

## Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

Gathering  
Welcome  
Announcements and Prayer

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

\*Call to Worship  
Lent calls us to new life.  
**Lent calls us to Jerusalem.**  
Lent calls us to quiet reflection.  
**Lent calls us to confession.**  
Lent calls us to prayer.  
**Lent calls us home to God.**

\*Opening Hymn *"How Great Thou Art"* (vs. 1-3) 77

\*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 121 with Response 1 844

\*Affirmation of Faith *"A Modern Affirmation"* 885

\*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 12:1-4 Pages 9-10 (O.T.)  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Pages 146-147 (N.T.)

\*Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17 Page 91 (N.T.)

Sermon Born of the Spirit Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

\*Hymn of Invitation *"What Wondrous Love Is This"* 292

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 Lent Insert

\*Closing Hymn *"One Bread, One Body"* 620

\*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

Time Together: Pam Turner; Jack Stevens

**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** and in loving memory of her father, **Hugh Knapp**, by **Laurie Knapp**.

**“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:** **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 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); **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](mailto:trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com).

**OUR PRESENCE ...**

Attendance 02/22 SS: 12 Worship: 36

**OUR GIFTS ...**

General Fund 02/22 \$ 15,505.00

**OUR SERVICE...**

**OUR WITNESS.”**

**Upcoming Events**

**03/02** Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

**03/04** Book Club, 12 p.m.

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

**03/05** Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

**03/06** Office Closed



**Ministers**  
**Pastor**  
**Resident Bishop**  
**District Superintendent**

**The Congregation**  
**Darlene L. Kelley**  
**Leonard Fairley**  
**Rev. Fran M. Elrod**

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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***

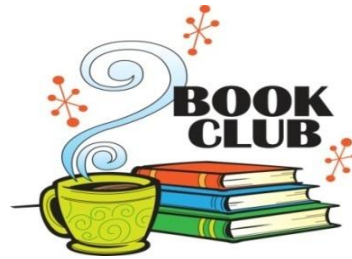


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Saturday, March 1  
2 p.m.

Our Love Your Neighbor Ministry continues at **2:00 p.m. today** as we share communion with the residents of The Pines.



Our Book Club has been great fun, and Richard Rohr's book gave us a lot to discuss, so we are extending our Rohr discussion over lunch at **noon on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall** at Trinity UMC. Even if you haven't read the book—join us!

We close out our Winter Book Club with our **Book Club Dinner on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



Sunday, March 8

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour.



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 on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**. We will learn all we can about being a United Methodist.



Grieving with God  
Tuesday, March 10

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us on **Tuesday, March 10, at 11 a.m.** in the Conference Room. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, will facilitate the discussion.



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! 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.

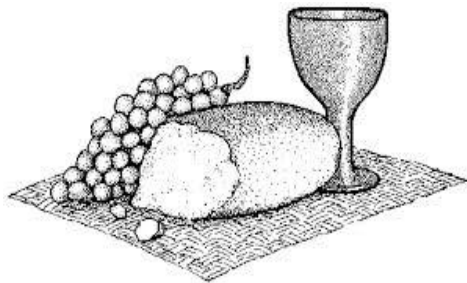
**Christ died to bring forth life;  
Christ has risen to declare 'God has done it';  
Christ will come again in glory.**

Here, at this Table,  
where the gifts of the bread and the cup  
are offered to your children gathered around,  
pour out your Spirit of healing and hope.

Feed us with the food of heaven  
which can make us whole once more,  
so we can go to serve all  
whom we have treated with contempt.

Nourish us with the cup of life  
which can change us into your faithful people,  
so we can go to bring healing  
to those disabled by our prejudices.

And when we are brought home to you,  
when we are gathered with our sisters and  
brothers from all the ends of the earth,  
we will sing your glory and grace forever,  
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.



Rev. Thom Shuman,  
*Lectionary Liturgies*, 2012  
liturgylink.net, online resource



**Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy  
to carry, too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips  
tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no  
longer bear, and**

**from whatever separates us from true  
discipleship.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot  
change; open us to a future in which we  
can be changed; and grant us grace to  
grow more and more in your likeness and  
image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the  
world, to whom we turn in silent  
confession:**

(Silent prayer)

Hear and believe these words about  
God's amazing grace,  
grace experienced through Jesus' sacrificial love,  
as forgiveness of sins. Jesus died that we might  
have life, abundant and eternal. He conquered  
sin that we might be forgiven. Hear the good  
news. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are  
forgiven. Glory to God!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are  
forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving for Lent

May the Lord of the journey be with you.

**And also with you.**

Pilgrims of God, lift up your hearts.

**We offer them to the One who denied himself to carry us into life forever.**

Sing songs of thanksgiving to the God who is faithful in keeping promises.

**We offer glad anthems of joy to the One who calls us by name.**

Out of that barrenness called chaos  
you called into life all that is good and true,  
Beneficent God: your face shining in the starlight,  
your voice echoing in the crashing waves,  
your heart, your hopes, your love  
poured into those created in your image.

Showering them with peace and mercy,  
you began to teach them all they needed  
in order to live in hope, and in joy, with you.  
But setting their minds on all the desires  
which temptation revealed to them,  
they began to rebuke you,  
denying your dreams for them,  
as we thought only of ourselves.

You continued to speak of your promises,  
sending the prophets into all the barren places  
where we lived and worked and dreamed,  
but we were ashamed of the words they spoke,  
and would not listen to the love which formed  
them.

So, you asked the One called Blameless  
to leave your side and walk before you,  
coming to share your faith in us.

Therefore, we join our voices with those  
from every time and in every place,  
and with the choirs of heaven,  
who forever sing your praises:

**Holy, holy, holy, God who calls life into being. All the ends of the earth and far corners of the universe sing your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes to take up his cross.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, God of Abraham and Sarah,  
and Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is blessed  
forever. When He could have stumbled over our  
distrust, he called us to follow him into your  
promises; when our rejection could have  
weakened his faith, He grew strong in his  
commitment to deny himself; when He could  
have remained silent,  
He declared your salvation to all, even to those  
not yet alive; when He could have hidden his face  
in fear,  
He turned towards Jerusalem, going to his death  
and into the grave, that you might give life to all  
who had died to sin.

As we come to the Table He has prepared,  
we declare that in his crucifixion and  
resurrection  
we find that mystery we call faith: