
Third Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2024 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”—John 3:17

Prelude Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word *J.S. Bach*

Introit 226 There in God's Garden

Call to Worship (*Psalm 107:1-3, 21-22 - responsive*)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those God redeemed from trouble**

Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love,
for God's wonderful works to humankind.

**And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of the Lord's deeds with songs of joy.**

***Hymn 391** This Is The Day!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, the breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. Why, then, do we complain that the manna you provide, even now, is not enough? Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry? Forgive us, we pray, for not trusting your goodness. Teach us again to put our trust in your promises. And fill us with grace, so that our lives might show the fullness of your love for all people. 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 Numbers 21:4-9

Anthem Great Redeemer *Alexandre Guilmont*

A Prayer for Children

New Testament Lesson

John 3: 1-17

Sermon

“Who Is In Charge Around Here?” Mark Stanley

*Affirmation of Faith *(responsive from Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language)*

Having sung God's praise, having confessed our sin and been assured of God's pardon, having heard God's word, let us respond by affirming the faith of the church. What do you believe?

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work. Amen.

Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Toccata in E minor

Johann Pachelbel

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: © Presbyterian Outlook, 2024, Liturgy written by Baron Mullis and provided for free distribution.

LITURGIST(S): Ron Howard

FLOWERS: Given by Michael & Marcia Shepard in memory of his mother, Adelaide Shepard

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 167

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

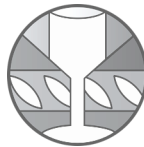
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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

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

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

9:30 Artventure Painters' Group

10:00 New Member Subcommittee

10:30 New Member Ministry Mtg.

3:30 Tai chi - Beginner

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

5:30 Local Missions Ministry Mtg.

6:30 Session Mtg.

TUESDAY

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

1:00 CCA "Plastic Jesus" Webinar

3:00 Origami Group

3:30 Deacons Mtg.

WEDNESDAY - THRIVING CONGREGATIONS (MONTREAT)

10:00 Esther Circle

10:30 Friends in Christ

1:00 Spanish Class

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY - THRIVING CONGREGATIONS (MONTREAT)

9:30 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

10:00 Migrant Farmworker Resources Project

11:00 Zoom: Between the Lines Book Group

3:30 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY - THRIVING CONGREGATIONS (MONTREAT)

8:00 Toastmasters

4:00 Silent Vigil for Immigration Reform
(Historic Courthouse)

SATURDAY - BUILDING & GROUNDS WORK DAY

SUNDAY - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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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

Weekly Calendar: Mar 10 - 17

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PRAYER CONCERNS In Sympathy: the Stanley family upon the loss of Becky's mother Barbara Brumfield **Hospice:** Cathy O'Neil **Rehab/Nursing:** 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); Nancy Underwood (Florida); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana); **Home:** Fitz Sthresley; Russ Russell; 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); Brian Dillon; 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.

MEMORIAL GARDEN INFO SESSION TODAY: Want to know more about our columbarium and memorial gardens? Join us in room 207 during the Learning Hour at 9:45 AM for an info session with Duane Johnson .

IONA ABBEY 2025 INFO MEETING, MARCH 17, 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.

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

PRAYERS go with our *Thriving Congregations* team at Montreat this coming week! May they return with energy and inspiration.

6TH ANNUAL JOY OF JAZZ FESTIVAL: Mark your calendars for the "Joy of Jazz Festival" in honor of Robin Tolleson, former member, elder, and musician at Trinity. **Saturday, March 16th with a free concert at 4:00 pm** in the Hendersonville Highschool auditorium. Donations to continue the program will be gladly accepted at the door. Thank you to everyone who has supported Robin's work over the years. The Tolleson family is happy to extend his legacy of bringing youth and jazz together once again!

BUILDING & GROUNDS SPRING WORK DAY - Sat, Mar 16, 9AM - 12PM (Inside and Outside the church). Last year's work days were great successes, and we look forward to being together again. Sign-up in the Narthex. Please join us!

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.

EARTH CARE MINISTRY INFO & EVENTS:

- **Mar 12, 1PM** - Creation Care Alliance Zoom Event: "Plastic Jesus" - Details & registration link on Trinity calendar
- **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.

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!