

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026**

*“Let anyone among you who is without sin
be the first to throw a stone at her.”—John 8:7*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude “The Old Rugged Cross” *arr. Dale Wood*
Choral Introit “Praise the Lord, For He Is Good” *arr. Hugh Davies*

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Welcome to the weary and the worn.

Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.

Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.

Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.

Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

This is God’s house.

You can make yourself at home here.

Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!

***Hymn 301** “Let Us Build a House” (*verses 1–4*)

Call to Confession & Prayer

Holy God, we love to live our lives by the rules. We love clear answers. We love right and wrong. We love swift justice. We love to pick up stones, but you show us another way. You welcome shades of gray and nuanced conversation. You prioritize mercy over legality. You prioritize people over tradition. You prioritize love over everything. Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters. Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to each other or to you. Forgive us. Soften our hearts. Root us in mercy, justice, and love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 301** “Let Us Build a House” (verse 5)

Passing of the Peace

First Lesson

Matthew 23:1–3, 23–24

Anthem

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”, *arr. Gilbert Martin*

A Prayer for Children

Second Lesson

John 8:2–11

Sermon

Rooted in Justice, Mercy, and Faithfulness, Dwight Christenbury

***Hymn 749**

“Come! Live in the Light!”

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 757**

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

“Prelude in G Minor”

J. S. Bach

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: The Call to Worship, the Prayer of Confession, and the Affirmation of Faith are adapted from liturgy by the Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org. Used by permission.

LITURGIST(S): Candy Grose
SCREENS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
Catherine Langsdorf

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE: 118

FLOWERS: Given by the Zigovsky family -
“Happy heavenly birthday, Tillie Zigovsky!”
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,
Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz

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 - 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

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team
11:00 VBS Team
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
2:30 Origami Group
5:30 Circles Team
5:30 Circles Board Meeting
6:00 Zoom: Worship Ministry Mtg.
6:30 Deborah Circle

WEDNESDAY

10:00 Friends in Christ - Hybrid
12:00 Presbyterian Advocacy Hour
5:30 Wed Night Live Dinner
6:30 Wed Night Live Presentation: Sarah Jun-
kin-Woodard re: Nicaragua
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal
10:00 Bible Study for Lent
11:00 Zoom: Between the lines
1:30 Trinity Book Group
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi
6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

SATURDAY

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal
1:30 Jerry Miller's Memorial (Online)
2:00 "No Kings" March & Rally (Courthouse)
4:00 Joy of Jazz Festival Concert
(Hendersonville Highschool)

SUNDAY - PALM SUNDAY & 5 CENTS A MEAL

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10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: Hospice: Art Wayboer **Hospital:** Rosalee Suddreth (Dave Ragsdale's mother) **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.

WED NIGHT LIVE: March 25 with Sarah Junkin-Woodard from the Center of Development in Central America. She will be presenting an update on significant changes to this ministry. Please sign up by Sunday March 22 and show your support for this worthy cause.

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.

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.

TUES MAR 24 - Please avoid parking in the back parking lots. We are having some building maintenance done that day.

"NO KINGS" MARCH & RALLY, SAT, MARCH 28

- **MARCHERS:** Arrive at the County Courthouse on Grove Street by 2 pm, latest. The march will start on our signal at approximately 2:05, as soon as law enforcement blocks the streets for us.
- **THOSE WITH MOBILITY ISSUES:** Go straight to the Historic Courthouse square, on Main Street, site of the rally.
- **ALL:** Bring your signs, your passion, your energy, your friends & neighbors. There will be several speakers, great musicians and chanting loud enough to echo all across downtown Hendersonville.

2026 FLOWER CHART is up and running! If you would like to honor your loved ones with a gift of flowers in their name for one of our worship services, please visit "Sign-Ups" on our webpage to reserve your flower date(s) today! (We esp. need sign up for the month of Feb)

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

DEATH CAFÉ: Mon, Mar 30 at 3pm. We practice gentle listening, sharing stories of loss, fear, and grief from deep within our hearts. We meet monthly in the lounge. Light refreshments.