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Third Sunday in Lent
March 23, 2025 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Rediscovering Our Priesthood During Transitions

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude All' Elevazione *Giovanni Battista Martini*

Choral Introit 414 Be Still and Know

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout
with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.**

***Hymn 611** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 595** Holy, Holy, Holy

Passing of the Peace

1st Scripture Reading I Peter 2:9-10 and Revelation 1:4-6

Anthem If You Love Me *Thomas Tallis*

A Prayer for Children

2nd scripture reading

Exodus 19:1-6

Sermon

"Putting on the Collar"

David Garnett

*Hymn 744

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

*Affirmation of Faith (*Inclusive Language Version of The Confession of 1967*)

The church gathers to praise God, to hear God's word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time. The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity. Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of his or her witness in each particular situation. Each member is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. In turn, each member, in her or his own competence, helps to guide the church. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Building & Grounds Work Day 8:30 - Bud Weeks
11:00 Wayne Youngdahl

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 744

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Toccata in E Minor - Johann Pachelbel

**Please stand in body or spirit*

LITURGIST(S): Bob Forsythe
PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
Catherine Langsdorf
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,
Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltész

FLOWERS: Given by Marty Zigovsky to honor
Tillie's birthday and our marriage

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 - THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour - Ohmann Lecture Series:

Jeannie DuBose "Practice Heaven"

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

12:15 Going Away Party for Don Widmayer

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

4:00 Tai Chi

TUESDAY- ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

9:30 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

3:00 Origami Group

6:30 Deborah Circle

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Friends in Christ - Hybrid

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

1:00 Book Group

4:00 Tai Chi

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY - PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

8:00 Toastmasters

SATURDAY - PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

9:00 Building & Grounds Spring Work Day

SUNDAY - PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

& 5 CENTS A MEAL

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

3:00 Messiah Sing-Along

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

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Weekly Calendar:

Mar 16 - 23

PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: Rehab/Nursing:

Ken Sugawara (The Lodge); Ben Moore, Kathie Van Itallie (Life Care); Art Wayboer (High Point); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell); Don Widmayer (The Bridge); Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Jane Sugawara (Tore's Home); Jack Caylor (HHR); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana) **Home:** Brenda Nelson; John Kostlevy; Evelyn Christensen (Mary Louise & Betty's sister); Fitz Sthreshley; Steve Kuykendoll; Martin Roller; Maureen (Jane Strange's friend); Tim Simmons; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); Helen Dearborn; T.K. Owens (Dolly's son); Linda Dillon; Ken Sugawara; Harry Petersen; Susan Kincaid; Pat Dienst; Sandra Dwork; Paul Soltesz; Evans Thibodeau; Benny Elliot (Landen Gailey's partner); Kim & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend); Lauren McBride (Kuykendoll's daughter); Barbara Nichols; Bud Weeks; Irene Lunsford; Barbara Pickwood; Alice McCullough; Dave Morrison **Others:** Carole Ball and members of the PWNC Guatemala Leadership Team and The Education Committee as they travel to Guatemala; the people of Syria; our mission coworkers and the people of Madagascar, Malawi, and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, the people of Israel and Gaza, Lebanon, Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, those harmed by gun violence and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation, and all who have suffered due to Hurricane Helene.

OHMANN SPEAKER SERIES: TODAY! Sunday, March 23, Learning Hour - We're pleased to welcome back author, speaker, and retreat leader Jeannie DuBose, presenting part 2 of "Practice Heaven: The Spiritual Art of Aging,"

THE BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB will be starting *A Good Life: 15 Essential Habits for Living with Hope and Joy*, by Erin Pope Francis on 3 April, up to page 33. We read a few chapters for each week and sometimes we need a bit longer to finish a book and really discuss it to our heart's content. If you are interested in joining us, we meet at 11:00 Thursday mornings on Zoom. The link is on the Trinity calendar. We'd love to have you!

BUILDING & GROUNDS SPRING WORK DAY, Saturday March 29th, Inside and Outside of the church. Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Last year's work days was a great success and we look forward to being together again, please join us from 9 until noon.

MESSIAH SING-ALONG: SUN, MARCH 30 3PM, with the Asheville Vocal Ensemble and Four Seasons Chamber Orchestra. Singers and listeners invited (please bring your score or download/print from 4seasonsorchestra.org/messiah) Donations gratefully accepted.

MATTHEW 25 MINISTRY ACTIVITIES:

- **SOCIAL JUSTICE "ADD-INS" FOR LENT:** The Matthew 25 Ministry asks church members to consider "adding-in" practices to make a difference for us personally and community for Lent, rather than giving up something. A list of suggestions and information about some of the practices are available on the Matthew 25 table in the narthex.
- **A BOOK STUDY** of Scott Miller's, *Bootstraps and Benefits*, will be offered during the Learning Hour on Sunday mornings beginning in April. Questions? Please contact Paul Hugger, paulhugger@gmail.com, know if you would like to order a book.

LUOPAD PARTIES Only one more Luopad Party will be held as we complete our 3rd season of providing for the girls in Malawi. The last Parties will be held at Trinity in the sewing room on **Thursday, April 3rd at 10 a.m.** We will begin our 4th season of sewing in September of 2025. A huge THANK YOU to everyone for your Global Mission project support.

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025: Mills River Pres will again host its popular **Festival of Tables** featuring decorated tables, a luncheon, entertainment, gift basket raffles. The event starts at 11:30am with just 90 seats available. [Tickets are now available for \\$25 per person](#), with partial proceeds benefitting ABCCM Transformation Village. Contact Kathy Ziprik for details. 678-521-1426 or ZiprikPR@gmail.com