

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer.

Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you.

If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going."—John 12:35

Prelude

Dona Nobis Pacem

François Couperin

Introit 209

My Song is Love Unknown

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

By the cross and resurrection of Jesus,

God lifts the suffering world toward hope and transformation.

As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ,

may God's law of love be written on our hearts;

As Christ draws all people to himself,

may God's love for the world be revealed.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn 692**

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of light, you show us the way—but we sit idly on the side of the road. You call us to step out and enter the flow, but we're too afraid. Or too comfortable. Or too tired. Forgive us, we pray, for the evil we do when we do nothing. Forgive us, we pray, for missing the signs when we do venture out. Forgive us and restore us, and open our eyes to the light so that we may walk in the light. Through your son Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 582** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Anthem

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God, *Carl F. Mueller*

A Prayer for Children

New Testament Lesson

John 12:20-36

Sermon

Faces in the Crowd

Dwight Christenbury

***Hymn 842**

“The Lord Is My Light”

Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith (*sections 2 and 5*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn 223**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Prelude & Fugue in G minor

J.S. Bach

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: *The Call to Worship is adapted from a prayer in Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal Online, 17 March 2024.*

LITURGIST(S): Shannon Slater

FLOWERS: Given by Kathy Steinbaugh
in remembrance

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 124

PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
Catherine Langsdorf

LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,
Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz

WORSHIP TEAM

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mark Stanley

Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury

Minister of Visitation: Sally Beghtol, C.P.

Music Director: Stephen Klein

Section Leaders: Katie Cilluffo, Claire Crook,
Eric McAnallen

Percussionist: Don Widmayer

TRINITY TEAM

Maintenance Facilitator: Jim Kisner

Treasurer: Bob Forsythe

Financial Secretary: Diane Bowers

Bookkeeper: Lynne Meluch

Tellers: Sue Robinson, Robin Hodgson,
Pat Harter, Betty Lockwood

Nursery Staff: Mary Haskins, Sierrah Haskins

This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors wide open. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.



PC(USA)
June 10, 1983 -
our denomination



Presbytery of Western
North Carolina -
our regional leadership



More Light
Presbyterians -
LGBTQ+ affirming



an Earth Care
Congregation -
eco-stewardship



Fuente de Vida
Guatemala - global
partnership



a Matthew 25
Church - social
justice advocacy

SUNDAY - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour:

- Lectionary Class (Trinity Room)
- Issues & Concerns Class (Classroom 207)
- Hashing It Out (Lounge)
- Youth Learning Hour

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry Mtg.

12:15 Iona Abbey 2025 Info Session

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

9:30 Artventure Painters' Group

10:00 New Member Subcommittee

3:30 Tai chi - Beginner

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

TUESDAY - FOAM RECYCLING DAY

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

10:30 Naomi Circle

6:30 Zoom: Worship Ministry Mtg.

WEDNESDAY - TIDINGS DEADLINE

10:30 Friends in Christ

1:00 Spanish Class

3:00 Zoom: Earth Caring Ministry Mtg.

5:30 WNL Dinner

6:30 WNL Sarah Junkin Woodard

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:30 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

10:00 Migrant Farmworker Project

11:00 Zoom: Between the Lines Book Group

3:30 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

9:30 Feed the Kids

SATURDAY

9:00 Environmental Summit

(Haywood Community College)

SUNDAY - PALM SUNDAY

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- Issues & Concerns Class (Classroom 207)
- Hashing It Out (Lounge)
- Youth Learning Hour

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12:30 Interment of Ashes: Karel Bodamer

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

Weekly Calendar: Mar 17 - 24

Contacts (office/pastoral business) during the week

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PRAYER CONCERNS In Sympathy: the Stanley family upon the loss of Becky's mother Barbara Brumfield **Hospice:** Cathy O'Neil **Hospital:** Pat Dienst; Erick (Kuyendall/Slater's neighbor) **Rehab/Nursing:** Bob Koopman (Laurels); Nell Payne (Brookdale); Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Jane Sugawara (Tore's Home); Bruce Crossman (Carole Ball's brother), Jack Caylor (HHR); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Kaye Papazian (Arbor Terrace Citrus Park, FL); Nancy Underwood (Florida); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana) **Home:** Millie Tolleson, Jake Herson, & Baby Grant; Fitz Sthresley; Daniel Dyer & family; Brenda Nelson; Sandra Dwork; Susan Presseau (Jane Presseau's daughter); Jackie & Don Davis (Marty Zigo's friends); Paul Soltesz; Evans Thibodeau; Benny Elliot (Landen Gailey's partner); Ken Sugawara; Jay, Lorrie, & Robert Pelc (Carole Ball's family); Nancy Twitchen; Dan Green; Gillian Vaughan (Edie Clark's granddaughter); Kim & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend); Lauren McBride (Kuykendoll's daughter); Barbara Nichols; Bud Weeks; Jim Emme; Jim Luzadder; Irene Lunsford, T.K. Owens (family of Dolly Owens & Nancy Twitchen); Barbara Pickwood; Alice McCullough; Dave Morrison **Others:** our mission coworkers and the people of Madagascar and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, the people of Israel and Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, and those harmed by new anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation and by gun violence.

IONA ABBEY 2025 INFO MEETING, TODAY, 12:15 PM. If you're interested in being part of the proposed summer 2025 trip to Iona Abbey (Isle of Iona, Scotland), you're invited to attend an informational meeting after the 11:00 service on March 17 to learn more.

LOCAL MISSIONS MINISTRY FOR MIGRANT WORKERS! *Do you miss Luopad Parties? You get another chance to use fabric for good!* Every Thu in March, from 10AM to 12PM, all interested cutters, sewers, and craft assemblers are invited to the downstairs Trinity sewing room to create supply bags for our WNC migrant farmworker neighbors. All are welcome.

THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS for April, May, & June are here in the Narthex. Get yours today!

EARTH CARE MINISTRY INFO & EVENTS:

- **Mar 23, 9AM** - WNC Environmental Summit @ Haywood Community College - Details & registration link on Trinity calendar
- **Green Solar Power for Schools** - learn how to get solar panels into schools for \$4 per mo. Details on Trinity blog (homepage).

WNL MARK YOUR CALENDARS! On Mar 20, we will welcome speaker Sarah Junkin Woodard, director of the Center for Development in Central America (CDCA) and one of our mission co-workers in Nicaragua. Dinner at 5:30 and program at 6:30. Please sign up in the Narthex.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY GOODIES: Sign-up on the cold drink table (atrium) to provide snacks for coffee time on Sundays. Home-made and/or store-bought items are all greatly appreciated. (See Julie Carter for questions.) Thank you!

DEATH CAFÉ Mon, Mar 25 at 3pm in the lounge. We practice gentle listening, sharing stories of loss, fear, and grief from deep within our hearts. Light refreshments are served.

VISITORS Would you like to join Trinity? Let Mark or Dwight know. We look forward to welcoming you as a member!

BUILDING & GROUNDS WORKDAY: Many thanks to those of you who helped out yesterday. Couldn't have done it without you!

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE - Old friends and new are welcome. If you sing in your car, sing in the shower, or used to and miss it, please consider joining the Trinity choir. A great opportunity to meet people and to share your voice with the Trinity family in thanks to God.