

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

March 6, 2022

## The First Sunday in Lent



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Trinity Presbyterian Church is called by God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to be a **worshipping, nurturing and serving** community.

Prelude "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Che

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship<sup>ψ</sup>

Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

**Jesus went into the city to heal.**

Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

**Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.**

Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

**but Jesus also went to the wilderness.**

There is nowhere we can go that God does not walk with us.

**We are in God's house. Let us worship Holy God.**

Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, as the forty days of deluge swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life, so in the saving flood of Baptism we are washed clean and born again.

Throughout these forty days, unseal within us the wellspring of your grace, cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy, and cause your gift of new life to flourish once again. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

\* Hymn #620 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

**1** Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;

to his feet your tribute bring;

ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King.

**2** Praise him for his grace and favor

to his people in distress;

praise him still the same as ever,

slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glorious in his faithfulness.

Call to Confession<sup>ψ</sup>

Friends, we worship a God who doesn't keep score and doesn't hold grudges. We worship a God who invites us into a richer faith, a deeper love, a more compassionate existence with a million chances to try again. So let us speak truth into our lives, asking for God's help where we need it. Let us pray the prayer of confession together.

Prayer of Confession<sup>ψ</sup>

Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power—

**Teach us a new way.**

Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life is about material wealth—

**Teach us a new way.**

Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control—

**Teach us a new way.**

Teach us to live as you live.

**Teach us to love as you love.**

Forgive us when we don't.

**Gratefully we pray, amen.** (Silence for Reflection)

Words of Forgiveness<sup>ψ</sup>

Siblings in Christ, no matter how many times we mess up, no matter how far we wander, no matter how lost we feel, God's grace is full to the brim. It overflows in desert places. It finds us where we are and it covers us in mercy.

Hear and believe this good news—

**God's love is overflowing. We are drenched in mercy.**

**Thanks be to God, amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\* Gloria Patri (Hymn #581)

**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.**

Faith Formation Moment

Prayer for Illumination<sup>ψ</sup>

God of the wilderness places in our lives, it can be hard to hear you in the desert. It can be hard to hear you in the city, in the midst of our calendar reminders, rush-hour traffic, and notification alerts.

It can be hard to hear you, so we ask: make everything quiet. Pause the chaos. Still the rushing. Ease our racing thoughts. Give us ears to hear your Word for us today which promises that even in the desert you are full to the brim. We are listening.

We ache for your good news. Gratefully we pray, amen.

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Anthem "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-13

**4** Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' <sup>11</sup> and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.



Meditation “Kicking off Dust” Dr. Jeff Beebe

Affirmation of Faith<sup>ψ</sup>  
We believe God is love.  
**We believe God’s love is overflowing.**  
We believe Jesus is a river.  
**We believe that river is running toward us.**  
We believe the Holy Spirit is a vessel.  
**We believe that vessel holds mercy for you and for me.**  
We believe the wilderness is real.  
**We believe the desert is lonely.**  
We believe that Jesus has been there.  
**We know that we do not walk alone.**  
Even in the desert,  
**we are loved.**  
Even in the desert,  
**God is with us.**  
Even in the desert,  
**this love overflows.**  
Thanks be to God,  
**Amen.**

Invitation to Discipleship and Offering of our Gifts

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

*Invitation to the Lord’s Supper*

We invite you now to spiritually unite with all the members and friends of Trinity Presbyterian Church and with all the Saints of the Church in Heaven and on Earth, and partake of the Lord’s Supper. *(If you are worshiping with us at home, we invite you to prepare your own elements of bread and juice at home.)* According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread and blessed it and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

*Communion Prayer*

God who knows us, we are amazed by you. Your love never runs out, your hope never runs dry, your joy never gives up. We wish that we could be more like you in that way. In a world that loves scarcity, your abundance is shocking. In a world that knows fear, your joy is compelling. In a world that knows anxiety, your peace is captivating. We long for these things.

So today we ask you—be with us on the hamster wheel. Be with us when compassion fatigue rears her head. Be with us when stress makes it hard to breathe. Be with us when self-doubt pushes in close. Be with us when exhaustion becomes constant or when loneliness becomes our primary language. Be with us, and show us the way to the life you long for us.

Show us a life of expansive faith. Show us a life of overflowing joy. Show us a life of absorbing beauty. Show us a life of engrossing purpose. Show us a life that is as honest, and rich, and meaningful as the one Jesus led.

And until that expansive and holy day, we will continue to gather at this Table. Until that day we will continue to look for you in our midst.

So pour out a double portion of yourself onto this bread and cup so that we might catch a glimpse of your goodness.  
God, we are amazed by you. Your love never runs out, so bring that never-ending love here.  
Together we pray:  
**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from Evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Sharing the Bread*

This is the Body of Christ, the Bread of Life—given for you. Amen.

*Sharing the Cup*

This is the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation—shed for you. Amen.

*Prayer after Communion*

Let us pray: We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. We lift up to you, this day, the joys and concerns of our hearts. Strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

- \* Hymn #167 “Forty Days and Forty Nights”
  - 1 Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild; forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.
  - 2 Shall not we your sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain, fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain?
  - 4 So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be; round us, too, shall angels shine, such as served you faithfully.
- \* Benediction<sup>ψ</sup>

**As you leave this place, may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world. May you laugh, and may it be contagious. May you overflow with love for those around you. May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy. And in all of your living, and breathing, and being, may you find yourself full to the brim with God’s Holy Spirit, and may it change your life. In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself—go in peace, full to the brim. Amen.**

- \* Congregational Response (“Full to the Brim” Chorus)

**Lord, your love is full to the brim.**  
**Lord, your love’s a cup running over.**  
**Lord, your loving heart is a river that rolls over us**  
**and calls us to join in the stream.**

Postlude “To God Be the Glory”

*\* Denotes please stand if able.*

<sup>ψ</sup>*Prayer by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org*

WORSHIP NOTES

**Greeters:** Susan Kopyar and Bea & Mike Pison  
**Ushers:** Marti Benz, Ron & Penny Weidner, Bill & Sandy Boland, Dave & Lori Davenport  
**Lay Reader:** Kay James  
**Audio Tech:** Colin Earle  
**Live Stream:** Jeff Cooke and Ken Mettler  
**Flowers:** The flowers this morning are given by Queenester Jones in loving memory of Sylvester David Jones and by David & Lori Davenport in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Andrew Wheeler	3/6	Happy Birthday	Ginny Reisinger	3/8
Eleanor Moore	3/6		Gerry Trebilcock	3/9
Kenneth Wittmer	3/6		Carol Graff	3/10
Kay James	3/7		Albert Burgess	3/12
Yvonne Maylor	3/7			

*Join us in prayer for our members and loved ones*

Roger Ailshie, Bob Aitken, Gail Alvaro, **Mary Batailo**, Andrew Billings, Bret Bosier, Jason Bradley\*, **Doris Boone**, **Al Burgess**, Jasper Casey, Heasuk Che, John Decina, Maverick Dennis\*, Rev. Dr. Jeff DeYoe, Dickiesons Family, **Joe Digby\***, **Saida Evensen**, Patrick Floyd\*, Clarisa Gibson, **Sandy Glasner**, Stanley Hannum\*, **Pat Head**, Clark Hessen, A.J. & Vicki Jebbia, **Bob Johnson**, **Javan N. Jones\***, **Jennifer Kaczmarek**, **Susan Kopyar**, Heather & Christian Layfield, Bruce Lee, **Florence Lyman**, Marissa Mallicote, **Ed Manen**, **Jan Markiewicz**, **Gloria Martin**, **Lynn Martin**, Sue McCarthy, **Walt McRae**, **Marie McCray**, Declan Mitchell\*, Pam Mitchell-Hess, Pastor Mark Odle, Rev. David Oertel, Joseph C. Orr\*, **Howard Parker**, William Patterson, **Bob Pearson**, **Janet Pegg**, **Bea Pison**, **Helene Read**, **Ginny Reisinger**, Bradford Robinson, Ian Samuel, Jennifer Sheringham\*, **Lois Settles**, **Diane Simmons**, **Bonnie Slager**, **Bill Tate**, **Gene Thrower**, **Ryan Tugas\***, **Lillian Warner**, Norma Warwell, Todd Whipper, Ben Whitenack, **Matthew Winternheimer\***, **Kenny Wittmer**

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Mary Batailo** who died on February 28, 2022.  
A family service will be planned at a later date.

Sympathy is extended to **Carol McGovern** on the death of her daughter, **Bonny Milich** on February 17, 2022.

The Memorial Service for **Jean Ailshie** has been moved, and will be on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the Sanctuary.

If someone is in need of prayer, please let the church office know.  
Those listed in bold are members of the church and the asterisk indicates active military service.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Come one, come all to the Fellowship Dinner on March 27 at 4pm in Mehaffey Hall. We will share a meal and fellowship. It is being sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee. Mark your calendars.

***This Week in our Church*** / Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-12noon

**Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** - *Sacrament of Communion*

10:00 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary) In-person and Live-Stream
5:15 PM	Youth Group-Middle School (Mehaffey & Youth Rooms)
6:00 PM	Youth Group-High School (Mehaffey & Youth Rooms)

**Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
2:00 PM	PW Bible Study Leaders (Keppler)
5:00 PM	Trinity Troopers (Youth Room)
6:15 PM	Cub Scout Pack 281 (Mehaffey & Youth Rooms)

**Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 AM	AAUW Meeting (Calvin)
6:30 PM	Scouts Troops 281/4281 (Mehaffey)

**Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 PM	AA (MH)
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**Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

1:15 PM	Study with Dan Graham (Mehaffey)
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**Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM	ALANON Meeting (Calvin)
6:30 PM	NA Meeting

**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
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***Giving:***

