

Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026

Gathering
Welcome
Announcements and Prayer

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

*Call to Worship
Roll away the stone of doubt.
The tomb is empty!
Easter's empty surprise, brimmed full of meaning.

Christ is risen!
The tomb is empty. It could not contain Him.

Christ is risen!
Hope is alive. New life is possible.

Christ is risen! Sing alleluia!
Shout for joy. Death is no more.

Christ is risen! Sing alleluia!
Christ is risen, indeed!

*Opening Hymn *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"* (vs. 1-3) 302

*Opening Prayer
God of Extravagant Love,
Sometimes it is too overwhelming and too wonderful to grasp this love of yours. As we worship this morning, open our souls wide that every word spoken, and every note sung will form and reform us as your people. Help us to remember we are a connectional church, saved by grace and in this together. Most of all, God of miracles, help us to surrender to your will and be your people, for we pray in the name of the One who loved us enough to bridge humanity and divinity, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Psalter Psalm 118:14-29 Response 2 839-840

*Prayer for Easter Day 320

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

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

Scripture Lessons Jeremiah 31:1-6 Page 694 (O.T.)
Colossians 3:1-4 Page 191 (N.T.)

*Gospel Lesson John 20:1-18 Pages 110-111 (N.T.)

Easter Meditation Rev. Darlene Kelley

*Hymn of Invitation *"Now the Green Blade Riseth"* 311

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 and ever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
Offertory *"Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!"* Choir

*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.

Reception of New Members 38

The Great Thanksgiving for Easter Insert

*Closing Hymn *"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"* (vs. 1-3) 301

*Benediction
*Benediction Response *"May the Lord, Mighty God"* Choir & Congregation

*Please Stand As You Are Able

Our Time Together will be in honor of our New Members.

Today's Lovely Flowers are given to the **Glory of God** in honor of her son, **Levi Derrick**, her father, **Arvan Derrick**, sister, **Chantel Griffin**, brother-in-law, **Dave Griffin**, and her chosen sister, **Tonya Wells Spires**, joining the Trinity UMC Family, and in loving memory of her mother, **Becky Derrick**, during her favorite season, by **Erin Derrick**.

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Darlene L. Kelley AV Director: Marie Stiles
Music Director: Christopher A. McCroskey AV Assistants: Chris Derrick
Time Together: Jack Stevens; Pam Turner 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.

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

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

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 Kamaroff); **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	03/29	SS:	11	Worship:	49
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OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund	03/29	\$ 2,000.00
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OUR SERVICE...

OUR WITNESS."

Upcoming Events

04/06 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

04/08 T.a.G., 7 p.m.

04/09 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

04/10 Office Closed



Grieving with God
Tuesday, April 14

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us on **Tuesday, April 14**, at **11 a.m.** in the Conference Room. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, will facilitate the discussion.



Saturday, April 18
2 p.m.

Our Love Your Neighbor Ministry continues at **2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18**. We will sing, pray and share a snack with them. Everyone is welcome to join us.



Saturday, April 25
9:30 a.m.

The Ladies Group will meet at Lizard's Thicket on Hwy #1 in Lexington, at 9:30 a.m. on 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.

Reception of New Members

Levi Boyd Derrick

812 Fontanna Avenue
West Columbia, SC 29169

Arvan Brady Derrick

813 Ontario Drive
West Columbia, SC 29159

Chantel Derrick Griffin

David Garren Griffin
4024 Highway 378
Leesville, SC 29070

Tonya Wells Spires

1807 Pleasant Valley Road
West Columbia, SC 29172

A Gift was given to the glory of God and in honor of:

Pam & Rhett Hook by Faye Grahl.

Joe Alley & Toni White by Faye Grahl.

Jackie Eitel by Tom Geddens.

Their three boys and their girl, Brady, Levi, Elijah & Jasmin, by Chris & Erin Derrick.

Marilyn Lloyd by John & Sue Ballentine.

Brandon (Kelsey), Ashleigh, Sophia & Vincent, by E Heiting.

Erin (Shannon), Chuck (Kate), Leigh (Russell), Lissa (Paul), & Bernie (Becca), by E / Aunt Annie.

Bonnie by Annie.

Pastor Darlene & Craig by Lynn Martin.

Jackie Eitel by Lynn Martin.

Tom Geddens by Jeanette Hornsby.

Christopher McCroskey & Dan Greshel by Jeanette Hornsby.

Rev. Darlene Kelley & Craig Walters by Jeanette Hornsby.

Marie Stiles by Jeanette Hornsby.

Billy Pearson by Jeanette Hornsby.

Jackie Eitel by Jeanette Hornsby.

A Gift was given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Ed & Florence Turner by Pam Turner.

Jack, Regis & Billie Stevens by Jack Stevens.

Pearl Geddens by Tom Geddens.

Jimmy Grahl by Faye Grahl.

Jesse & Irene Grahl by Faye Grahl.

Wayne Yongue by Faye Grahl.

Danny Hook by Faye Grahl.

Becky Derrick by Chris & Erin Derrick.

Lauren Creasman by her mother.

Her brother, Caleb, by Edwa Meek.

Rose Kaven by her loving grandson, Michael Kaven.

Wesley & Louise Ballentine by John & Sue Ballentine.

Thomas Lloyd by John & Sue Ballentine.

His wife, Patsy Zeigler, and daughter, Ann Zeigler Derrick, by John Zeigler.

Grady & Lucile Chavis and Johnnie & Marguerite Zeigler, by John Zeigler.

Arnold Heiting by Annie.

His Parents & Her Parents by Jo Ann Heiting.

Their Siblings, Ray, Earl & Charlie, by Jo Ann Heiting.

J. B. Strickland, Sr. by Anonymous.

George & Carolyn Hardee by Their Family.

Chuck Martin by His Family.

T. D. Broome by Jim & Marie Stiles.

Grace Broome by Jim & Marie Stiles.

Harvey Stiles by Jim & Marie Stiles.

Ruby Stiles by Jim & Marie Stiles.

Genie Duncan by Libby Strickland.

Patsy Zeigler and Ann Zeigler Derrick by Libby Strickland.

Felix & Betty Perez by Celia Perez.

Stanley Perez by Celia Perez.

Tillman & Lucillie Wooten by Celia Perez.

Mary Rebecca Wooten by Celia Perez.

Ray Cooke by Nell Cooke.

Rusty Cooke by Nell Cooke.

Fran Cooke Van Unen by Nell Cooke.

Jerry Trantham by Jeanette Hornsby.

Emmaline McDonald by Jeanette Hornsby.

Paul McDonald, Sr. & Paul McDonald, Jr. by Jeanette Hornsby.

Bill Hornsby by Jeanette Hornsby.

**Trinity United Methodist Church
Easter 2026**



On the night that Jesus was betrayed, He shared a meal with his disciples. He took bread from the table, gave thanks to God, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the meal was over he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying: "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."

Today, Jesus, we remember the bread and the cup. Today, we remember your life and your death. We remember your resurrection; we remember eternal life. As we receive these gifts in praise and thanksgiving we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine; make them be for us the body and blood of Christ. Wonder-working God, pour out your Spirit upon us as we offer ourselves to be God's presence in the world until Jesus returns in glory. **AMEN**

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious.

Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. **Amen.**





The Great Thanksgiving for Eastertide

Lift up your heads.
**We lift them up to
God.**
Lift up your hearts.
**We lift them up to the
Lord.**

Lift up your hands.

**We dedicate our heads, our hearts, and our hands to the
worship of God.**

We offer our entire being to the God of Creation, who made the sun and the moon to govern by day and by night and hung the stars in the sky. We offer our entire being to the great God who hollowed out the valleys and bulged up the mountains, who poured out the seven seas, and populated the world with glorious creatures.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord who created us and
fashioned us from the dust and breathed into us the breath
of life.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord Jesus Christ who came to us in spite of our destructive ways. He healed the sick, raised the dead and cast out demons. In the brief time that he was with us, Jesus sided with the oppressed, and had compassion for those who suffer. He taught us in word and deed about a God we had been unable to understand.

**In spite of his glory-revealing presence among us, we
turned him into a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief.
Jesus was persecuted by certain religious leaders and
betrayed by one of his own. He was lied about, tortured,
and hung on a cross to die.**

Yet, even on the day of his crucifixion, Jesus continued to teach those who would listen. When evil people came with his betrayer, Jesus did not respond with violence, choosing instead to remind us that those who live by the sword will die by the sword.

When he was falsely accused and condemned to death, Jesus refused to do harm. And while hanging on the cross, he prayed: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

**But we give you thanks that nothing ever was, or ever will
be, able to separate us from the love of God in Christ
Jesus our Lord.**

Early on the morning of the third day, Jesus laughed at death, shed his grave clothes, and walked among us alive! Forty days later, he ascended into heaven, where he is seated at the right hand of the God of our ancestors.

Our eyes are turned toward the skies looking for the day when Jesus shall return to a kingdom without end, where the lion will lie down peaceably with the lamb, where sickness and disease are not known, where the wicked will cease from troubling and we will study war no more!