

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship "Great Is the Lord" Choir
Greeting

Act of Praise *Baptism of Elizabeth Louise Rogers*

*Hymn "God Claims You" TFWS 2249
Opening Prayer
Prayer for Illumination

"Let the Children Come!"
(Those 3 years of age through 8 years of age may go to Children's Church.)

New Testament Reading Acts 8:34-38 Page 121 (N.T.)
Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Page 164 (N.T.)
Sermon "The Sacraments" Rev. John D. Jordan

*Hymn "O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread" 613

Invitation
Confession and Pardon
Passing of the Peace

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
Offertory "Children's Medley" Christopher A. McCroskey
In Honor of Elizabeth Louise Rogers

*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
Breaking of the Bread
Giving of the Bread and Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" 361

*Dismissal With Benediction

*Benediction Response "May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You" Choir & Congregation

*The Congregation May Stand

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: John D. Jordan AV Director: Marie Stiles
Music Director: Christopher A. McCroskey AV Assistant: Chris Derrick
Time Together: Jack Stevens; Pam Turner

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.

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.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE the Baptism of **Elizabeth Louise Rogers**. She is the daughter of **Charlie and Ashton Rogers**, and the granddaughter of **John and Kay Jordan** and **L. B. and Carole Rogers**. Our Time Together today will be in her honor

TODAY'S LOVELY FLOWERS are given to the **Glory of God** and in honor of **Elizabeth Louise Rogers**.

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

English Pearcy Patsy Zeigler Charlie Hooker Kaye Floyd Patsy Shuler Taylor Linholm
Becky Derrick John Ballentine Mary Kamoroff Jimmy Grahl Latson Lewis

Shut-Ins: Esther Carter; Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch; Jean Raynor; Claudia Sineath

Family and Friends: Logan Sturkie (*granddaughter of Marty Johnson’s neighbor*); Bryan Collard (*brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis*); Charlyn McNeill (*sister of Mary Sue Lewis*); Elizabeth Kelsey & Jamie Barnett (*friends of John & Kay Jordan*); Alex Courtney (*friend of great nephew of Joyce Robinson*); Lawrence Gilbert (*friend of Becky Derrick*); Bob Bohnstengel (*spouse of Jo Ann Heiting’s cousin*); Judy Spence (*former member*); Anne Piercy (*former member*); Missy Abrams (*stepdaughter of Lissa Abrams*); Mary Davis (*daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland*); Gloria Erd (*friend of Lynn Martin*); Pearl Geddens (*mother of Tom Geddens*); Beverly Lipscomb (*sister-in-law of John Jordan*); Ross Deal (*grandson of Mary Kamoroff*); Nancy Wilson (*friend of Jeanette Hornsby*); David Turner (*brother of Pam Turner*); Ernie & Betsey Hendrix, Chip Mixon (*friends of Tommy Gleaton*); Ron & Janet Walker (*friends of Tommy & Chris Gleaton*); Merit Takach (*friend of Joyce and Brent Robinson*); James Boggs (*father of Claire Boggs*); Stacy Coggins (*daughter of Steve Aiello*); Sweat Family (*friends of Marty Johnson*); Bill Areheart (*friend of Bonnie Ramsey*); David Grandshaw (*brother-in-law of Edwa Meek*); Robert Bradley (*Business Associate of Simon Ross*); Gary Becton (*friend of Mark Branham*); Florence Lee Carter, Monnie Tiller (*friends of Chris Derrick*); Adrin & Linda Hargett (*stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey*); Alexa Lookingbill, Teddy Derrick (*uncle of Arvan Derrick*); Haidee Baehr (*friends of Ruth Frady*); Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson (*cousins of Gale Frady*); Dan Conner, Max Johnson (*friends of Gale Frady*); Bernardo Velasquez, Walt & Janet Beck (*friends of Jo Ann Heiting*); Adam Lavender (*son of Phil Lavender*)

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 trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com.

OUR PRESENCE ...

Attendance 02/25 SS: 15 Worship: 39

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 02/25 \$ 4,119.13

OUR SERVICE...

OUR WITNESS.”

Upcoming Events

TODAY Snacks and a Movie, 4 p.m.

03/04 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

03/06 Wednesday’s Words, 11:30 a.m.

Choir, 6 p.m.

T.a.G., 7 p.m.

03/07 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

03/08 Office Closed

Readings for March 10

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-9, 33-43

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21



Ministers

Pastor

Resident Bishop

District Superintendent

The Congregation

John D. Jordan

Jonathan Holston

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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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Today at 4 p.m.

Join us this afternoon for food and fellowship as we watch the documentary film, Route 60: The Biblical Highway.

This film follows David Friedman and Mike Pompeo as they venture down this sacred road, treading the very ground Abraham, Jacob, King David, and Jesus once walked. Discover the history of Route 60, the Biblical Highway.



Sunday, March 10

Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 10. Don't forget to spring forward.



**Grieving with God
Tuesday, March 12**

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us each second Tuesday in the Conference Room of the church. We have named our grief support group "Grieving with God" for this second year of our meetings. Job, the ancient man who lost so much, has been subject of many of our discussions so far. We are also using as the basis of our movement through the year the book "Good Grief" by Granger E. Westberg. Copies are available each session and in the church office. Ten processes of grief are noted in this classic little book. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, facilitates discussion, which is open, free and sympathetic to each other. Our next session is Tuesday, March 12, at 11:00 a.m. Tell someone that you know is grieving, and join them in our discussions.



Sunday, March 24
Monday, March 25
Tuesday, March 26
Wednesday, March 27
Thursday, March 28

Trinity UMC
Brookland
Shiloh
Platt Springs
Trinity UMC

Debbie Miller preaching
Morgan Byers preaching
Mark Payne preaching
John Jordan preaching
John Jordan preaching

All services start at 6 p.m. Mark your calendars for these times of worship and fellowship with our sister United Methodist churches in the West Metro Area.



Saturday, March 30
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for a morning of fun as we meet in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 30, at 10:30 a.m. for an Easter Egg Hunt! There will also be crafts and refreshments!

We are in need of small wrapped candy to fill the eggs or donations to purchase the candy. The candy and donations can be dropped off at the Church Office through Thursday, March 28.



Easter Sunday
March 31

Easter is traditionally a time of joy, but in this year's Easter Cantata we will also look at the despair that the followers of Jesus experienced before that first Easter dawned upon them. We will look back with them at the memories and reflections of their life with Jesus. We'll share the impact of his death before coming to the joy of new life through his spirit, which brought them, as it will bring us, from despair to joy, which is the theme of this year's Easter Cantata. Please join us on Easter morning, Sunday March 31st for, "From Despair to Joy".

This Sunday is unusual because we celebrate the Sacraments the United Methodist Church recognizes: Baptism and Holy Communion. These sacraments are ordained by Christ's baptism and final meal with the disciples.

The Sacraments are means of grace. They are outward signs of God's grace and ways we experience God's grace. The Sacraments point out that this is God's grace in action.

Baptism points to God's prevenient grace, which surrounds all from birth. It is a sign of one's adoption into the family of God, the Church. It is a sign of God's justifying grace and forgiveness of sin. It is a sign of the beginning of one's journey toward Holiness. It is a sign that God is doing what we cannot, saving ourselves from sin. This reality is seen in the baptism of infants. Like an infant must rely on others for protection and survival, we must rely on God for our protection and survival. Baptism is the sign of God's pouring grace upon us throughout our lives.

Holy Communion, the Eucharist, the Lord's Supper, whichever term you wish to use, is a sign of God's grace working through Jesus. Communion is a remembrance of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. It is more than a mere remembrance; it is a sign of our sharing in Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection, becoming a holy and living sacrifice. We join in union with Christ as we partake of the bread and wine. Since there is one loaf and one cup, we are one body. Since we are one body there is a time of reconciliation during the service, the passing of the peace. We give thanks to God for the mighty acts of creation, the atoning act of the Son, and the sanctifying acts of the Holy Spirit. Through communion, we are made one with Christ and with each other.

We have experienced the sign of God's grace through baptism. May we continue to experience God's grace as we come to the Lord's Table.