# Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany February 16, 2014

Welcome and Announcements Prayer

Prelude

(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

\*Acolyte
Call to Worship

"Give Thanks"

Choir

\*Hymn

"Lord of the Dance" (v. 1, 3 & 5)

261

(Please register your attendance on the pew pads provided)

"Let the Children Come!"

(Those 3 years of age through 5 years of age may go to Children's Nursery.)

First Lesson *Psalter *Affirmation of Faith *Gloria Patri	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 "Apostles' Creed" "Glory Be to the Father"	Page 184 (O.T.) 840 881 70
Gioria Faur	Giory Be to the Futher	70
Sharing of the Joys &	Concerns of the Church	
*Hymn	"When We Are Living" (v. 1, 2, & 5)	356
Prayers of Confession	& Intercession	
The Lord's Prayer (Un	tison)	895
Presentation of Tithes	& Offerings	
Offertory		
*Doxology	"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"	95
Anthem	"Love Was When"	Choir

Second Lesson Proverbs 4:20-27 Page 563 (O.T.)

Philippians 3:7-16 Pages 188-189 (N.T.)

Sermon "The Enemies and the Allies of your Purpose in Christ!" Rev. Robert Reeves

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

(You are invited to come to the altar during the singing of the hymn to signify your commitment or re-commitment to Christ, or for prayer, confession, or comfort, in response to God's Word)

\*Hymn "Precious Name" 536

\*Acolyte

\*Dismissal With Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Amen" Choir

\*Postlude

\*The Congregation May Stand

## Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: Robert D. B. Reeves Nursery: Annette Watson

Pianist: Christopher McCroskey Tellers: Ted Frady; Patsy Boggs

Music Director: Jackie McNeill Acolyte: Cristen Hipp

Lay Reader: Laurie Knapp AV Assistants: Jim Miller; Marie Stiles

Time Together: Mary Louise Robinson Ushers: Tom Geddens

VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor's tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. Large print hymnals are available from the ushers. An INFANT AND TODDLER NURSERY is provided during the worship hour. Parents: please ask an usher for assistance.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 29th** from **4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.** and come enjoy a "Taste Of Trinity". Recipes for "The Taste" will come from our Trinity Cookbook along with some new dishes. The tickets will be One (\$1.00) Dollar per sampling. In addition, *The Happy Quilters* will have a *queen size quilt* on display for a *silent auction*. More details will be coming in the weeks ahead; but for now, get your taste buds ready for March 29th.

**TODAY'S LOVELY FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in honor of their second grandchild, **River Allen Robinson**, and in loving memory of her brother, **Mike Stamps**, by **Irvin & Dale Wells**.

# "AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS...

Paul AlmondSteve AielloArvan DerrickKathy WhiteJim MillerArnold HeitingSara EfronRusty PooleBonnie RamseyMiriam Simpson

Barbara Pearson Roland Morgan Donnie Sox

Shut-Ins: Mary Brewer; Mary Comolander; Nellie Hipp; Doris Ivey; LaCrecia Taylor; Terry Pitts; Ruby

Schmotzer; Claudia Sineath; David Roberts; Irene Ward

Family and Friends: Ernest Westbury (friend of English & Jewel Pearcy); Chris Foy (friend of Georgeann Pace); Janet Neblo (Georgeann Pace's daughter-in-law's mother); Mary Thompson (co-worker of Christopher McCroskey); Charles Berry (son-in-law of Bruce & Jean Raynor); Winslow Jumper (brother of Nell Cooke); Mary Nell Trussell (niece of Nell Cooke); Lewie Harrell (nephew of Nell Cooke); Kitty Sellers (friend of John & Patsy Zeigler); Mary Davis (daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland); Jan Hoover (friend of Laurie Knapp); Beth Ann Feimster (sister of Christopher McCroskey); Matt Owen (husband of Nell Cooke's granddaughter); Michael Carter (son of Esther Carter); Garland Pearson (brother of Bill Pearson); Jon Kirby (grandson of Nell Cooke); Narcie McClendon Jeter (daughter of Tim McClendon): John Glaze (brother-in-law of Shirley Butler); Jeanne Crone (neighbor of Jo Ann & Arnold Heiting); Adam Lavender (son of Phil Lavender); Vickie Bright (friend of Kaye Floyd); Mike Rentz (brother of Marty Johnson); Walt Beck (friend of Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting); Linda Boatwright (sister of George & Morris Taylor); Vera Von Glahn (sister-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at <a href="mailto:trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com">trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com</a>.

OUR PRESENCE ...

Attendance 02/09 Sunday School 36 Morning Worship: 75

OUR GIFTS ...

AV Assistant:

**General Fund 02/09** \$ 4,735.20

**OUR SERVICE.**"

#### Church Calendar

**TODAY** Lay Leadership Workshop @ Virginia Wingard UMC, 2 – 8 p.m.

Outreach, 5:30 p.m.

Church Council, 6:30 p.m.

**2/19** Prayer Group, 7 a.m.

Wonderful Wednesdays Meal, 5:30 p.m.

Jim Miller: Marie Stiles

Bible Study, 6:15 p.m.

Choir, 7 p.m.

#### Serving in February/March

Jim Miller: John Ballentine

Serving On:	February 23	March 2
Ushers:	Needed	Needed
Tellers:	Pam Turner; Bonnie Ramsey	John Ballentine; Becky Derrick
Flowers:	Charles & Jackie McNeill	Needed
Acolyte:	Matthew Skipper	Needed
Lay Reader:	Tom Geddens	Not Needed
Time Together:	United Methodist Women	Jewel Pearcy; Pauline Wenner



Ministers Pastor Resident Bishop District Superintendent

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On Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, *Girl Scout Sunday*, Girl Scout Troop 1279 will be with us during the Worship Service. Following the service, they will have Girl Scout cookies available for purchase.

On Good Friday, Donna Muszynski is sponsoring *Good Food, Good Feet, Good Friday* which will provide a meal, palliative foot care and new socks and shoes for Columbia's homeless. If you would like to help, you can donate new, fitted socks (not tube socks), new athletic or walking shoes, money for supplies, commit to a training session for foot washers, and/or participate on Good Friday. We will have additional information in the upcoming weeks.



Wonderful Wednesdays continue this Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the Bible Study, led by Pastor Robert, will begin at 6:15 p.m. The meal for this week will be prepared by Jackie McNeill, Jeanette Hornsby, Patsy Zeigler and Charles McNeill and will consist of:

Chicken Cacciatore Small Green Peas Salad Dessert

Please be sure to sign up for your Wednesday meal by handing your reservation in on Sunday or calling Jackie Eitel on Monday. For the cooks to shop and prepare the meals, they need to have the information as soon as possible so they can make enough to serve those who have signed up.

The price of the meals will be \$5.00 for adults and children 12 and over, \$3.00 for children 6 to 12 and \$1.00 for children ages 2 to 5. There will be a limit of \$12.00 to be paid per immediate\* family, with a maximum of five persons. (After five family members, each additional person is \$3.00.) (\*Two related generations is an immediate family.)

### Sermon Review

This is not a review of the exact information from last week's message but it's related. What a winter storm we experienced this past week. What came through our area was one of the worse winter storms ever seen in this area! The National Weather Bureau, along with our local meteorologists, estimated correctly how serious this storm was going to be. Then our local and state officials chimed in as well warning us all to "stay home" until this storm passes. Most of us listened. Even the skeptics such as myself saw how dangerous the roads were and stayed home. Well, almost stayed home. I started out to the grocery store on Wednesday morning and quickly realized in a few hundred yards it was a mistake and I very well could get stuck. So, I turned around and went home but then knew I'd never make it up the hill on Cardinal so I pulled over and walked home. Now, what is the point in this story relating it to what was said last Sunday morning? The bottom line purpose of every sane person five days ago was to remain safe and sound and warm in their home. Most persons succeeded at keeping that purpose! Some of us, however, started thinking about other less significant purposes and may have got themselves stuck in the ice somewhere away from the safety of their home.

The LORD certainly knew that the body of CHRIST would have many enemies to our pursuit and pleasure and place of knowing and following after CHRIST. In Philippians and Proverbs our text warned us that stuff would arise in our lives pulling us away from pure devotion to CHRIST. We must remember our first and greatest purpose. The apostle Paul knew what his purpose was and he knew that there were enemies to keep him from that purpose. Do we realize this truth? Do we respond to challenges as they come to us with our focus staying first on CHRIST? When we don't have a plan to not fail when challenges arise, then we have a plan to fail when challenges arise! GOD has always worked in the intention of purpose. Our adversary hates purpose and has always worked to stop our purpose in CHRIST. Does our lifestyle reflect the knowledge of GOD's intention to keep us in GOD's care, or do we respond in panic, ignorance or other wrong attitudes when difficulties arise? If you watched the Super Bowl two weeks ago you saw one team that very much worked under one focus and purpose and another team that was not as ready as they could have been prepared. The results were telling. The results will be telling in our lives too. Remember your greatest purpose consistently and everything else will line up under that.

Blessings for the journey with JESUS!!! Pastor Robert