

*Trinity Reformed*

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 26, 2020—10:30 A.M.

\*Designates "Those who are able may stand"

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE "Bourree in F Major" by Georg Philipp Telemann/arr by Lani Smith  
Marty Light, Organist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) Rev. Peggy Stout

Let us worship the Lord our God!

*For the Lord is our Shepherd in good times and in hard times and  
whether we are at home or afar, the Lord knows our every need.*

Let us raise our voices in praise and adoration to the Lord our God.

*Blessed be the name of the Lord!*

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" #528 Blue Book

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Responsively) Kelly Barringer, Liturgist

Merciful Father, whose goodness makes happy those who put their trust  
in you: Cause us to see who we are as your children—

*that we may experience the abundant life you have said is ours. We  
pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

\*CHORAL INTROIT Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Director

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsively) Kelly Barringer, Liturgist

O Lord, too often we make ourselves satisfied with that which is only  
superficial and temporary in our pursuit of happiness.

*Forgive us, O Lord, for spending life in a struggle to be happy when  
true happiness can be ours by putting our trust in you.*

We have often chosen the hard ways when you would have led us to  
green pastures by still waters.

*Forgive us, O Lord! Touch our hearts that we might be more willing  
to accept your guidance and love.*

Grant us the blessings that belong to those who gladly live as your

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Acolyte(s): Addyson Lingle

Cross Bearer: Nate Misenheimer

Elder(s): Joye Lane & Pat Bowers

Nursery Attendant: Sonya Starnes

Treasurer Assistant today:

John Houston

Ushers for January:

Patsy Wells' Sunday School Class

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Liturgist: Dennis Falder

Lay Reader: Carolyn Reitzel

Treasurer Assistant: Kelly Barringer

Flower Calendar: Rev. Peggy Stout

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

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children, and may the joy of the Lord our God show in our lives.  
*We ask all these things in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (*Responsively*) Rev. Peggy Stout  
Friends, the God who judges us has been made known to us in Jesus Christ, who died and was resurrected for our sake. The good news of the gospel is this: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.  
*We are held with love in God's hands. Thanks be to God!*

\***PRAISE RESPONSE** "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" #226 Blue Book  
*Jesus loves me! this I know, For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*  
(Please be seated.)

### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

**CHILD BAPTISM** (Riley Lynn Steller—daughter of Matt & Mandy Steller)

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** Jessica Spain  
(Today, during our Children's Sermon, the kids will be passing around buckets to receive loose change. Any change donated will go towards our "Souper Bowl of Caring" campaign for ECCCM in Newton. Please help us, if you can!)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (*Unison*) Kathy Winters, Lay Reader  
*Eternal God, fill us this day with your Holy Spirit that we may be sensitive to your Presence, attentive to your Word, and faithful to your Way. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 15:1-5 Kathy Winters, Lay Reader  
The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**ANTHEM** "The Lord is My Light" by Christopher Walker/Chancel Choir

\***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 5:1-12 Rev. Peggy Stout  
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.  
*All praise to you, Christ our Lord!*

**SERMON** "The Beatitudes" Rev. Peggy Stout

**The Kidz Club will meet TODAY**, immediately following the Traditional Service. We will be having lunch, a Valentine lesson, crafts, and making centerpieces for the Valentine Banquet (to be held on February 9th). Parents may pick-up children at 1:30pm.

**TONIGHT at 5:00pm—"Faith Alive!" Music, Worship, & Refreshments**

**Volunteers are needed to help at ECCCM on Monday, January 27th any time between 9:00am—4:00pm.** If you can help, please show up at ECCCM and let them know that you are with Trinity Reformed UCC! Thank you for your help!



"Souper Bowl of Caring empowers kids and youth and unites communities around the time of the Big Game to help those in need."

This year, we will be giving to ECCCM to help the hungry in our community. **Our goal is to collect 300+ pounds of canned and boxed foods.** We will also be passing around loose change buckets today and next Sunday, if you would like to make a monetary donation!

**Deadline: February 2 for all donations!**

**Singles:** Our Singles group is planning an outing to **Coach's Neighborhood Grille on Saturday, February 8th.** The restaurant is off of Catawba Valley Boulevard in Hickory. We will meet there at 5:00pm to have dinner and fellowship together. ALL Single Adults age 18 and over are welcome to join us!! We would love to have some new members in our group! Coach's offers a variety of foods—including soups, salads, pasta, burgers, wings, sandwiches, wraps, and more!!

**Youth (Grades 6-12):**

Our Youth Group is planning an outing to Jonas Ridge to go **Snow Tubing** on Sunday, February 23rd. We will eat lunch at the church before we go. Cost will be \$15 per person (and you must bring your own money for snacks). **Reservations and payments must be made by February 9th,** if you would like to go! Please contact Rev. Peggy, Dennis Falder, or Stephanie Anderson for more information.



**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Psalm 15:1-5*

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?  
<sup>2</sup> Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; <sup>3</sup> who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; <sup>4</sup> in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; <sup>5</sup> who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God!*

**\*GOSPEL READING**      *Matthew 5:1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
<sup>3</sup> 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

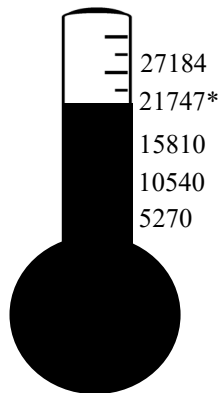
**Congregational CARE NOTES today!** There are notebooks provided at the end of each pew. Please take a moment to write a note of care, thought, or appreciation to someone on the church prayer list. *Please write their name on the top of the paper.* We will take the notes up after the service and mail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

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits**

<p><b><u>HOSPITALIZATIONS</u></b> Mike Kilby—Baptist</p> <p><b><u>RECUPERATING AT HOME</u></b> Bobbie Whisenant Charles Gantt Sarah Hoffman Garland &amp; Darlene Whittaker</p> <p><b><u>HOMEBOUND</u></b> Paul &amp; Lula Towery Martha Sigmon</p> <p><b><u>IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES</u></b> <b><u>ABERNETHY LAURELS</u></b> Joan Williamson—Room 240 Mary Tuttle—Memory Care Peggy Hollis—Apt 219 Joe Schell—Apt 205</p> <p><b><u>BRIAN CENTER REHAB (Tate Blvd)</u></b> Wanda Sue Ammerman—Rm 503</p> <p><b><u>TRINITY RIDGE</u></b> Odessa Whitmire—Room 807</p> <p><b><u>CAROLINA REHAB CENTER</u></b> Peggy Miller—Room 110</p>	<p><b><u>CV ASSISTED LIVING at Rock Barn</u></b> Mary Crump—Room 114</p> <p><b><u>ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:</u></b> Diane Loftin Peggy Wright Louise Sherrill Virginia Brown Donna Griffin Cox Debbie Spencer-Ahrens &amp; mother, Gloria DiSanto 7000 E. Ben White Blvd, #2103 Austin, TX 78741 Annie &amp; Cooper—Charles &amp; Brenda Gantt's great-grandchildren</p>
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**We are in the process of updating information for the Directory!**  
*If your address or phone number has changed since the last Directory, please let Tamara know—so we can update yours!!*

*Also, a **church email prayer list** is sent around at least once a week.  
If you aren't receiving the emails (and would like to), please contact Tamara ASAP—  
Call 828-464-8226 OR email [trinityucc@trucc.net](mailto:trinityucc@trucc.net)!!*



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY</u>							
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving	
January 05	11	127	20	158	44	\$ 3,617.50	
January 12	15	112	—	127	60	\$ 5,771.00	
January 19	12	123	—	135	47	\$ 10,880.00	
January 26							
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>\$ 20,268.50</b>	

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

## This Week

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

**Third Sunday after Epiphany/Child Baptism—Steller**

- 9:15am—S.S. Assembly
- 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
- 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
- 11:45am—Kidz Club Meeting
- 5:00pm—“Faith Alive!” Music, Worship, & Refreshments

### MONDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00am—Helpers needed @ ECCCM

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

7:00pm—Choir Practice



**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 10th.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

6:00pm—Sweet Adelines’

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

- 9:15am—S.S. Assembly
- 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
- 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
- \*NO “Faith Alive!” Services Tonight!

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

### ORGAN INTERLUDE

Marty Light

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**The Lord’s Prayer** (*vocal solo*)

Rev. Peggy Stout  
Todd Dickerson, Soloist

### OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

**Invitation**

Rev. Peggy Stout

**Ministry of Intercessory Prayer**

**Offertory**

“God’s Care”

by Ben Logan

\***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**

“Be Thou My Vision”

#468 Blue Book

\***BENEDICTION** (*Responsively*)

Rev. Peggy Stout

May the love of God uphold you, the light of Christ guide you, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy—now and forever.

**Amen.**

\***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Chancel Choir

\***CHIMES**

\***POSTLUDE**

“Ein Ist Not, Ach Herr”

by J.S. Bach/arr by Ellen J. Lorenz  
Marty Light



THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given  
(Deb Hill)