parking lot)

FOOD 4 KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM



During the month of March, we will be collecting the following items for Catawba Elementary School:

Ramen Noodles	Fruit Cups
Jiffy Corn Bread Mix	Baked Beans
Chicken Noodle Soup	Apple Sauce
Canned Tuna or Chicken	
Crackers (peanut butter or cheese)	

Donation boxes may be found in the LEC or outside the Church Office.
 Thank you for your generous donations for the elementary school children!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation
The Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
The Sharing
Sharing of the Bread
Sharing of the Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Peggy Stout

Holy and Gracious God; thank you for nourishing us at this table with the Bread of Life. Thank you for uniting us with you and with each other and for giving us the gift of eternal life. Send us out, in the power of your Holy Spirit, to touch our everyday world with the mercy and compassion of Christ. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation
Offertory
Doxology

Pat Bowers

“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

“The Solid Rock”

Choral Ensemble

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Peggy Stout

*POSTLUDE

Marty Light (*recording*)

THE FLOWER on the table today is given in Loving Memory of my Mother, Shelva B. Spencer’s Birthday.

- Given by Dawn Kilby



The ROSE on the table today is given in honor of Andrew James Overcash, born on March 3rd to parents Craig & Holly Overcash of Salisbury, NC. Andrew is Allen & Libby Overcash’s grandson, and he joins his other brother and sisters: Luke, Rachel, Sara, Naomi, and Abigail.