

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE (03-22-26)

Acolyte: Ocean Spain

Cross Bearer: Josh Mateyunas

Elders: Shuford Abernethy & Andy Kanipe

Treasurer's Assist: Natalie Inman Travis



REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

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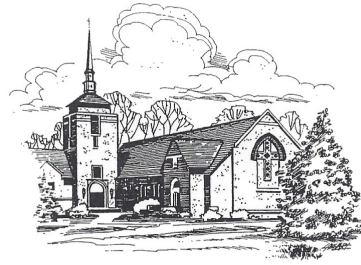
Elders: Shuford Abernethy & Andy Kanipe

Flowers: Susan & Jerry Mallonee

Lay Reader: Jennifer Lingle

Liturgist: Scott Love

Treasurer's Assist: Deb Hill



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

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE

Marty Light, Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsively*)

Sydney Mateyunas, Liturgist

Lord, your honor and glory are all around us.

The seasons praise you; the wind and the skies praise you; the newborn creatures who signal the spring praise you—

And we come to praise you today in our singing, in our praying, and in our meditations.

***HYMN**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#21 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Sydney Mateyunas, Liturgist

God of amazing and unconditional love, we gather to give you extravagant praise and to lift up the name of Jesus,

who in obedience to your plan of salvation paid the price of love through His death.

Though we comprehend such sacrifice with a limited understanding, *we believe by faith that, at the end of the Lenten journey, love will triumph—and that is cause for celebration and thanksgiving!*

So, help us, O Lord, that our worship today may honor and glorify You. *Amen.*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Peggy Stout

God of mercy, who longs to gather us in the wide embrace of your love, we confess that we have been wayward children. There are many times that we think we love you well, but upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart, all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is diluted, made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart.

How easily our affections are drawn away and our devotion fades.



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

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Though you pursue us in love, call us by name, and invite us to come home, we are often reluctant and slow to obey.

Forgive us, O Lord! In your deep mercy spare us. In your grace rekindle our devotion to you.

We ask all these things in the name of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

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.

*PRAISE RESPONSE

“Morning Has Broken” (vs 3)

#5 Blue Book

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day! Amen.*

(Please be seated.)

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Trinty Children's School

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jessica Spain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Cindy Abel, Lay Reader

Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known, and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 98:1-9

Cindy Abel

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM #1

“What Wondrous Love Is This”
(arr. by Lloyd Larson)

Chancel Choir

GOSPEL READING

John 12:1-8

Rev. Peggy Stout

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

SERMON

Rev. Peggy Stout

HAPPENING AT TRINITY



Collins' Family Mission Report



Wednesday, March 25th at 6:00p ~ Our Chapel

Andy & Ellen Collins will share pictures and recount their recent mission work in Nepal and Thailand. Please join us for this special time. (Cookie fellowship to follow!)



Mini Service of Celebration and Remembrance:

We will host a Remembrance Service for Jeanette Bitz in our Chapel on **Thurs., Mar. 26th at 11am.** Please join us for this brief time of remembrance.

Kidz Club & Youth Group—Food Drive for ASHURE Ministries

THIS MONTH: Our Kidz Club & Youth Group are sponsoring a food drive for ASHURE Ministries in Newton for the entire Month of March! Please consider bringing to the church canned & boxed goods, cleaning supplies, and paper products for our donation collection throughout the month. (Collection bins in office foyer)



**Children & Youth
Open Gym Nights**

Wednesday Evenings from 6-8pm

OPEN GYM: Our LEC (Gymnasium) will be open this Wed., Mar. 25th from 6-8pm for children and youth! This evening will be chaperoned by Richard Bowers 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!**



TRINITY REFORMED UCC

Join Us for

SOUP-er Sunday

MARCH 29TH @ 5

COOK YOUR BEST SOUP RECIPE
AND COME JOIN IN THE
COMPETITION AND FELLOWSHIP!



All are welcome!

SIGN UP AT BACK OF CHURCH OR
TEXT MEGAN @ (828) 962-8974



27,184
21,747
15,810
10,540
5,270

ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

	Sanctuary	Lahu	Live Stream	Total	Offering
Mar 1	103	24	41	168	\$11,929.00
Mar 8	91	18	43	152	\$7,056.63
Mar 15	94	24	64	182	\$3,032.00
Mar 22					
Mar 29					
Total					

~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


ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Last week, we collected \$175 for “One Great Hour of Sharing”, a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ for disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. Thank you for your generosity.



SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
 **The Children’s School to Sing in Worship**
10:30 am—You Tube Live Stream

MONDAY, MARCH 23

9:00 am—Volunteer at ASHURE
5:00 pm—LEC Res. (NCMS)
6:00 pm—Ladies’ Book Study

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

5:00 pm—LEC Res. (NCMS)
6:30 pm—Men’s Book Study

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

6-8 pm—Kids & Youth Open Gym
6:00 pm—Collins’ Mission Report (Chapel)
6:30 pm—A.A. Meeting
7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

9:30 am—Hugs & Stitches
11:00 am—Remembrance Service for **J. Bitz** (Chapel)
6:00 pm—Sweet Adelines

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

2:00 pm—Easter Egg Hunt (Trinity Front Lawn)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Palm Sunday

9:30 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
Prayer Baskets
10:30 am—You Tube Live Stream
5:00 pm—SOUP-er Sunday Dinner



NAME TAGS: I would like to ask you to *please wear your name tags on Sundays*, if possible. The name tags are located on the kiosk at the back of the sanctuary.
~Thanks, Rev. Peggy

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN**

“To God Be the Glory”
(Please be seated.)

#363 Blue Book

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Peggy Stout

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Kathy Alexander

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**

(Please be seated.)

ANTHEM #2

“This Little Light of Mine”
(John Leavitt)

Chancel Choir

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Peggy Stout

***CHIMES**

***POSTLUDE**

Marty Light, Organist



THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and are dedicated to my daughter, Kelly Patrick, out of respect and admiration for her courage.

Given by: Don Patrick



Bring your children to join us for our Easter Egg Hunt! Bring your own basket, and invite a friend. All are welcome!

****We are needing donations of candy and eggs for the egg hunt. Please bring any donations to the church office!**

Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt!

When: Saturday, March 28th at 2pm
Where: Trinity Church Lawn
Who: All kids 1yr—5th Grade





OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 98:1-9

¹Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. ²The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. ³He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. ⁴Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; ⁵make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, ⁶with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King. ⁷Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. ⁸Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; ⁹let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING:

John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵“Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.” ⁶He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷“Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

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

Book Studies Continue!

Our Men’s & Women’s Biblical Book Studies are underway. The women's study happens on **Mondays at 6pm** in the Parlor, and the men’s study happens on **Tuesdays at 6:30pm**, also in the Parlor. Please join us!



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

Dolores Mueller—to have surgery March 24
Ken Poovey—at Conover Rehab, Rm. 404
Darlene Whittaker—radiation treatments
Libby Overcash—prayers and cards
Wanda Sue Ammerman
Debbie & Frank Dickerson
*Lynn Dee David
Aimee Falder
Sherry Eckard
Jane Hamilton
Jane Bartholomew
Carolyn Reitzel
Debbie Spencer-Ahrens

OTHERS

*Doug S. (T. Simmons’ Brother)—cancer
*Mike Simmons (T. Simmons’ Brother)
*Michael Gantt
*Bill Barnard (B. Adams’ Brother)
*Al Johnson (friend of Carole C.)
*Steve Hass—recovering from stroke
*Sean Berry (Samantha Hill’s Father)
*Jodie Coffey (Debbie R.’s Daughter)—recupe:
Surgery on March 17

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Stan & Margie Griffin
Rev. Earle Potts

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).