

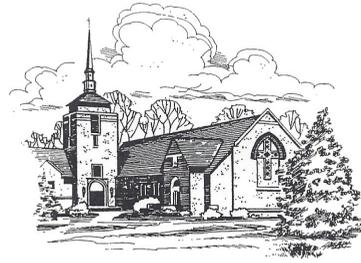
**IN THE LORD'S SERVICE (02-22-26)**

**Acolyte:** Aubrey Herman  
**Cross Bearer:** Duane Alexander  
**Elders:** Pat Bowers & Joye Lane  
**Treasurer's Assist:** Johnny Lamp

*February*

**REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Acolyte:** Ocean Spain  
**Cross Bearer:** Josh Mateyunas  
**Elders:** Shuford Abernethy & Andy Kanipe  
**Flowers:** Becky Setzer  
**Lay Reader:** Carolyn Reitzel  
**Liturgist:** Shuford Abernethy  
**Treasurer's Assist:** Cindy Abel



*Trinity Reformed*  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**February 22, 2026—10:30 A.M.**  
*\*Denotes—Those who are able may stand.*

**COMING BEFORE GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Peggy Stout

**PRELUDE**

Chelsea Westbrook, Pianist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Lamentations 3:22-23*) Johnny Lamp, Liturgist  
"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning—  
***Great is your faithfulness!***"

**\*HYMN** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #98 Blue Book

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION** Johnny Lamp, Liturgist  
Holy and Loving God, in this hour of worship, lift us out of the routine of our daily lives. Touch our hearts, challenge our minds, and give us a renewed strength to live as your children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Peggy Stout  
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (*Responsively*) Rev. Peggy Stout  
Friends, our God is just and merciful. He reproves our sinful ways, offers the grace of repentance, and frees us to live as His beloved children. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
***Thanks be to God!***



Trinity Church currently uses **Abundant Life Florist** in Newton for our altar flower vases (828-465-1996). We also use **Kibbie's Flower Farm & Design Co.** for piano vases and other flower arrangements (828-979-6369). Please call to order (or cancel) your flowers, no later than the Tuesday before your scheduled Sunday.



**Our Mission** — To love God, love one another, and love the world through adoring worship, affectionate community, and active service.

**THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**

All Church Members, Ministers  
Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor  
Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Pastor  
Martha Caldwell, Director of Adult Traditional Choir  
Marty Light, Organist

**TRINITY ONLINE GIVING**



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## HAPPENING AT TRINITY

\*PRAISE RESPONSE “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” #226 Blue Book  
*Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*(Please be seated.)*

### LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Sydney Mateyunas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Unison)* Brenda Adams, Lay Reader  
*Eternal God, fill us this day with your Holy Spirit that we may be  
sensitive to your Presence, attentive to your Word, and faithful to  
your Way. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Romans 12:4-8* Brenda Adams

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God!*

ANTHEM “Must Jesus Bear the Cross/Lonesome Valley” Chancel Choir  
*(arr. by Joseph Martin)*

\*GOSPEL READING *Matthew 22:34-40* Rev. Peggy Stout

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.  
*All praise to you, Christ our Lord!*

MEDITATION

Greg Reitzel

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*HMYN “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #318 Blue Book  
*(vs. 1 & 3)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Peggy Stout

**Attention New Deacons & Elders:** We will have our New Consistory Member Orientation **TODAY** immediately following worship in the Chapel. Please plan to stay for this brief information meeting with Michael Lingle and Shuford Abernethy.



### **Attention Men & Women of Trinity!**

Our Men’s & Women’s Biblical Book Studies are about to begin. The women’s study begins this **Mon., Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm** in the Parlor, and the men’s study will begin this **Tues., Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**, also in the Parlor. Please sign up to join the studies!

### **Children & Youth Open Gym Nights**

*Wednesday Evenings* from 6-8pm

OPEN GYM: Our LEC (Gymnasium) will be open **this Wed., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm** for children and youth! This evening will be chaperoned by Richard Bowers, Troy Kuzmitsky and Patrick Setzer. Bring a friend—our doors are open! **\*Feel free to bring your own additional equipment** (jump ropes, volleyball, etc.) **when you come!**

### **FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP**

*Next Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>* from 5:00-6:15pm



Please join us for our First Sunday Fellowship meal and a church-wide evening program for kids, youth & adults—to include fellowship dinner and mission trip update by Pastor Jaha.

**Menu:** *Trinity BBQ, chicken nuggets, and Lahu Traditional dishes.  
The children will have an activity with Jessica Spain.*

### **COMING SOON...**

**Kidz Club & Youth Group—Food Drive for ASHURE Ministries**

***Beginning Next Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>:*** Our Kidz Club and Youth Group are sponsoring a food drive for ASHURE Ministries in Newton for the entire Month of March! Starting next week, please consider bringing to the church canned & boxed goods, cleaning supplies, and paper products for our donation collection throughout the month.





**ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

	Sanctuary	Lahu	Live Stream	Total	Offering	
27,184						
21,747	Feb 1	*	*	*	*	
15,810	Feb 8	92	26	41	159	\$8,124.00
10,540	Feb 15	90	18	48	156	\$4,826.00
5,270	Feb 22					
	<b>Total</b>					

~Goal for a four week month is \$21,747 and for a five week month is \$27,184  
 — Denotes combined Traditional & Lahu service OR No Live Stream  
 \*\*Service cancelled due to snow & ice

**The Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Invitation**

Rev. Peggy Stout

**Ministry of Intercessory Prayer**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

*"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"  
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*HYMN** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" #677 Blue Book  
 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Peggy Stout

**\*CHIMES**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Chelsea Westbrook

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**THE FLOWERS** on the altar today are given to the  
 Glory of God.



**Chili & Dessert Cook-Off!**  
**TONIGHT at 5:00pm**



Make and bring your favorite Dessert and/or Chili and have a chance to win a first place prize. Winners will be **chosen by YOU!** We will see you in the Fellowship Hall!

**This Week**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

**First Sunday in Lent**

9:30 am—Sunday School  
**Guest Speaker: Greg Reitzel**  
**Prayer Basket Sunday**  
 10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship  
 10:30 am—You Tube Live Stream  
 11:45 am—New Deacon & Elder  
**Orientation (Chapel)**  
 5:00 pm—**Chili & Dessert Cookoff!** 

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

9:00 am—Volunteer at ASHURE  
 6:00 pm—**Ladies' Book Study Begins**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

1:00 pm—*Children's School to Set-Up Fellowship Hall*  
 5:30 pm—Consistory Officers Meeting  
 6:30 pm—**Men's Book Study Begins**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

10:00 am—Children's School Prom

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 (cont'd)**

6-8 pm—**Kids & Youth Open Gym**  
 6:30 pm—A.A. Meeting  
 7:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

9:30 am—Hugs & Stitches  
 6:00 pm—Sweet Adelines

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1**

**Second Sunday in Lent**   
*\*Begin Kidz Club & Youth Food Drive for ASHURE Ministries*  
 9:30 am—Sunday School  
**Holy Communion**  
 10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship  
 10:30 am—You Tube Live Stream  
 11:30 am—Brotherhood Meeting  
 5:00 pm—**First Sunday Fellowship & Mission Report from Pastor Jaha (F. Hall)**



**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Romans 12:4-8 (NIV)*

<sup>4</sup>For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup>if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup>if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

**\*GOSPEL READING:**

*Matthew 22:34-40 (NIV)*

<sup>34</sup>Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. <sup>35</sup>One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”  
<sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.  
***All praise to you, Christ our Lord!***



**Easter Lilies** are available to order and will be \$13.00 for single-stem or \$26.00 for a double-stem flower. Orders will be due by **Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**.



**Congregational CARE NOTES today!** There are care notepads provided at the end of each pew. Please take a moment to write a note of care, thought, or appreciation to someone in our church. *Please write their name on the top of the paper.* We will take up the notes after the service and mail them directly to the person. *(You may also place them in the offering plates when passed down the pews.)*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, and visits**

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

- Lawrence Warf—recupe: lung biopsy
- Aimee Falder—recupe: ankle/leg surgery
- Jan Herman—recupe: hip surgery
- Deb Crotts—recupe: gall bladder surgery
- Debbie Dickerson—recupe: kidney stone surgery
- Carrie Stanford—recuperating after surgery
- Jeanette Bitz—at Atrium Health Hospital (in King’s Mountain), Rm. 261
- Wanda Sue Ammerman
- Frank & Debbie Dickerson
- \*Lynn Dee David
- Sherry Eckard
- Jane Hamilton
- Carolyn Reitzel
- Jane Bartholomew

**OTHERS**

- \*Mike Simmons (T. Simmons’ Brother)
- \*Michael Gantt
- \*Bill Barnard (B. Adams’ Brother)
- \*Lewis Bumgarner—colon cancer
- \*Al Johnson (friend of Carole C.)

**RECUPERATING AT HOME**

- Stan & Margie Griffin
- Rev. Earle Potts
- Darlene Whittaker

**ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES**

**SPRINGS OF CATAWBA**

- Hickory, NC 28601**
- Cyndy Adams

**CV ASSIST. LIVING—ROCK BARN**

- Conover, NC 28613**
- Jeanne Whitmire (Room 107)

**MAGNOLIA LANE**

- Morganton, NC 28655**
- Pat Roark (Room 1)

**CLEMMONS VILLAGE**

- Clemmons, NC 27012**
- Danna Perkins (Room 1)



***Welcome!*** *If you desire to seek a closer walk with God or would like to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, please feel free to speak to Rev. Stout about your desire. If you wish to become a member of this church, or just want more information about our church, please speak to Rev. Stout to explore your interest. Please feel free to see Rev. Peggy at church, or call her at the church office (828-464-8226) or on her cell number (828-302-0039).*