

Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026

Jesus said, "You do it. Fix supper for them."—Mark 6:37 (The Message)

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" *arr. Larry Shackley*
Choral Introit "Praise the Lord, For He Is Good" *arr. Hugh Davies*

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

If you need good news,

settle into this space. We have good news to share.

If you need a word of hope,

then trust us when we say, there is hope enough to go around.

If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,

then know that this is God's house.

This is the good news of the gospel:

God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move.

Let us worship our with-us God!

***Hymn 410** "God Is Calling through the Whisper"

Call to Confession & Prayer

Holy God, with you the impossible is possible: 5,000 can be fed, the blind can see, the hopeless can find hope. With you the impossible is possible, but we are quick to forget that. We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done. We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd. We forget that you are always with us. Forgive us for doubting that change can ever come. But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Response 444** "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Passing of the Peace

First Lesson

Ephesians 3:20–21

Anthem

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”, *arr. by Mark Hayes*

Prayer for Children

Second Lesson

Mark 6:32–44

Sermon

Together, the Impossible Is Possible, Dwight Christenbury

***Hymn 373**

“O Day of Peace”

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*)

“Human Minds Just Can’t Imagine” AUSTRIAN HYMN

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” arr. Victor Labenske

**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): Jan Prichard, Joy Guenther

SCREENS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
Catherine Langsdorf

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE: 164

FLOWERS: Given by Betty Lockwood in memory of Ed, on what would have been his 97th birthday

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

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
10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

12:15 Matthew 25: Aging Discussion Panel
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team
10:30 New Member Ministry Meeting
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi
6:30 Session Meeting

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
3:30 Deacons Meeting
5:30 Circles Team

WEDNESDAY

10:00 Friends in Christ - Hybrid
4:00 Wise Women Network
5:30 WNL Dinner
6:30 WNL Presentation - Celtic Spirituality w/
Rich Shader
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal
10:00 PWNC Youth Leaders' Forum
11:00 Zoom: Between the Lines Book Group
1:00 Luopad Project
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi
6:30 Cub Scouts
6:30 Sing In (First Congregational)

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

SATURDAY

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

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9:45 Learning Hour
10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In Sympathy: The family of María Luisa de Guzmán (Fuente de Vida sister church); Angela Kuykendoll upon the death of her cousin Richard Sosebee; Beth Pensiero upon the loss of her husband Frank Burzio; the family of Jane Sugawara; the Kuykendoll family upon the loss of Angela's aunt Carolyn Ezzell; the family of Ben Moore; the Garnett family upon the loss of Molly's cousin Elizabeth Fenner **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:** Barbara Pickwood; Sarah Wright (John Wright's daughter); Evelyn Christensen (Mary Louise & Betty's sister); Leslie Nissen; Marina Hirschfield; 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.

MATTHEW 25 PANEL DISCUSSION ON AGING TODAY Sun, Mar 8, 12:15, Fellowship Hall. Join church groups, as well as non-profit and government groups to share information about their mission and communities they serve. We will be asking for your input on the topic. This is part of our Matt 25 "Congregational Vitality" initiative.

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.

WED NIGHT LIVE: Join us on March 11th at 5:30 for dinner, 6:30 for presentation. Rich Shader, an ordained elder from the Church of Scotland and an associate member of the IONA community will be doing a presentation on Celtic Spirituality. Sign up sheet is waiting for your signature by Sun. March 8th.

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. **TPW** encourages **all TPC members, friends, and family to come help PACK.** Questions? Contact Sarah Thibodeau (sthobod567@aol.com) or call 698-8679

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.

SING-IN, March 12, 6:30PM, First Congregational Church (1735 Fifth Ave). Come learn songs to sing together at protest rallies! Note: The next "No Kings" event will be on March 28. Help us prepare to raise our voices together!