

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

Gathering
Welcome
Announcements and Prayer

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

*Call to Worship
Lord, I believe!
Help our unbelief.
Open our eyes.
Help us see your path to new life.
Wash us clean.
Help us to walk in the light of the Lord!

*Opening Hymn *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* (vs. 1-3) 139

*Opening Prayer
Gracious and eternal God,
You call us into a new way of being and give us so many chances in life. May your love wash over us as you help us turn from our sinful ways, and lead us into newness of life. Give us the discipline, the faith and the courage that insures our actions may be pleasing in your sight. Mold us as your people in powerful ways, that we may do your will, and your work, living as true disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Psalter Psalm 23 (Response 1) 137

*Litany of Healing Insert

*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.)

Scripture Lessons 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Pages 254-255 (O.T.)
Ephesians 5:8-14 Pages 184-185 (N.T.)

Gospel Lesson John 9:1-41 Pages 99-100 (N.T.)

Sermon The Light of the World Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

*Hymn of Invitation *"Be Thou My Vision"* 451

Prayer of Confession 890

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 Choir 95

*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

A Celebration of Communion and Healing Insert

*Closing Hymn *"Lamb of God"* TFWS 2113

*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
Liturgist: Toni White Time Together: Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor

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 Percy	Jeanette Hornsby
Hannah Glanz	Hilda Edwards	Fran Laska	Kaye Floyd	Libby Strickland	Jan Stamps

Shut-Ins: Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch

Family and Friends: **Cody Linholm** (husband of Taylor Linholm); **Arvan Derrick** (father of Erin Derrick and Chantel Griffin); **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 Griffin); **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); **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); **Connie Mason** (friend 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.

OUR PRESENCE ...

Attendance **03/08** SS: 14 Worship: 36

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund **03/08** \$ 2,585.00

OUR SERVICE...

OUR WITNESS.”

Upcoming Events

TODAY Methodist Brunch

03/16 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

03/18 T.a.G., 7 p.m.

03/19 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

03/20 Office Closed

Book Club, 6 p.m.

03/21 Book Swap, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.



Ministers

Pastor

Resident Bishop

District Superintendent

The Congregation

Darlene L. Kelley

Leonard Fairley

Rev. Fran M. Elrod

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

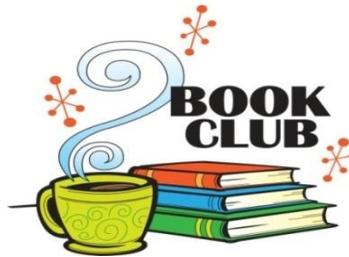
Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform



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Have you ever wondered what the United Methodist Church believed? Have you ever considered joining a UMC? or our church? Do you just want to hang out with some cool Methodists and eat some brunch? If you answered “maybe” to any of these questions—join us for a **Methodist Brunch, immediately following church today**. We will learn all we can about being a United Methodist.



We close out our Winter Book Club with our **Book Club Dinner on Friday, March 20th at 6:00**. We will be discussing Bishop William Willimon’s book, *The Church We Carry*, a controversial memoir centered here in South Carolina. Unfortunately, because it’s a new book there are no used copies available, so we will have to buy them new. You can get new copies from Thriftbooks or Cokesbury. It also is available on Kindle, and eight copies of the book have been ordered and are on their way.



For children and adults!

Bring your used books to swap on **Saturday, March 21**, from **12 p.m.–3 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall! Snacks will be available too! Stop by any time. It’s important to create opportunities to put our phones down and meet our neighbors face to face. Don’t miss this great opportunity to meet some folks and get some new books. If you bring books ahead of time, please leave them on the stage. Contact Kelsey Jones with any questions 803 460 6670.



**Taste of Trinity
Sunday, March 22**

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on **Sunday, March 22**. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and fellowship!

Please Note: The Ministry Team will meet following Taste of Trinity.



**Saturday, March 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 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.



**Saturday, April 4
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Join us for a morning of fun as we meet in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 4, 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 Wednesday, April 1.

We thank you for Jesus, your Word, who lived among us, uncovering your presence. We thank you that you stamped his death with victory and that Life, not Death, was the final word.

We ask now that you bless us, as we share this bread and cup, that we might be nourished and healed by that same unbounded love and so be encouraged to be your servants to the world.

And now, as your daughters and sons whom you have reconciled to yourself, we pray:

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious God, so to partake of this Sacrament of thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, and grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and He in us. Amen.

As this grain was once scattered in the fields and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread. Take. The Bread of Life.

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

Take. Drink. The Cup of the New Covenant. God is with you.



Litany of Healing

God of grace, you nurture us with a love deeper than we know and your will for us is healing and salvation.

We praise you and thank you, O God.

God of love, you enter into our lives and stretch out your healing hands to us wherever we are.

We praise you and thank you, O God.

God of mercy, you gave your only Son, who lived among us and took our pain and suffering upon himself.

We praise you and thank you, O God.

Touch and heal our bodies suffering from sickness, injury and disability and make us whole again.

Hear us, O God of life.

Touch and heal our minds from darkness, confusion and doubt and fill them with your light.

Hear us, O God of life.

Touch and heal our hearts burdened by anguish, despair and isolation and set us free in love.

Hear us, O God of life.

Break the bonds of our imprisonment to fear, compulsion and addiction; restore to us the assurance of your mercy and strengthen us in recovery.

Come with your healing power, O God.

Give us liberty from our old hurts and painful memories.

Come with your healing power, O God.

Fill us with peace in our grief, our loneliness and our loss.

Come with your healing power, O God.

God, in you all brokenness is made whole.

Look with compassion on us and those for whom we pray, that we may be given new life in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



*Trinity United Methodist Church
A Celebration of Communion
and Healing*

*Adapted from The United Methodist Book of
Worship & Flames of the Spirit, Ruth Duck, ed., 1985*

May grace and peace be yours in abundance
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
We have come to lift up our brothers and sisters
before the Lord that they might receive healing.
Let those who seek God's healing open their hearts
to the Spirit of the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
**And all that is within me,
bless God's holy name!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's
benefits. **The Lord forgives all our iniquity,
and heals all our diseases.**

The Lord redeems our lives from the pit,
and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.
**God satisfies us with good as long as we live
so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Opening Prayer

**Almighty and Everlasting God, who can
banish
all afflictions of soul, body and mind, show
forth your power upon those in need, that by
your mercy they may be restored to serve you
afresh in holiness of living, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Oil

Let us pray: **O God, the giver of health and
salvation, the liberator of our souls, we give
thanks to you for the gift of oil. As your holy
apostles anointed many who were sick and
healed them, so pour out your Holy Spirit on
us and on this gift, that those who in faith and
repentance receive this anointing may be
made free and whole; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Celebration of the Great Thanksgiving

When Jesus sat at table and enjoyed communion with
tax collectors and sinners he proclaimed that God's
care knows no bounds. We proclaim again the comfort
and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to
share God's table, and be nourished by the Bread of
Life.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us thank God:

It is good to thank God.

We thank you, O God, that you have provided for all
the worlds that ever were or will be by giving yourself
to them in love. If we go to the heights of the
mountains, or if we make the grave our bed, you are
with us. If we go to the depths of the sea, your right
hand holds us fast.