

<p><b><u>IN THE LORD'S SERVICE</u></b>  <b><u>Acolyte(s):</u></b> Jacob Houston  <b><u>Cross Bearer:</u></b> David Setzer  <b><u>Elder(s):</u></b>  Greg Reitzel &amp; Michael Lingle  <b><u>Nursery Attendant:</u></b> Sonya Starnes  <b><u>Treasurer Assistant today:</u></b>  Natalie Inman</p>	<p><b><u>Ushers for March:</u></b>  Shuford Abernethy's Class  <b><u>REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:</u></b>  <b><u>Liturgist:</u></b> Marty Wilson  <b><u>Lay Reader:</u></b> Sydney Inman  <b><u>Treasurer Assistant:</u></b> Kathleen Shuford  <b><u>Flower Calendar:</u></b> Don Patrick</p>
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*Trinity Reformed*  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 8, 2020—10:30 A.M.

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

**COMING BEFORE GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Peggy Stout  
**PRELUDE** "A Lenten Chorale" by Georg Neumark/arr by Stanley Saxton  
Marty Light, Organist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsively)* Rev. Peggy Stout  
Let us worship God!  
**"He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust."**  
Let us call upon our God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with  
our mouths, worshipping him in spirit and in truth.  
*(based on Psalm 91:2, Romans 10:9, 13)*

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

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(Responsively)* Natalie Inman, Liturgist  
God of all generations, we come seeking truth that we have not found in  
other places.  
***We wonder what friends will think if we are too serious about matters  
of faith.***  
We want to feel the winds of your Spirit, but we don't want to be blown off  
our feet.  
***O God of love, help us to trust you and dare to embrace your promises  
with confidence and hope. Amen.***

**\*CHORAL INTROIT** Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Director

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Responsively)*  
Natalie Inman, Liturgist  
Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace.  
***You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not.***  
We are often timid and fearful as we follow your lead.  
***We try to justify our actions and our words when we know you care  
deeply about what's in our hearts.***  
We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to  
risky change.

**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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*Forgive us, we pray.*  
Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith.

*We ask all these things in the name of Christ our Lord, 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

“On Eagle’s 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)*

Cindy Abel, Lay Reader

*Holy and Loving God, we come to your word again and again, seeking understanding and the new life it offers. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Savior, we pray. Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Psalm 121*

Cindy Abel, Lay Reader

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

ANTHEM

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

by Cherwien/Chancel Choir

\*GOSPEL READING

*John 3:1-9, 16-17*

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

“Love Lifted Me”

*(see insert)*

*(Please be seated.)*



Please come back and join us **TONIGHT** at 5:00pm for “Faith Alive!” Music, Worship, & Refreshments! We meet in the Fellowship Hall.

**“Coffee, Conversation, and Prayer Time with the Pastor”** THIS Wednesday, March 11th from 10-11am OR 6:30-7:30pm in the Pastor’s Study. *This will be a time to pray, have a short devotional and share concerns (whether those concerns be individual or of the church). All members and visitors are welcome to attend!*

Brotherhood:

Due to some scheduling conflicts, the Brotherhood meetings have been changed to the second Wednesday of each month! **We will be meeting THIS Wednesday, March 11th at 5:30pm in the Library.** Our group is open to all men, women, and youth of the church.

Singles:

**THIS Saturday, March 14:** Outing to Old Salem; 9:30am Every Saturday, Old Salem offers two unique programs—“Quilting Frolic Day” & “Winkler Bake Day.” Please bring money for your ticket (*approximately \$20*), your lunch, and/or souvenirs. Please contact Mark Dickerson at 828-234-4513 for questions or more information.

Next Sunday,  
March 15:

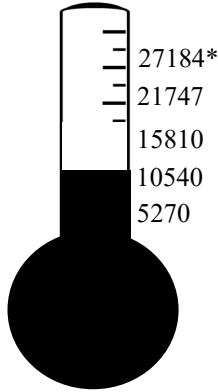
- 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
- 10:30am—Traditional Worship (*with the Trinity Children’s School!*) & Receiving new member, Donna Griffin Cox!
- *There will be NO Faith Alive! Services!*



**UPCOMING: Good Timers’ Luncheon at the church**

Thursday, March 19th—11:45am

Menu: Chicken Pie, Vegetables, Rolls, Desserts/Guest Speaker: Kristi Biggar from Habitat for Humanity—Cost: \$6/per person. *Please sign-up at the back of the Sanctuary, contact Tamara in the church office, or Dianne Propst (828-256-5803).*



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH</u>						
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving
March 01	13	123	—	136	—	\$ 10,265.14
March 08						
March 15						
March 22						
March 29						
<b>TOTALS</b>	13	123	—	136	—	\$ 10,265.14

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

## This Week

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Second Sunday in Lent/Daylight

Savings Time (Spring Forward 1 hour)!

9:15am—S.S. Assembly

9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)

10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship

5:00pm—“Faith Alive!” Music,  
Worship, & Refreshments

### MONDAY, MARCH 9

### TUESDAY, MARCH 10

5:15pm—Board of Property Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

10:00am—“Coffee with the Pastor”

5:30pm—Brotherhood Meeting

6:30pm—“Coffee with the Pastor”

7:00pm—Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

9:00am—Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.

6:00pm—Sweet Adelines’

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

9:30am—Singles Outing, Old Salem

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Third Sunday in Lent/Receiving New  
Member/Preschool Appreciation Day

9:15am—S.S. Assembly

9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)

10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship

\*NO “Faith Alive!” Services Tonight!

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Peggy Stout

### OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

#### Invitation

#### Offertory

“Reflection—Opus 25, No. 7”

by Robert Schumann/arr by David Paxton

#### \*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

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle’s Creed)

Sandy Lawrence

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.*

#### \*HYMN

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

#67 Blue Book

#### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Peggy Stout

#### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

Chancel Choir

#### \*CHIMES

#### \*POSTLUDE

“Fantasia”

by Georg Phillip Telemann/arr by Lani Smith  
Marty Light

### LENTEN BOOK STUDY:

Next Meeting: March 18th from 11:30am—12:45pm

Rev. Peggy will be leading a study on Adam Hamilton’s newest book, “The Walk”.  
(At these lunch meetings we are asking everyone to bring a sandwich—drinks  
and chips will be provided—please meet in the church parlor.)



THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given in Loving Memory  
of my mother, Shelva B. Spencer’s birthday and in Loving  
Honor of my husband, Mike Kilby’s birthday.  
- Given by Dawn Kilby



**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Psalm 121*

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup> He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. <sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. <sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

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

**\*GOSPEL READING**      *John 3:1-9, 16-17*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He 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.’ <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus 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?’ <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” <sup>8</sup>The wind blows 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.’ <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’

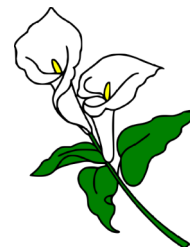
<sup>16</sup> ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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**

<b><u>RECUPERATING AT HOME</u></b>	<b><u>ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:</u></b>
Virginia Brown Sarah Hoffman Wanda Sue Ammerman Bobbie Whisenant Garland & Darlene Whittaker	Tim Lail Lawrence Warf Jeanne Michael
<b><u>HOMEBOUND</u></b>	Jo Ann Simmons
Paul & Lula Towery Martha Sigmon Joyce Potts Peggy Wright	Dotty Shuford Diane Loftin Eric Kanipe
<b><u>IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES</u></b>	Bill Comby—Alicia Deal’s father
<b><u>ABERNETHY LAURELS</u></b>	Gretchen Greiner
Joan Williamson—Room 240 Mary Tuttle—Memory Care Peggy Hollis—Apt 219 Joe Schell—Apt 205	Rachael Spencer—Debbie Spencer- Ahren’s daughter-in-law
<b><u>CONOVER NURSING &amp; REHAB</u></b>	
Mike Kilby—Room 404	
<b><u>TRINITY RIDGE</u></b>	
Odessa Whitmire—Room 807	
<b><u>CAROLINA REHAB CTR OF BURKE</u></b>	
Peggy Miller—Room 110	
<b><u>CV ASSISTED LIVING at Rock Barn</u></b>	
Mary Crump—Room 114	



**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to Marsha Davis and Mary Crump on the loss of Marsha’s husband and Mary’s son-in-law, Steve Davis on March 1st. A memorial service will be scheduled sometime in the next couple weeks for the Conover area.

*Please be on the look-out for more information.*