

Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 2021—10:30 A.M.

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

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

Choral Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bruce Rockett, Liturgist

I will lift my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:1-2)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Bruce Rockett, Liturgist

Mighty God, we meet to celebrate your greatness. We join with the hosts of heaven to sing your praises and to offer you our worship. For You created the earth and all that is in it by your power; you save the human race by your mercy, and you make us new creations by your grace. So today, we offer you our humble praise and gratitude—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PIANO INTERLUDE

Marty Light (*recording*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Peggy Stout

O Holy God, this Lenten season is a good time to look at our patterns of life and faith in your presence. Help us, in the strength of your Holy Spirit, to make changes. Where we have followed the path of deception,

Forgive us, O Lord, and change our direction.

When we have not taken the feelings of others into account,

Forgive us, O Lord, and give us sensitivity.

When we have hung back from working for the common good of all people,

Forgive us and bring us back into fellowship.

When we have ignored the practice of prayer and the reading of the scriptures, faithfully renew us. When we have missed opportunities to

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Liturgist: Kelly Barringer

Lay Reader: Dillen See

Flower Calendar: Dawn Kilby



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](#).

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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stand up for the powerless and those hurting,
Forgive us, O Lord, and help us.
When we have given into temptations and hurt ourselves, others, and
you,
Forgive us, O Lord, and renew a right spirit in us.
We ask all these things in the name of Christ our Lord.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (*Romans 5:8*) Rev. Peggy Stout
God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died
for us. Hear the words of grace: “Your sins are forgiven.”
Thanks be to God!

PRAISE RESPONSE “*Gloria Patri*” Choral Ensemble
***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.***

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Kathleen Shuford, Lay Reader
Loving God, anoint us with your Holy Spirit as we hear your Word today.
Fill us with your truth that we may walk in the ways of Christ and glorify
your name. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Romans 5:1-8* Kathleen Shuford, Lay Reader
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*” Choral Ensemble

GOSPEL READING *Mark 8:31-38* 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 “*I Surrender All*” Choral Ensemble

ALL Sunday Services are available in-person in the Gym at 10:30am.
For everyone’s safety, please wear a mask during worship. Services are also
played live on 90.5FM — the only stipulation is that you must be close to the
church to listen on the radio. (The best spot is in the parking lot!)

We try to share the video on YouTube, Facebook and the church website by
10:30am, but may be a little bit later on some days, especially now since our
live-stream has been stopped. Please know that you don’t have to miss a
thing! You may also request to have copies of sermon notes mailed to your
house — just contact the church office. **Thank you for your continued
support of our church through this pandemic.**



The **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** will meet on Tuesday,
March 2nd at 7:00pm. Please make plans to join us as
we discuss Easter events for this year!

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.**

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.**





NEW TESTAMENT READING *Romans 5:1-8*

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we^{1a} have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we^b boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we^b also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING** *Mark 8:31-38*

³¹He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³²He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." ³⁴Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save their life^a will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Gloria Hill Cal Harmon
Garland Whittaker Linda Hill
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—Burgaw

Jackie Kanipe—Room 204

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:

Wally Davis Vae Hamilton
Debbie Crotts Randy Steelmon

*Julia Shirts (Sarah Hoffman's daughter)
*Becky Sherrill (cousin of Libby, Martha,
Coy & Louise) - cancer

5491 Sherrills Ford Rd
Catawba, NC 28609

*Mark Kiziah (friend of Debbie Crotts)
*Tom Brown (friend of Tommy & Jo Ann
Simmons)

This Week

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Third Sunday in Lent

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

11:30am—Consistory Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Second Sunday in Lent

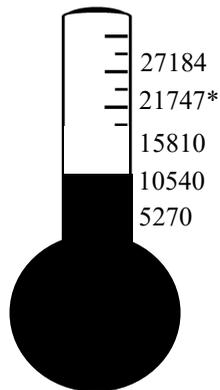
10:30am—Traditional Worship (LEC)
10:30am—Radio Broadcast (90.5FM—
in the parking lot)

MONDAY, MARCH 1

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

7:00pm—Board of Christian Ed Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY</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						
TOTALS	—	179	—	179	—	\$ 14,165.06

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

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:



LENTEN DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

For Lenten Week Two

(by Henri Nouwen - Catholic priest, professor & book author)

In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. Matthew 7:12

If you dare to believe that you are beloved before you are born, you may suddenly realize that your life is very, very special.

You become conscious that you were sent here just for a short time, for twenty, forty, or eighty years, to discover and believe that you are a beloved child of God. The length of time doesn't matter. You are sent into this world to believe in yourself as God's chosen one and then to help your brothers and sisters know that they are also beloved sons and daughters of God who belong together. You're sent into this world to be a people of reconciliation. You are sent to heal, to break down the walls between you and your neighbors, locally, nationally, and globally. Before all the distinctions, the separations, and the walls built on foundations of fear, there was unity in the mind and heart of God. Out of that unity, you are sent into this world for a little while to claim that you and every other human being belongs to that same God of Love who lives from eternity to eternity.

Rev. Peggy's Prayer for Us:

Father, I am called to be your child - you chose me - you love me unconditionally. How amazing!! Help me in my words and actions to show others that they, too, are loved by our Awesome God. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Peggy Stout

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Rev. Peggy Stout

Ministry of Intercessory Prayer

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.*

Offertory Prayer

HYMN

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

Choral Ensemble

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Peggy Stout

***POSTLUDE**

Marty Light *(recording)*



THE FLOWERS on the table today is given as a very special thank you to Rev. Peggy Stout and the caring attitude that she exemplifies for us all to follow.

- Given by Don Patrick

I just wanted to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who has sent prayers, cards, and phone calls my way over the past few weeks. I hope you will continue to keep me in your prayers as I go through rehab here at Pender Memorial Hospital. I miss you and hope to see you all very soon.

- Love, Jackie Kanipe