

# First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

Gathering  
Welcome  
Announcements and Prayer

Prelude Laurie Knapp  
*(Prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)*

\*Call to Worship *(Based on Psalm 51)*

Have mercy on us, O God,  
**Blot out our transgressions.**  
Prepare in us, O God,  
**Clean hearts.**  
Wash us thoroughly, O God,  
**Cleanse us from all sin.**  
Teach us, O God,  
**Wisdom in our secret hearts.**

\*Opening Hymn *"Come Away with Me"* (all verses) TFWS 2202

\*Opening Prayer

**God of Mercy,**  
**It is you who made us. We are dust without your breath of life. Standing beneath the cross of Jesus is a sobering experience, for the cross judges both our world and our individual lives. Create in us clean hearts and put new and right spirits within us. As we begin this Lenten journey, we pray for the courage and the wisdom of true confession, so we might have true redemption, mercy and forgiveness. Amen.**

\*Psalter Psalm 32 with Response 766

\*Affirmation of Faith *"The Apostles' Creed"* 881

\*Gloria Patri 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace: *Let us greet one another with love and peace.*

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

Anthem Choir

Scripture Lessons Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Pages 2-3 (O.T.)  
Romans 5:12-19 Page 147 (N.T.)

\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:1-11 Page 9 (N.T.)

Sermon Sly Temptations Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

\*Hymn of Invitation *"Lamb of God"* TFWS 2113

Prayer of Confession Insert

The Lord's Prayer  
**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Laurie Knapp

\*Doxology 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving for Early in Lent Insert

\*Closing Hymn *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* 618

\*Benediction

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

\*Please Stand As You Are Able

## Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Darlene L. Kelley AV Director: Marie Stiles

Pianist: Laurie Knapp AV Assistants: Chris Derrick; Erin Derrick

**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.

**Today's Lovely Flowers** are given to the **Glory of God.**

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

Marie Stiles	Marilyn Lloyd	Ruth Frady	Rhett Hook	Raleigh Carter	Christopher McCroskey
John Ballentine	Diane Muszynski	Ray Frady	Latson Lewis	English Pearcy	Jeanette Hornsby
Hannah Glanz	Hilda Edwards	Fran Laska	Kaye Floyd	Libby Strickland	Jan Stamps

**Shut-Ins:** Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch

**Family and Friends:** **Donna Eidson** (former Trinity pastor); **Ghent Brewer** (brother-in-law of Jeanette Hornsby); **Kim & Sandra Meetze** (friends of Martha Cooke); **Dave Griffin** (husband of Chantel Griffen); **Matt Imel** (husband of Holley Gleaton Imel); **Cayla Watters** (friend of Karen Carter); **Tommy Stokes** (nephew of Joyce Robinson); **Kati Flowers** (mother of friend of Blake Kamoroff); **Berry Cochran** (son-in-law of Charlyn McNeill); **Jim Lewis** (father of Mark Lewis); **Christina Lindemuth** (daughter of Karen Carter); **James Leonard** (previous coworker of Mark Lewis); **Kathleen Varnadore** (Ted & Ruth Frady's neighbor); **Paul Frenzel** (friend of Chris Derrick); **Sissy Henry** (former member of Trinity); **Keith James, Jay Clark** (friends of Darlene Kelley); **Sean & Tucker Smith** (cousins of Darlene Kelley); **Colby Martin** (son of Donna Muszynski); **Lynne Powell** (friend of the Ballentines and Branhams); **Bryan Collard** (brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis); ; **Michael McNeill** (brother of Mary Sue Lewis); **Mary Davis** (daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland); **Linda Allen, Sandra Hornsby, Gloria Erd, Gwen Scott, Dana Ammer** (friends of Lynn Martin); **Nancy Wilson** (friend of Jeanette Hornsby); **David & Kristen Turner** (brother and sister-in-law of Pam Turner); **Chip Mixon** (friend of Tommy Gleaton); **James Boggs** (father of Claire Boggs); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **Monnie Tiller** (friend of Chris Derrick); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); **Haidee Baehr** (friends of Ruth Frady); **Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson** (cousins of Gale Frady); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (friends of Gale Frady); **Janet Beck** (friend 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](mailto:trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com).

#### **OUR PRESENCE ...**

Attendance 02/15 SS: 15 Worship: 33

#### **OUR GIFTS ...**

General Fund 02/15 \$ 5,781.00

#### **OUR SERVICE...**

#### **OUR WITNESS.”**

#### **Upcoming Events**

**TODAY** Taste of Trinity

Ministry Team Meeting

Columbia Community Concert Band's Winter Concert, 4 p.m.

**02/23** Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

GLIA Articles Due

**02/25** T.a.G., 7 p.m.

**02/26** Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

**02/27** Office Closed

**02/28** Ladies Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.

@ Lizard's Thicket Hwy 1



**Ministers**

**Pastor**

**Resident Bishop**

**District Superintendent**

**The Congregation**

**Darlene L. Kelley**

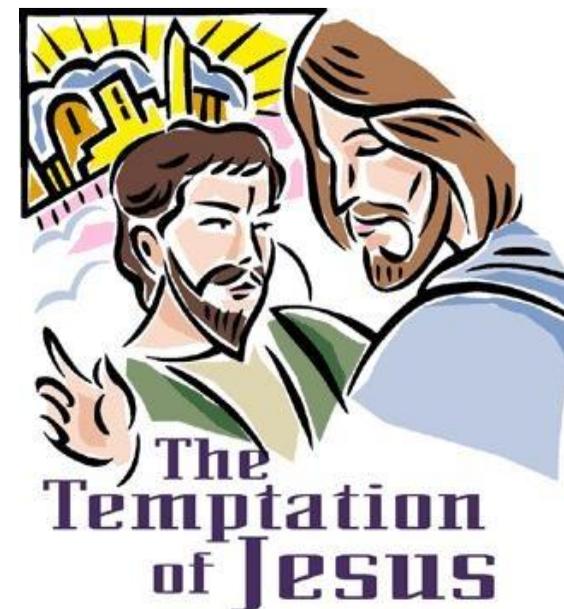
**Leonard Fairley**

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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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**Columbia Community Concert Band's Winter Concert**  
**February 22 at 4:00 PM**

You're invited to join us for the sweet sounds of the CCCB as we present our winter concert on Sunday, February 22, at 4 PM in the Auditorium at Airport High School, 1315 Boston Avenue in West Columbia. From a special arrangement of Amazing Grace to the songs of Neil Diamond, the theme music from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, the rousing Sousa marches and so much more, there's music for everyone. We hope to see you there!



**Saturday, February 28**  
**9:30 a.m.**

The Ladies Group will meet at Lizard's Thicket on Hwy #1 in Lexington, at 9:30 a.m. on February 28, March 28, April 25 and May 23. Marie Stiles will send out an email each month to obtain your RSVP. If you are not on Marie's group email and wish to be added, contact her at 803.463.9706 or [mariebstyles@gmail.com](mailto:mariebstyles@gmail.com).



**March 8**

Daylight Savings Time Begins

**March 10**

Grieving with God

**March 20**

Book Club Dinner

**March 21**

Book Swap

**March 28**

Ladies Breakfast

**March 29**

Palm Sunday  
Taste of Trinity  
Holy Week Service @ Mt. Hebron

**March 30**

Holy Week Service @ Platt Springs UMC

**March 31**

Holy Week Service @ Trinity

**April 1**

Holy Week Service @ Shiloh UMC

## Prayer of Confession for Lent

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**Most merciful God,  
whose son Jesus Christ was  
tempted in every way, yet  
without sin, we confess  
before you that we have  
sinned;**

**we have hungered after  
that which does not satisfy;  
we have compromised with  
evil;  
we have doubted your  
power to protect us.**

**Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.  
Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in  
your ways and delight in doing your will.**

**Arrest the false gods that have diverted us, show us the  
deceits that have blurred our vision, unmask the  
poverty of our goals and longings, expose the cheap  
values that parade as virtues, save us from permitting a  
rift between Christ and us, and deliver us from cheap  
guilt and trivial remorse.**

**God of New Beginnings, please bring us to an honest  
repentance, the forgiveness of sins, and the renewal of  
our faith and love. Through Christ Jesus our  
Savior, Amen!**



THE GREAT  
THANKSGIVING

FOR EARLY IN  
LENT

The Lord be with  
you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.  
You brought all things into being and called them good.

From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image  
and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned  
away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty  
nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and  
his family, and made covenant with every living creature  
on earth.

When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days  
and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and  
made us your covenant people.

When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet  
Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your  
holy mountain, he heard your still small voice.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of  
heaven, we praise your name and join their unending  
hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the  
highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led  
him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and  
forty nights to prepare for his ministry.

When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you  
raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles  
during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to  
sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water  
and the Spirit.

Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of  
Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing  
of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may  
be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made  
with us through Christ.