

Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 15, 2015

Welcome and Announcements
 Prayer
 Prelude

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

*Acolyte		
Call to Worship	<i>“Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join”</i>	Choir
*Hymn	<i>“His Name Is Wonderful”</i>	174

(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	2 Kings 2:1-12	Pages 327-328 (O.T.)
*Psalter	Psalm 50:1- 6	783-784
Affirmation of Faith	<i>“Apostles’ Creed”</i>	881
*Gloria Patri	<i>“Glory Be to the Father”</i>	70

Sharing of the Joys & Concerns of the Church		
*Hymn	<i>“Lead On, O King Eternal”</i>	580
Prayers of Confession & Intercession		
The Lord’s Prayer (<i>Unison</i>)		895

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology	<i>“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	95

Anthem	<i>“Sometimes Alleluia”</i>	Choir
Second Lesson	Philippians 2:5-11	Page 188 (N.T.)
	John 3:16	Page 91 (N.T.)
Sermon	<i>“The Father’s Valentine”</i>	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	<i>“O How He Loves You and Me”</i>	2108 TFWS
*Acolyte		
*Dismissal With Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>“God Be with You till We Meet Again”</i>	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	A/V Assistant :	Marie Stiles
Lay Reader:	Tom Geddens	Time Together:	Mary Louise Robinson
Ushers:	JOY Sunday School Class		

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.

THE ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR is placed in honor of the birth of **Tanner Oneal Shumpert**, on Friday, February 6. He weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 ¾ inches long. **Tanner Oneal** is the son of **Justin and Kristen Hallman Shumpert**, the grandson of **Hal and Sherrill Clarkson** and the great-grandson of **Tom and Marilyn Lloyd**.

TODAY’S LOVELY FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, **Bruce Raynor**, by **Jean Raynor**.

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

Charlie Hooker	Ruth Frady	Hannah Easterling	Lisa Butler	Christopher McCroskey
Jackie McNeill	Carolyn Hardee	Tommy Johnson	Rusty Poole	George Taylor
Arnold Heiting	Sara Efron	Miriam Simpson	Marian Risinger	Latson Lewis
Cristen Hipp				

Shut-Ins: Theresa Awtrey; Mary Brewer; Mary Comolander; Nellie Hipp; Melton Martin; Roland Morgan; Terry Pitts; Jean Raynor; Thomas Risinger; Claudia Sineath; Donnie Sox; LaCrecia Taylor

Family and Friends: **Donald Stockman** (brother-in-law of John Zeigler); **Margaret Holladay** (aunt of Lynn Martin); **Fran Ballentine** (sister of John Ballentine); **Kathleen Butler** (granddaughter of Shirley Butler); **Martha Cooke** (daughter of Nell Cooke); **Josephine Von Glahn** (mother of Jo Ann Heiting); **Regis Stevens** (mother of Kaye Floyd & Jack Stevens); **Sandra Priester** (friend of Ray Culbreth); **Jim Lloyd** (brother of Tom Lloyd); **Doris Sanders** (friend of the Heitings); **Dan McGowan** (friend of Arnold Heiting); **Michael Hardeman** (friend of Billy Pearson); **Laura Goldstein** (friend of Christopher McCroskey); **Carlton Mathews** (coworker of Kathy White); **Randy Hodge** (friend of Ray Frady); **Ralph & Garland Pearson** (brothers of Bill Pearson); **Susan Jones** (wife of Stuart Jones); **Mitch Anderson** (son of Ray Frady's friend); **Nancy Friedrich** (Shirley Butler's niece); **Mary Baggott** (Kathy White's coworker's mom); **Yvonne Kirkman** (Kathy White's coworker's sister); **Carole Daly** (friend of Marie Stiles); **Mary Thompson** (coworker of Christopher McCroskey); **Winslow Jumper** (brother of Nell Cooke); **Kitty Sellers** (friend of John & Patsy Zeigler); **Matt Owen** (husband of Nell Cooke's granddaughter); **Michael Carter** (son of Esther Carter); **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); **Linda Boatwright** (sister of George & Morris Taylor); **Vera Von Glahn** (sister-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting)

OUR PRESENCE ...

Attendance 2/08 Sunday School 33 Morning Worship: 60

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 2/08 \$ 4,204.50

OUR SERVICE ...

OUR WITNESS."

Church Calendar

- 2/16 Balance Class, 4:30 p.m.
- 2/17 Bible Study at Home of Nell Cooke, 10:30 a.m.
Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6 p.m.
- 2/18 Prayer Group, 7 a.m.
Balance Class, 4:30 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.
- 2/19 Worship Team Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Serving in February

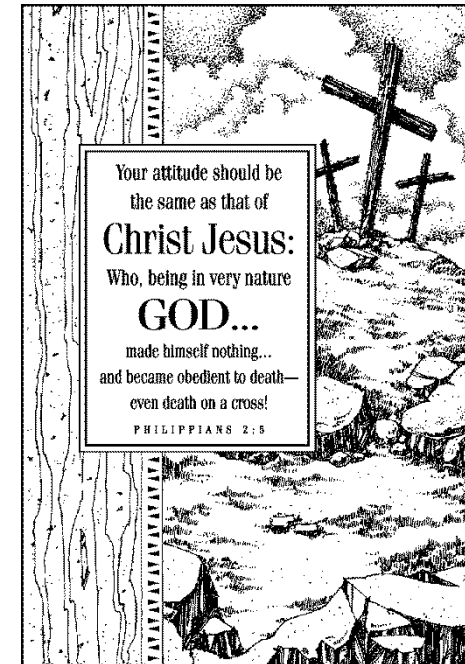
Serving On:	February 22	March 1
Ushers:	JOY Class	Sinners Class
Tellers:	Pam Turner; Bonnie Ramsey	Becky Derrick; Rusty Poole
Flowers:	Jewel Percy	Needed
Lay Reader:	Needed	Needed
Time Together:	UMW	Jewel Percy; Pauline Wenner
AV Assistant:	Marie Stiles; Trey Howard	John Ballentine



Ministers	The Congregation
Pastor	Robert D. B. Reeves
Resident Bishop	Jonathan Holston
District Superintendent	Rev. Catherine Jamieson-Ogg

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform



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Sermon Introduction and Review

When I was younger I could easily tell you who played in the Super Bowl, the score and numerous other things about each of those games as if it still really mattered today. Now I'm older, and past about Super Bowl 30 I get the games mixed up and don't remember some of them and to top that off I cannot even tell you the Roman numerals that have always been used. Next year is Super Bowl 50! In the Roman numerals this should be "Super Bowl L" but somehow that just doesn't have the pizzazz some of the other Super Bowls have had. I mean who would even want to watch "Super Bowl L"? If one doesn't know the history of the Roman numerals being used in the game they will be left wondering why the game is referred to with the letter L. What does that mean? Super Bowl Lottery? Super Bowl Lightening? Super Bowl Lovers? You may not agree but the N.F.L. offices were concerned and for the first time ever the Super Bowl will be called "Super Bowl 50"!!! Wow!!! They've changed the name this coming year!

There's a bigger game than the Super Bowl. It is called life and sometimes life must change in ways we are not ready for, but without planning for change we may not win the big game of life. When we refuse to change we are refusing to stay healthy and live! Often in our life journey our resistance to change is nullified by the force of events and circumstances we cannot resist. Somehow the local church is one of the most preserved, protected and pampered places in the world that does defend itself from the necessity of change. And what happens when this takes place? What I've already referred to. Too often, we become sick and suffer in the local church since we've identified change as an enemy to our purpose. But what about the purpose of JESUS? JESUS, our great coach through the playbook of discipleship, knows the game plan will often change as necessary for us to win the big game of life. It is not so much that JESUS has to change everything no matter what. It is more so that everything changes when JESUS is calling the plays because JESUS is so different than what we become accustomed to. Remember this the next time you hear HOLY SPIRIT calling you to come closer to JESUS in "picking up your cross" & following HIM.

Yesterday was Valentine's Day. If you are married and here then you probably remembered to give your spouse some form of love and greeting to let them know how special they are. The reason I say it that way is that if you forgot you would not be here. You would be in the doghouse or the hospital and you would never forget to give that special person a Valentine's Day gift! We do forget things and sometimes it is very embarrassing. One evening, I took a new friend and their spouse to dinner. I spilled water all over myself and eventually realized I had no money with me! I'm sure the couple was impressed! Melanie was not! We should be so glad and so THANKFUL our Heavenly Father never forgot us at anytime! This is even more true when we have been in great distress. CHRIST has loved us no matter what & calls us further into relationship with His grace no matter how resistant we sometimes have been. Did your heart receive the comfort of the LORD's grace this week when HE in a variety of ways told you, "I love you"?

Blessings for the journey! Pastor Robert



FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

FEBRUARY 17

6 P.M.

Plan now to join us on February 17 for a wonderful pancake supper served with ham and sausage prepared by the United Methodist Men. You won't want to miss this annual event. There is no charge but donations will be accepted.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 18

7 P.M.



PRAY AROUND THE CROSSES

Mark your calendars! On March 6, the World Day of Prayer, we will meet for a short prayer around the crosses. We will begin at 7:30 a.m. and at 5:30 p.m. for no longer than 20 minutes each. We have invited churches in the neighborhood to also take part as we pray for our community, our churches, our nation and the world. Plan to be a part of this important