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March 11, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Lent



# LENT

# Worship With Us

Traditional Sunday Services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service on Sunday at 9:45 am

**Our Mission Statement** 

"Life in the Son"

Loving, Inviting, Faithful Examples, Serving Our Neighbors

Welcome to Trinity. We are so glad you are here to worship today.

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Where indicated (\*), please stand in praise of God if you are able.

PRELUDE

"Love Was When"

Don Wyrtzen, arr. by Fred Bock

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MOMENT

**INVOCATION** 

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

"Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true With Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

\*OPENING HYMN

"It is Well With My Soul"

NO. 377

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

NO. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

by Craig Courtney

\*DOXOLOGY

NO. 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

#### READING OF THE WORD John 11:1-44

- I I A certain man, Lazarus, was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (<sup>2</sup> This was the Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped his feet with her hair. Her brother Lazarus was ill.) <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent word to Jesus, saying, "Lord, the one whom you love is ill."
- <sup>4</sup> When he heard this, Jesus said, "This illness isn't fatal. It's for the glory of God so that God's Son can be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> When he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was. After two days, <sup>7</sup> he said to his disciples, "Let's return to Judea again."
- <sup>8</sup> The disciples replied, "Rabbi, the Jewish opposition wants to stone you, but you want to go back?"
- <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Aren't there twelve hours in the day? Whoever walks in the day doesn't stumble because they see the light of the world. <sup>10</sup> But whoever walks in the night does stumble because the light isn't in them."
- <sup>11</sup> He continued, "Our friend Lazarus is sleeping, but I am going in order to wake him up."
- <sup>12</sup> The disciples said, "Lord, if he's sleeping, he will get well." <sup>13</sup> They thought Jesus meant that Lazarus was in a deep sleep, but Jesus had spoken about Lazarus' death.
- <sup>14</sup> Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died. <sup>15</sup> For your sakes, I'm glad I wasn't there so that you can believe. Let's go to him."
- <sup>16</sup> Then Thomas (the one called Didymus) said to the other disciples, "Let us go too so that we may die with Jesus."

# Jesus with Martha and Mary

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was a little less than two miles from Jerusalem. <sup>19</sup> Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother's death. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. <sup>22</sup> Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you."

- <sup>23</sup> Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."
- <sup>24</sup> Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day."
- <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. <sup>26</sup> Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
- <sup>27</sup> She replied, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God's Son, the one who is coming into the world."
- <sup>28</sup> After she said this, she went and spoke privately to her sister Mary, "The teacher is here and he's calling for you." <sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> He hadn't entered the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who were comforting Mary in the house saw her get up quickly and leave, they followed her. They assumed she was going to mourn at the tomb.
- <sup>32</sup> When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died."
- <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> He asked, "Where have you laid him?"

They replied, "Lord, come and see."

<sup>35</sup> Jesus began to cry. <sup>36</sup> The Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?"

#### Jesus at Lazarus' tomb

<sup>38</sup> Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Remove the stone."

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, "Lord, the smell will be awful! He's been dead four days."

<sup>40</sup> Jesus replied, "Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you will see God's glory?" <sup>41</sup> So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. <sup>42</sup> I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Reader: This is the Word of God

For the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Uncertainty of Mortality Rev. Gene Aiken

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your field;
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*POSTLUDE "Yorkminster Processional"

Gordon Young

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God for His many blessings and in memory of Lisa's father, Buddy Johnson.

Given by his daughter, Lisa Richardson

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the Glory of God for His many blessings and in memory of Dorothy Jean Barnish for her birthday on March 14.

Given by her daughter, Pam Hawkins



The pastors and congregation will be in prayer this week for the following:

Ann Toothman Gene & Betsy Wahl Tonya Ard & Nicholas Ard

Jeremy Blevins Maria Croft Wayne & Sally-Ann Thorton

Please also keep our armed forces, police officers, first responders and teachers in your prayers.

Attendance for Sunday,

March 3:

8:30 am: 144 9:45 am: 38

11:00 am: 221

In-Person Total = 403

Online Total: 251



# Our Gifts: Weekly Offering Week of March 3, 2024

 Needed each week:
 \$ 15,403.85

 Received:
 \$ 17,770.00

 Received online:
 \$ 2,830.79

 Total received
 \$ 20,600.79

Year to date

Received: \$ 155,648.39



# **The New Building Fund**

Amount donated this week: \$ 4,599.12 Amount received online: \$ 225.00

Total Received: \$ 4.824.12

Amount in the account: \$ 586,940.76

The Fourth Sunday of the months is Loose Change Sunday

Save those coins! We collect loose change to go specifically to our Building Fund for our new Trinity Hall. As always we thank you for your support each month and appreciate every penny!



To give online, go to our website at www.trinitynmb.com and click the Give tab. Then use the drop down menu and click on Building Fund.



**Chank you** to all the wonderful women who joined us at the Cozy Mountain Lodge retreat yesterday! During our gathering, we assembled Blessing Bags for the homeless. If you would like to share a Blessing Bag with someone in need, please feel free to pick one up at the back of the church. These bags will be available while supplies last. Wondering what a Blessing Bag is? It's a thoughtful package containing essential items for individuals experiencing homelessness or hunger. Consider keeping one in your car to offer to those in need when you encounter someone seeking assistance.

## **Building Fund - Charitable Contributions**

A presentation by Tami Lee & Marty Slapnik will be made on today, March 10 after the 11 o'clock service showing how you can make a donation to the Building Fund without having a tax obligation. A donation can be made through QCD ("Qualified Charitable Donation") from your IRA.

#### **Monday Golf**

Attention all Monday golfers. Due to the seasonal change there are only room for 20 golfers next Monday (March 11). Please contact Tony Monte at 843-447-0385. First come, first serve. In addition, tee time will be at 2 pm (not 3 pm as stated in the Newsletter).

#### It's Kairos' Cookie Time!

We are once again looking for cookie bakers. Cookies should be segregated into one quart ziploc baggies containing one dozen cookies. The cookies can be kept frozen. (Please let the cookies cool before putting them in the baggies.) The cookies should be approximately two inches in diameter and cannot contain nuts, fruit, icing, or sprinkles. There is always a shortage of sugar free cookies for diabetic residents.

Cookies are due to the church by March 17. They can be put in the freezer at the church before March 17 or brought to the volunteer office on March 17.

#### **PEP Club**

## Thursday, March 21 at 11:30 am at Dino's in NMB

Everyone is invited for a fun, stress free luncheon with the Pep Club family. Bring a friend and make a friend. It will be a fun-filled time. Wear your Green outfits as we celebrate a belated St. Patrick's Day. Last month we made a difference in a family's life with our joy and laughter. Come and let us make a difference in yours! Hope to see you there.



Exciting Changes for Our Easter Egg Hunt! Volunteers Needed!

This year, due to the construction of Trinity Hall, we are thrilled to unveil a fresh take on our traditional Easter Egg Hunt - introducing the Easter Hippity Hop!

We are seeking volunteers to join us in ensuring the success of this event. We need hard-boiled eggs, candy donations, clean egg cartons, old newspapers, and individuals willing to decorate their trunks, golf carts, or tables with festive decorations, engaging games or activities, and share the joy by distributing treats to the children. While reminiscent of a Trunk or Treat, this event offers a unique opportunity for families to immerse themselves in the Easter story while enjoying quality time together.

Additionally, we are on the lookout for "special" trunks to further enhance the Easter experience. Reach out to Stephanie for more information or check your emails for details.

Save the date for Sunday, March 24, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm (Setup begins at 12:45 pm.).

Sign up on the bulletin insert to be part of this exciting event!



Have you visited our facebook page? Our new historian Patti has been busy documenting all that goes on at Trinity United Methodist Church. Check out the latest pictures of the old Fellowship Hall coming down to make way for our new Trinity Hall. Take some time and look through all the wonderful pictures of all the events, meetings, bible studies and worship services at TUMC.



# **Trinity Music Department News**

The music department is busy working on music for Lent and Easter. The choir is rehearsing music, and the handbell choir will be starting soon. The orchestra plays prior to the traditional services. Holy Week will be a busy week with multiple services. If you have an interest in joining any of these groups, please contact our Directors of Music, Albert and Melody Evans at <a href="mailto:albert.melody76@gmail.com">albert.melody76@gmail.com</a>. We would love to have you.





# Meetings This Week

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Today	Worship Service: 8:30 am (Sanctuary & Live Streaming Online)
3/10	Adult Sunday School Classes: 9:45 am (Second Floor, Rm. 2 & Rm. 4)
	Contemporary Worship Service: 9:45 am (Sanctuary & Live Streaming Online)
	Worship Service: 11:00 am (Sanctuary & Live Streaming Online)
	Service of Thanksgiving: 12:15 pm (On the Lawn)
	AA Meeting: 2:00 pm (AG Greene Choir Room)
	GriefShare: 4:00 pm (AG Greene Choir Room)
Monday	Weight Watchers: 9:00 & 10:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room & Conference Room)
3/11	Staff Meeting: 12:00 pm (Library)
	Monday Golf: 2:00 pm (Colonial Charters Golf Course)
	Wellness Ministry Meeting: 4:00 pm (AG Greene Conference Room)
	Gamblers Anonymous: 7:00 pm (AG Greene Choir Room)
Tuesday	Bible Study- <b>Growing in the Spiritual Image of God</b> : 10:00 am (Upstairs Room #2)
3/12	SPRC Meeting: 12:00 pm (Library)
	AA Meeting: 12 noon (AG Greene Choir Room)
	Miracle of Hope Meeting: 1:00 pm (Sanctuary)
	Trustees Meeting: 5:00 pm (AG Greene Choir Room)
	Dot Jordan Circle: 6:00 pm (Youth Room)
	SAG Meeting: 6:45 pm (AG Greene Conference Room)
Wednesday	Bridge: 9:00 am (AG Greene Classroom)
3/13	Crafters: 9:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room)
	Bible Study- <b>Don't Look Back</b> : 10:00 am (Upstairs Room #8)
	Master's Meal: 12 noon (AG Greene Choir Room)
	Bell Choir Rehearsal: 4:30 pm (Sanctuary)
	Trinity Kids: 4:30 pm (AG Greene Building)
	Amplified Youth: 6:00 pm (Upstairs-Youth Room)
	Bible Study- <b>Savior</b> : 6:00 pm (Sanctuary)
	Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)
Thursday	Ukrainian Egg Class: 9:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room and Conference Room)
3/14	Bible Study—Walking with God in the Desert: 10:00 am (Upstairs-Youth Room)
	Worship Committee Meeting: 10:00 am (Sanctuary)
	AA Meeting: 12 noon (AG Greene Choir Room)
	Contemporary Worship Rehearsal: 6:00 pm (Sanctuary)
Friday	AA Meeting: 7:00 pm (AG Greene Choir Room)
3/15	
Saturday	
3/16	

# Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church!

#### Volunteers this Week

8:30 am & 11:00 am

Ushers: Tom & Connie Kelser Don & Michele Godwin

Jill KrummeCurt RobertsBetsi RudderScott Keziah

**Jackie Stanley** 

Altar Guild: Carolyn Bailey & Judy May and Carolyn Bunks

# **Trinity Staff**

Ministers: The Congregation

Associate Organist: Melanie Welborn

Church Sexton: Lee Ann McDonald

Director of Christian Education: Stephanie Schellinger

Directors of Music: Albert & Melody Evans

Financial Secretary: Rhonda Conner

Nursery Workers: Lori Goulet

Office Manager: Jennifer Piccolo

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Matthew Daniel

Pastors: Rev. Gene Aiken; Rev. Edmond Daniel

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

## Worship With Us

Traditional Sunday Services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service on Sunday at 9:45 am

The Nursery is available during all of the Sunday services.

Nursery (ages 0-3) AG Greene Nursery

Children/Youth Sunday School

9:45 am after worship music in the Trinity Kids' Room

And following the 11:00 am Children's Sermon

4 yr. old - 5th Grade AG Greene

**Adult Sunday School Classes** 

9:45-10:45 am

XYZ Young Adults Library - 2nd Floor, Room 4

Young + Young at Heart UMW Room - 2nd Floor, Room 2