

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

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## *The Fourth Sunday in Lent*



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Prelude "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Che

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship<sup>ψ</sup>

God's reach is endless.

**God's mercy is unstoppable.**

God's grace is lavish.

**God's love is constant.**

God's wisdom is vast.

**God's hope is stubborn.**

God's presence is here—

**with us, among us, moving through us.**

Breathe easy. Breathe deeply.

**We are in God's house.**

Let us worship the One who welcomes us home.

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

\* Hymn #418 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" (all verses)

Call to Confession<sup>ψ</sup>

If you ask any parent with a teenager what it's like to wait up for their child to meet curfew, they will tell you—they're standing at the door. The porch light is on. No one can sleep until that child is home safe. Friends, I think God is like that for us. The porch light is on. The door is unlocked. We might be late for curfew, but God is just so glad we're home. So let us pray the prayer of confession together, trusting that no matter what we do or what we leave undone, the porch light is always on. Let us pray. . .

Prayer of Confession<sup>ψ</sup>

**The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name. It sounds like ours. And we know his story. It sounds like ours. For who among us hasn't burned a bridge? Who among us hasn't forgotten that we belong to one another? Who among us has not ached for home? The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name. Forgive us God. We want to come home. (Silence for Reflection)**

Words of Forgiveness<sup>ψ</sup>

Family of faith, the word 'prodigal' can be defined as wasteful or imprudent, hence the name, "Prodigal Son." However, 'prodigal' can also be described as extravagant and excessive. Friends, we worship a prodigal God—a God who is extravagant in mercy and excessive in grace. For no matter how many times we run, no matter how far we go or how lost we get, God is standing at the end of the driveway waiting for us. The doors are open. The feast is for you. This grace is extravagant. **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 open doors,

We often long to come home to you, to love, and to ourselves, but we aren't always sure how to get there. We know that we need you, but the road back to you is heavy with distractions.

So if we can dare to be so forward, we pray— reach into the cacophony of our hearts and minds and make yourself known. Quiet everything but your Word for us today. Leave us awestruck. Drown out the distractions. Come as thunder or come as a still, small voice; we don't care which, we just pray that you will come.

Turn on the light. Speak through these words. Find the parts of us that are lost. With hope we pray, amen.

New Testament Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Anthem "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" arr. Page  
Handbell Choir

Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**15** Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. **2** And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." **3** So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. **12** The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. **13** A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. **14** When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. **15** So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. **16** He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. **17** But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! **18** I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; **19** I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" **20** So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. **21** Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' **22** But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. **23** And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and

celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found! And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Meditation "Experiencing Prodigal Grace" Dr. Jeff Beebe

\* Hymn #649 "Amazing Grace" (all verses)

\* Affirmation of Faith<sup>ψ</sup>

**We believe in a God who waits in the driveway for us.**

**We believe in a God who leaves the porch light on and throws a feast when we are found.**

**We believe in a God who doesn't stop looking for us when we get lost.**

**We believe in a God of prodigal grace— excessive, extravagant, over-the-top grace.**

**In response to this grace, we hold tighter to each other.**

**We remember that humans are not meant to go through life alone;**

**so we look for ways to welcome each other in, to live like we are family, and to lead with grace—excessive, extravagant, over-the-top grace.**

**We believe that this is our call. Let it be so. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and 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 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.**

Invitation to Discipleship and Offering of our Gifts

Special Music "You Are My Hiding Place" Selah; arr. Che

\* 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**

**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.**

**You call us to dream what you dream.**

*\* 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 Moira Hair

**Ushers:** Marti Benz, Ron & Penny Weidner, Bill & Sandy Boland, Paul & Maudie Parker

**Lay Reader:** Hailey Tucker

**Audio Tech:** Steve Yeh

**Live Stream:** Jeff Cooke and Ken Mettler

**Flowers:** The flowers this morning are given by Judy Spurrell in celebration of our March Birthdays-Judy, Pam and Damon.

Join us in prayer for our members and loved ones

**Roger Ailshie**, Gail Alvaro, 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\***, **Kathy Jones-Mills**, **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**, **Sally Smeaton**, **Bill Tate**, **Gene Thrower**, **Ryan Tugas\***, **Lillian Warner**, Norma Warwell, Todd Whipper, Ben Whitenack, **Matthew Winternheimer\***, **Kenny Wittmer**

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.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:



Marc Hitchins 3/28  
Martha Gioielli 3/29  
Carla McBride 3/30  
Yerdis Trexler 4/1  
Carol Ayers 4/2

EASTER FLOWER SALE

Easter Flowers are available for purchase again this Easter season! This is a wonderful opportunity to honor and remember loved ones. Order forms are available in the Narthex or outside the Church office. The price is \$15 each, order early as supplies are limited. Orders due April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thank you!

FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 16th 4pm-5:30pm

Games, Crafts, Story Time and Egg Hunt

Open to all!

**Want to help?**

We need candy donations.

Drop off your donations in the bin in the narthex!

UKRAINE SUPPORT

In addition to the support given by the members and friends of Trinity, in a continuing effort, the Presbyterian Women collected funds for Ukraine, with God's help, and has resulted in our sending \$1,165 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance unit of the One Great Hour of Sharing from the recent Circle meetings in March. These funds are designated for Ukraine and will be expedited to help in the relief effort. Thanks be to God.

***This Week in our Church***

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-12noon

**Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) In-person and Live-Stream

4:00 PM Fellowship Dinner (Mehaffey Hall)

**Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

5:00 PM Trinity Troopers (Youth Rooms)

5:30 PM Deacon's Meeting (Sanctuary)

6:15 PM Cub Scout Pack 281 (Mehaffey, Calvin, Youth Room)

**Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 AM AAUW Meeting (Calvin)

6:30 PM Scout Troops 281 and 4281 (Mehaffey, Calvin)

**Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 PM AA (Mehaffey)

**Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

1:15 PM Study with Dan Graham (Mehaffey)

**Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

5:00 PM ALANON Meeting (Calvin)

6:30 PM NA Meeting (Mehaffey)

**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 AM Adopt-a-Road Cleanup

10:00 AM AA Quarterly Meeting (Mehaffey)

11:00 AM AAUW Book Club (Library)

**Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Sacrament of Communion*

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5:15 PM Youth Group-Middle School (Mehaffey & Youth Rooms)

6:00 PM Youth Group-High School (Mehaffey & Youth Rooms)

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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.*