

*Trinity Reformed*  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2018—10:30 A.M.**

*\*Designates "Those who are able may stand"*

**COMING BEFORE GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Peggy Stout & Mark Dickerson

**PRELUDE** Nellie Pruitt, Guest Organist

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

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #337 Blue Book

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Responsively)** Dawn Kilby, Liturgist  
Holy God, Almighty and Immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world.

*Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity through his life, death, and resurrection—the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**\*INTROIT** Chancel Choir, Alyssa Lowe-Director

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsively)** Dawn Kilby, Liturgist  
Merciful and Loving God, we worship you with our lips, but often dishonor you with our actions. We pray for you to end the suffering in our world; yet, we don't always practice compassion and generosity toward others. We ask for your righteous judgment against others, but forget the sin in our own lives.

*Forgive our self-righteousness, and give us integrity of heart that we may shine forth the light of your salvation. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)** Rev. Peggy Stout  
Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad; for God's mercy is great. Jesus our Lord brings healing, justice, and peace.  
*Thanks be to God!*

**IN THE LORD'S SERVICE**

**Acolyte(s):** Jakob Lackey

**Cross Bearer:** Joye Lane

**Elder(s):** Deb Hill & Dawn Kilby

**Nursery Attendant:**

Sonya Starnes

**Treasurer Assistant today:**

Gloria Hill

**Ushers/Greeters for February:**

Shufiord & Jayne Abernethy,  
Bruce & Tera Rockett

**REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Liturgist:** Kelly Barringer

**Lay Reader:** Audrey Cooper

**Treasurer Assistant:** Carole Cross

**Flower Calendar:** Jane Bartholomew

**Soup Kitchen Helpers:**

February 17: Tommy Simmons' S.S. Class

February 24: Western Carolina Youth,

Jennifer Lingle

March 03: Consistory

**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

Steve Thomas, Financial Secretary

Tamara McCarter, Church Secretary

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING** II Kings 2:1- 12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' <sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' <sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. <sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' <sup>10</sup>He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 9:2-9

<sup>2</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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**

**RECUPERATING AT HOME**

Mary Schell  
Mike Kilby  
Sarah Hoffman  
Peggy Miller  
Odessa Whitmire  
Louise Schell

**HOMEBOUND**

Paul & Lula Towery  
Mary Tuttle  
Martha Sigmon

**IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES**

**ABERNETHY LAURELS**

Marion Graham (Rehab)  
Grace Gundlach  
Joan Williamson  
Peggy Hollis  
Marilyn Mills

**CONOVER NURSING**

Helen Ellis

**ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:**

Margaret Lane  
Jackie Kanipe

Dotty Shuford

Billy Loftin—Dianne Loftin's son

Johnny Smith—Julie Kanipe & Sarah Hoffman's brother

Ernestine Reid—Terra West's aunt

Dr. Ronald Fox—Larry Fox & Pat Roark's cousin (in Washington, D.C.)

Margaret Yount—Friend of Tera Rockett

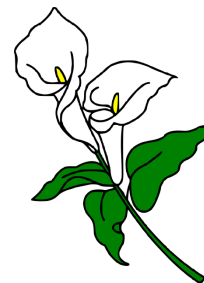
Fred Punch—Friend of Jerry Mallonee

Roger Massey—Friend of the church

**Updated Addresses & Phone Numbers:**

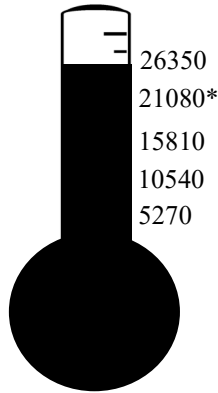
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**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to Patricia and Bud Inman on the loss of Patricia's mother, Rachel Brooks (Sharpe) Ervin on February 1. Mrs. Ervin was the grandmother of Natalie Inman and great grandmother of Sydney Inman.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to Diane Loftin on the loss of her mother-in-law, Willie Goble Loftin on February 6.



**ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving
January 07	17	114	22	153	49	\$ 4,742.00
January 14	17	110	46	173	54	\$ 6,129.49
January 21	15	127	42	184	52	\$ 11,217.00
January 28	21	128	30	179	57	\$ 3,534.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>\$ 25,622.49</b>

Goal for a four week month is \$21,080\* and for a five week month is \$26,350.

***This Week***

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Transfiguration**

- 9:15am—S.S. Assembly
- 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
- 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
- 11:45am—Valentine’s Banquet
- 4:45pm—Kids’ Valentine’s Party
- 5:00pm—“Faith Alive!” Music & Devotions

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

- 5:30pm—Brotherhood Meeting

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

**Shrove Tuesday**

- 6:00pm—S. Tuesday Pancake Supper
- 7:00pm—Bible Journaling with Alyssa
- 7:00pm—Board of Christian Ed Mtg.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**Ash Wednesday/Valentine’s Day**

- 6:30pm—Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:30pm—Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

- 5:15pm—Church Safety Meeting
- 6:00pm—Sweet Adelines’

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

- 9:00am—Sweet Adelines’
- 11:00am—Soup & Sandwich Lunch

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

**First Sunday in Lent**

- 9:15am—S.S. Assembly
- 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
- 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
- 5:00pm—Family Trivia Game Night
- 6:00pm—Supper

**THANK YOU**, Brotherhood, for the beautiful and delicious fruit basket.  
- Virginia Brown

**THANK YOU**, lovely family at Trinity Church, for the outpouring of cards, prayers, visits, gifts, and thoughts during the loss of my father. Losing a parent is never easy, but I am blessed to know that all of you care for me and my family. It truly is God’s blessing for me that I am here with you!  
- Much love, Tamara McCarter

**Prayer of Consecration**

**The Sharing**

**Sharing of the Bread**

**Sharing of the Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*Responsively*)

We bless you, O God, for the gifts of bread and the cup, and for sustaining us in hope everyday of our lives. ***We pray now for your strength to prepare us for service as we offer our lives of worship and witness in the world you have made. Amen.***

**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Invitation**

Greg Reitzel

**Offertory**

Nellie Pruitt, Guest Organist

**\*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.*

**\*Prayer**

**\*HYMN**

*“This Is My Father’s World”*

#6 Blue Book

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

Rev. Peggy Stout

May Christ, the Son of Righteousness, shine brightly on your path as you walk the way of justice and peace this week. And may the blessing of God— Creator, Healer, and Giver of Life-- bless you and keep you. ***Amen.***

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

Chancel Choir—Alyssa Lowe, Director

**\*CHIMES**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Nellie Pruitt, Guest Organist



**THE FLOWERS** on the altar today are given in Love and in Honor of my wife, Sylvia’s birthday on February 14th— and my daughter, Julie’s birthday on February 16th. - Given by Terry Settlemyre

**THE FLOWERS** on the piano today were given in Love and in Honor of my brother, Todd’s birthday on February 4! - Given by Mark Dickerson

**THE ROSE** on the altar is in Honor of Jacob Eric Conner born on February 7, 2018 to parents Kristi & Eric Conner.

**THE ROSE** on the altar is in Honor of Everette Rockette born on February 8, 2018 to parents Sterling & Mahala Rockette. Everette is Debbie Rockette’s grandson.