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Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Resisting the Transition Temptation to Romanticize the Past

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Ballade *Richard Coeur de Lion*

Choral Introit When Jesus Wept *William Billings*

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing, and give praise to God's name;
tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

***Hymn 12** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

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

Passing of the Peace

1st Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 7:10

Anthem Whatever God Ordains is Right, *Severius Gastorius/Greg Matheny*

A Prayer for Children

2nd Scripture Reading

Numbers 11:1-6

Sermon

“Romanticizing the Past”

David Garnett

*Hymn 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Affirmation of Faith (from the Confession of 1967)

God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes the natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation. Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God’s triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God’s creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Circles

Paul Hugger

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn 331

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

J. S. Bach

**Please stand in body or spirit*

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

FLOWERS: Given by Kathy Steinbaugh in
remembrance of our mom, Barbara Wetton

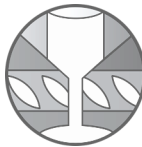
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors 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 - SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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.

3:00 CONCERT: Blue Ridge Symphonic Brass

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

9:00 Finance Team

3:00 Death Café

4:00 Tai Chi

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

10:30 Naomi Circle

6:00 Zoom: Worship Ministry Mtg.

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Friends in Christ - Hybrid

3:00 Zom: Earth Caring Ministry

5:30 Wed Night Live - Pizza & Trivia

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY - TIDINGS DEADLINE

7:30 St. Gerard House Training

10:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

11:00 Zoom: "Between the Lines" Book Group

2:00 Luopad Project

4:00 Tai Chi

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

SATURDAY - UNITED NATIONS WORLD WATER DAY

9:30 Swing Band rehearsal

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

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Weekly Calendar:
Mar 16 - 23

PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In Sympathy:

Julio & Jillian Chavez (Brenda Nelson's nephew & wife) upon the loss of their son Luca **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:** John Kostlevy; Evelyn Christensen (Mary Louise & Betty's sister); Fitz Sthresley; 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.

THANK YOU TRINITY for helping us deliver 925 pairs of underwear and bras to IAM, the Hendersonville Rescue Mission, and the Homes for Youth Foster Care Closet! Your generosity bowls us over as always, but especially this year, with everything you've been doing to support storm recovery efforts. You are providing dignity to neighbors in need, and all three agencies were VERY grateful! Peace, love and underwear, Your Local Missions Ministry

CONCERT - BLUE RIDGE SYMPHONIC BRASS ENSEMBLE: TODAY! Sunday, March 16, 3:00 – 4:00pm The repertoire spans a wide range of music from Renaissance and Baroque to Contemporary, often including magnificent selections for brass, organ and percussion. Free.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **OHMANN SPEAKER SERIES:** 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,"
- **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.

LUOPAD PARTIES Only two more Luopad Parties 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, March 20th at 2 p.m.**
- **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. Everyone is invited: sewers and non-sewers, beginners and professionals, previous participants and the curious first timers. Come and help us support girls and women in Malawi.

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