

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

Gathering
Welcome
Announcements and Prayer

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

*Call to Worship

We cry out to you, O God, from the depths of our fears.

Hear our cries, O God of mercy, and heal us.

We cry out to you, O God, from the depths of our sin.

Hear our cries, O God of mercy, and forgive us.

We cry out to you, O God, from the depths of our darkness.

Hear our cries, O God of mercy, and heal us with your grace.

*Opening Hymn *"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"* 96

*Opening Prayer

Almighty God,

We have gathered as dry bones in our Lenten season, longing for your refreshing words. Grant us the power to stand up on renewed legs of faith. Lead us out of darkness into the light of righteousness and compassion. Help us to serve you. Invigorate us with life and give us breath to worship you. Amen.

*Psalter Psalm 130 with Response 848

*Canticle of Redemption with Response 516

*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 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Page 763 (O.T.)
Romans 8:6-11 Page 149 (N.T.)

Gospel Lesson John 11:1-45 Pages 101-102 (N.T.)

Sermon That We May Believe Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

*Hymn of Invitation *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"* TFWS 2158

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 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

The Great Thanksgiving for Later in Lent Insert

*Closing Hymn *"Spirit of the Living God"* 393

*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: *Tony Scott*

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 Griffen*); **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*); **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 03/15 SS: 15 Worship: 59

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 03/15 \$ 4,457.00

OUR SERVICE...

OUR WITNESS."

Upcoming Events

TODAY Taste of Trinity

03/23 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

GLIA Articles Due

03/25 T.a.G., 7 p.m.

03/26 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

03/27 Office Closed

03/28 Ladies Breakfast, 9:30 a.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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**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.



All Holy Week Services will begin at 6 p.m.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Sunday, March 29	Mt. Hebron UMC	Rev. Darlene Kelley
Monday, March 30	Platt Springs UMC	Rev. Sandra Stillinger (Shiloh)
Tuesday, March 31	Trinity UMC	Rev. Ann Kovan (Mt. Hebron)
Wednesday, April 1	Shiloh UMC	Rev. Debbie Miller (Platt Springs)

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 has 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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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we are incurable scorekeepers.

We judge others with a standard we never use for ourselves. We see the speck in others' eyes while ignoring the ugly log in our own. Forgive us, we pray.

Forgive us for ever thinking we could be, even for one moment, the measure of righteousness or the standard of justice. Hear our prayers of confession, O God of mercy!

(A Call to Silent Prayer)

Forgive us, O God of mercy. Hear our prayers, and heal our brokenness.

**As the cross of Christ casts its long shadow over our Lenten journey, call us again to lives of genuine penance and amendment of life. By your grace and through your transforming love, make us the people you have fashioned us to be, your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

(Adapted from thevalueofsparrows.com)





Holy Communion for Later 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.

In love you made us for yourself;
and when we had fallen into sin and become subject
to evil and death, your love remained steadfast.
You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the Easter feast,
that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments
and fervent in prayer and works of justice and
mercy, we may come to the fullness of grace
that you have prepared for those who love you.
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,
whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the
world. He emptied himself, taking the form of a
servant, being born in our likeness.

He humbled himself and became obedient unto
death, even death on a cross.

**He took upon himself our sin and death and
offered himself, a perfect sacrifice for the sin
of the whole world.**

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.

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."