

**Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026**

“Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.”—Deuteronomy 24:18

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” arr. Robert A. Hobby
Choral Introit “Praise the Lord, For He Is Good” arr. Hugh Davies

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

God loves the field mouse.

God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.

God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

God loves the child who rocks and claps.

God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.

God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

**God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens,
standing strong over all of us.**

God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

There is no bit of creation that God does not love.

So let us worship this good-news God!

Amen.

***Hymn 645** “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Call to Confession & Prayer

God said, “When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them.”

**Holy God, we confess,
we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.**

Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

We confess, we have clung to guns and war

more than we have pursued peace.

God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow."

**We confess, we have hoarded our resources
and failed to care for our neighbors.**

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them."

We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways.

Fortunately for all of us, God also said, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine."

**By God's grace, despite our sin and shortcomings,
we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.**

May this good news change our lives!

Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Response 444**

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Passing of the Peace

1st Scripture

Matthew 19:13-15 '

Anthem

"At The Name of Jesus"

Cindy Berry

(8:30 service)

Prayer for Children

(11:00 service)

The Sacrament of Baptism - Eleanor Hennessy

***Baptismal Hymn 482**

"Baptized in Water" (stanza 3 only)

2nd Scripture

Deuteronomy 24:17-22

Sermon

"Remembering Our Own Times of Vulnerability", *David Garnett*

***Hymn 36**

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. I have seen it alive in the world. And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence. I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn (see insert)

"See the Precious Children"

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

"Postlude"

Anton Bruckner

**Please stand in body or spirit*

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LITURGIST(S): Jim Smelker
SCREENS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
Catherine Langsdorf
LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE: 130

FLOWERS: Flowers given by Kathy Steinbaugh in celebration and memory of our Mom, Barbara Wetton
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner, Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz

WORSHIP TEAM

Transitional Pastor: Rev. David Garnett
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury
Minister of Music: Rev. Lesley Bush
Section Leaders: Katie Cilluffo, Claire Crook, Tim Kuykendall, Eric McAnallen

TRINITY TEAM

Maintenance Facilitator: Jim Kisner
Treasurers: Bob Forsythe, Bev Luzadder
Financial Secretary: Diane Bowers
Bookkeeper: Angela Kuykendoll
Tellers: Barbara Goodman, Pat Harter, Robin Hodgson, Betty Lockwood

See the Precious Children

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D ("As We Gather at Your Table")

See the precious children seated on the lap of Christ our Lord
Called the greatest in the kingdom held so gently and adored
They are precious in the sight of God who made each tiny toe
In their weakness they're held by love as each day they learn and grow

See the precious widowed women gleaning harvests from the field
Then returning to their kitchen to prepare their daily meal
They are precious in the sight of God who holds their broken hearts
In their sorrow they're held by love that redeems each fragile part

See the precious foreign strangers as they carry all they own
To a land that's full of dangers for the powerless and prone
They are precious in the sight of God who made their homeland, too
In their journey they're held by love as each day they start anew

See the precious dispossessed ones asking for some food to eat
Sleeping under starry heavens, daily living on the streets
They are precious in the sight of God who loves them as a child
In their hunger they're held by love as they guard their human pride

See the precious world impoverished by our malice and our greed
Humans, animals, and planet crying out for some relief
We're all precious in the sight of God who made each holy thing
In our living we're held by love as we care for every being

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 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour
10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

THURSDAY

9:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal
10:00 Bible Study for Lent
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi
6:30 Cub Scouts

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi

FRIDAY - TIDINGS DEADLINE & "WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR" DAY

8:00 Toastmasters
4:30 Postcard Party (Trailside)

TUESDAY - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

& FOAM RECYCLING DAY

9:30 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
10:30 Naomi Circle
12:00 Staff Lunch
3:00 Fire Inspection
6:30 Social Justice Network Mtg. (Grace)

SATURDAY

2:00 Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America - Film Screening (Grace)

SUNDAY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour
10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

WEDNESDAY

10:00 Friends in Christ - Hybrid
10:00 Project Dignity Packing Party
2:00 Lecture w/ William Yoo (Montreat)
3:30 Zoom: Earth Care Ministry Mtg.
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

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Contacts (office/pastoral business) during the week

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In Sympathy: Joy Guenther upon the loss of her brother Sherwood Johnson; Myrl Jean Hughes upon the loss of her nephew Michael Hughes **Hospice:** Art Wayboer **Hospital:** Marc Hirschfield (Zigovsky/Hirschfield family) **Rehab/Nursing:** Don Robinson (Lakepointe Life Care); Alice McCullough, Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Nugent Sharp, Jack Caylor (HHR); Don Widmayer (Florida); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell) **Home:** Kathy Steinbaugh; Cynthia Moser; Brandon Haskins; Barbara Pickwood; Sarah Ogide (John Wright's daughter); Evelyn Christensen (Mary Louise & Betty's sister); Leslie Nissen; Kris Grasse; Dave Gilbert; Helen Dearborn; Nancy Twitchen; Marty Roller; Irene Lunsford (Dolly & Nancy's sister), Brenda Nelson; Steve Kuykendoll; Bob Miles; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); T.K. Owens; Evans Thibodeau; Kim & Jason Ball **Others:** immigrants and those who are fearful or in hiding; our partners in Madagascar, Malawi, and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, people in war-torn areas of the world, those harmed by gun violence and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation.

LUOPADS FOR MALAWI: Our final two Luopad sewing parties for the season will be held on Thursday, March 5th and Thursday, March 12th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. All completed kits will be delivered to the Presbytery on March 16th. Please join us to help finish this sewing season strong. We look forward to resuming the project in September.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will host their second **Packing Party** for **Project Dignity** on March 18 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. **PD** will supply the feminine hygiene products and boxes and will oversee the packing process. **You're encouraged to come help PACK.** Questions? Contact Sarah Thibodeau (sthobod567@aol.com) or call 698-8679

IT'S EASTER LILY TIME! If you would like to make a bulletin dedication in honor of your loved ones this Easter Sunday in support of our annual Easter Lily fund, please sign up on our website or contact the church office. Happy Easter!

EASTER BRUNCH: It's time to share fellowship and celebrate Christ's resurrection at Trinity's traditional Easter Brunch. **No reservations necessary.** If you are interested in cooking an egg casserole (only need 10-11 trays) there will be a sign-up sheet with copies of recipes on the bulletin board. Trays are also provided if you need one. Come one come all young or old or in-between on April 5th starting right after 8:30 service.

NOTE FROM MARINA HIRSCHFIELD (MARTY ZIGOVSKY'S DAUGHTER): *I don't know how to share this with members of Trinity but y'all haven't forgotten daddy, and you adopted me. Notes and calls come unexpectedly from different folks that raise spirits and soothe the souls. The choir sounds great and the music divine. Lesley Bush is amazing. Daddy misses you, so we listened to the anthem and sermon again. We try to participate from a distance and make it work. Love and blessings—Marina*

LECTURE AT MONTREAT, WED., MARCH 18, 2:00 P.M.: "THE CHURCH CANNOT BE SILENT, BUT WHAT SHOULD IT SAY?" Dr. William Yoo, Associate Professor of American Religious and Cultural History at Columbia Theological Seminary, will present a free lecture at Montreat's Upper Anderson Theatre, addressing "the rise of Christian Nationalism, the decline of the American Dream, and how to still have faith in America." The lecture will also be live-streamed; for more information or to register for the live-stream, go to <https://montreat.org/events/william-yoo-lecture>.

8TH ANNUAL JOY OF JAZZ FESTIVAL! Mark your calendars for the 8th Annual "Joy of Jazz Festival", held in memory of Robin Tolleson, former elder and musician at Trinity – **Saturday, March 28th with a free concert at 4:00pm** in the Hendersonville High School auditorium. Thank you to everyone who has supported Robin's work over the years, including Local Missions who has been a partner in this endeavor for the last two years.