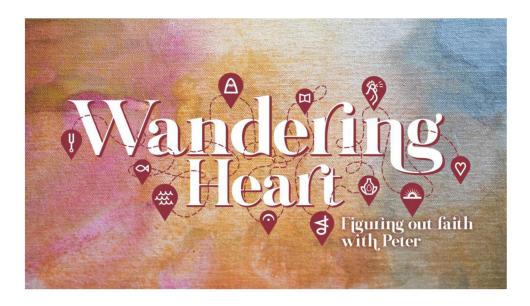
# Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024



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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 **worshiping**, **nurturing** and **serving** community.

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Welcome

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. E. Miller

Call to Worship♦

If you ask the sky who God is,

the sky will tell you of God's reach.

If you ask the day who God is,

the sun will tell you of God's warmth.

If you ask the night who God is,

the moon will tell you of God's comfort.

"The heavens are telling the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1). Are you listening?

We are listening! We will sing of God's glory.

Let us worship Holy God.

Prayer of the Day A Lenten Prayer by Henri Nouwen Please, Lord, be with us at every moment and in every place. Give us the strength and the courage to live this season faithfully, so that, when Easter comes, We will be able to taste with joy the new life that you have prepared for Us. Amen.

\* Hymn #307 "God of Grace and God of Glory" Cwm Rhondda

#### Call to Confession♦

In our scripture for today, Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter said, "You are the Messiah." Have you ever wondered if his voice faltered when he answered? Did he respond loudly and with confidence, or with a tentative whisper? We'll never know. The text doesn't provide those details. But we can trust that, no matter how we speak to God, when we speak, God is listening. So friends, join me in the prayer of confession. Whether you whisper these words or speak them with conviction, may you trust that our gracious and merciful God is listening with love. Let us pray together:

#### Prayer of Confession◆

Holy God, Some days, we are quick to declare your goodness. Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith. Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers.

#### Forgive us for losing sight of you.

Some days we are quick to trust your blessings—

trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.

Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.

#### Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves.

We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith. But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask for your tender grace.

## Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith. Amen.

#### Words of Forgiveness♦

Friends, Whether you speak to God in a whisper or with clear conviction, with questions or with answers, with hope in your heart or with doubt in your throat—God will always listen with love and mercy. So rest in this good news: regardless of how loudly you live your faith—you belong to God. You are loved. You are claimed. You are forgiven. Speak that good news with confidence. 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.

#### \*Affirmation of Faith◆

Jesus asked the disciples, "But what about you?

Who do you say that I am?" Church, what do you say?

Jesus is a hand reaching out in the storm, the voice of truth spoken over us, and love without walls. Jesus is justice for the weary, healing for the hurt, and welcome for the stranger. Jesus is teacher, Messiah, and friend— with me on the mountain and beside me in the valley. Jesus is a star in the night, and the love that knows my name.

Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?"

Like Peter, we say,

"Jesus, you are the Messiah, son of the Living God."

Faith Formation Moment

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory "Were You There"

Emma Zwirn with Jack Jeffe, Viola

\* Doxology (Hymn #606)

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination ♦

Holy Word, For generations people have bowed their heads, have prayed the Psalms, have asked for your presence in their lives. For generations people have whispered, "May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable and pleasing to you, O God." For generations we have gathered here, we have quieted our minds, we have prayed to feel your presence in our midst.

So once again, just as the generations before, we turn our hearts to your Word. Still our busy minds so that we might truly comprehend what you have to say to us today. With joy and hope we pray, amen.

#### Responsive Reading

Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

## <sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words;

their voice is not heard;

## <sup>4</sup> yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

- 8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
- <sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
- <sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- <sup>12</sup> But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.
- <sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.
- <sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Anthem "At the Cross" Hudson
Chancel Choir with Jack Jeffe, Viola

Gospel Lesson Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Meditation

"Figuring Out Faith"

Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Invitation to the Lord's Table* 

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving 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.

Sharing the Bread

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

Sharing the Cup

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

- \* Hymn #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Nettleton
- \* Benediction ◆

Beloved wanderer, as you leave this place, may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve. May you look for God in every face. May you find the courage to get out of the boat, to run to the tomb, and to speak of your faith. And when the world falls apart, may you hear God's voice deep

within, saying, "Take heart, it is I, be not afraid." You are called. You are blessed. In both your ups and your downs, you always belong to God. Go now in peace. Go trusting that good news. Amen.

\* Congregational Response (Hymn #306)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

\* Postlude "Festive Trumpet"

D. German

- \* Denotes please stand if able.
- ◆ "Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org."

#### **WORSHIP NOTES**

Greeters & Ushers: Marti Benz, Bill & Sandy Boland, Ron & Penny Weidner,

Thad Lang, Susan Kopyar, Tracy Martin

**Lay Reader:** Shelley Kleinfelder **Audio Tech:** Ken Mettler

Audio Visual: Jeff Cooke, Ken Mettler, David Wheeler

**Flowers:** The flowers this morning are given by Lynne Churchin in memory of Ginny Reisinger on her birthday.

**Children's Worship Table:** Children are invited to the Children's Worship Table after the Faith Formation to enjoy this week's Children's Worship booklet and/or any of the other quiet activities in the Children's area.

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

Gail Alvaro, Ajit Banerjee, Billings Family, Jason Bradley\*, Eliza Brown, Al Burgess, Jim & Willa Burns, Jasper Casey, John Chappa, Hal Childs, Pete Cooper, Dickiesons Family, Joe Digby\*, William Downs, Patrick Floyd\*, Clarisa Gibson, Hadley Gray, Stanley Hannum\*, Pete Harrison, Arlene & Hugh Highet, Bob Johnson, Gene Johnson, Javan N. Jones\*, Kathy Jones-Mills, Jennifer Kaczmarek, Lucas Kelly, Brady Klefman, Bruce Lee, Florence Lyman, Marissa Mallicote, Trudy Manen, Marilyn Millar, Gloria Martin, Judy Mascenic, Bobbi McCarthy, Sue McCarthy, Tom & Carol McGovern, Declan Mitchell\*, Pam Mitchell-Hess, Pat Olson, Joseph C. Orr\*, William Patterson, Ed Peart, Helene Read, Bradford Robinson, Norma Rogero, lan Samuel, Jennifer Sheringham\*, Sara Shoreland, Diane Simmons, Bonnie Slager, Michelle Smith, Bill Stumper, Annemarie Thompson, Ryan Tugas\*, Tony & Doris Valenti, Mick Walker, Monique Warmington, Norma Warwell, BJ Waugaman, Todd Whipper, Ben Whitenack, Matthew Winternheimer\*, Theodore Winternheimer\*, Kenny Wittmer

Sympathy is extended to **Jan Roberts** on the death of her husband, **Bob Roberts** on February 27, 2024.

A private memorial is being planned for a later date.

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**

Maudie Parker	3/3	Happy Birthday	Kenneth Wittmer	3/6
Hailey Mock	3/4		Kay James	3/7
Matthew Winternheimer	3/5		Yvonne Maylor	3/7
Andrew Wheeler	3/6		Ginny Reisinger	3/8
Eleanor Moore	3/6		Gerry Trebilcock	3/9

#### **FINDING OUR WAY**

An Adult Bible Study – Sunday Mornings, Before and After Worship, February 18 – March 17, 2024; This Lent, we will look for ourselves in the steppingstones of Peter's story. We will reflect on the stages of our own faith journeys as well as who and what has shaped us along the way. As we wander, let us tune our hearts to sing God's grace. May we rest in streams of mercy, never ceasing.

#### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS – MARCH 2024

PW Bible Study Leaders will meet with Dr. Beebe on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in Kepler.

Sacred Encounters: Lesson Six-A Person with a Physical Disability Encounters Jesus by Olive Mahabir.

Miriam: Wed., Mar. 20th-10am in Mehaffey; Kathy Burns hosting and

Maudie Parker study leader.

**Mary and Martha:** Wed., Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>-6pm in Kepler; Kelli Jebbia, study leader. **Rebecca:** Thurs., Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>-10am-Mehaffey with Martha Gioielli, study leader. *Faith Members are invited to visit with other circles and share in the Bible study.* 

### This week in our Church (Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-12noon):

**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Sacrament of Communion

9AM or 11AM "Finding Our Way" Adult Bible Study

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Kids Choir (Music Room)

11:30 AM Trinity Troopers (Mehaffey & Youth Rooms)

6:00 PM Youth/Young Adult Fellowship (Mehaffey & Youth Rooms)

#### Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
2:00 PM PW Bible Study Leaders (Kepler)
5:00 PM Youth Choir (Music Room)

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

6:30 PM CCPC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

#### Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

10:30 AM Faith Formation Committee (Kepler)
6:30 PM Scout Troops 281 & 4281 (Mehaffey)

#### Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM PW Team Meeting (Kepler)8:00 PM AA Meeting (Mehaffey)

#### Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

10AM-12PM Librarian on duty (TPC Library)
5:20 PM Youth Choir (Music Room)
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
6:30 PM ALANON Meeting (Calvin)

### Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM NA Meeting (Calvin) 7:30 PM AA Meeting (Mehaffey)

### Saturday, March 9th

11:00 AM Ed Manen Memorial Service & Reception

(Sanctuary & Mehaffey)

**Sunday, March 10**th – Daylight Savings begins- "Spring Forward"

9AM or 11AM "Finding Our Way" Adult Bible Study

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Kids Choir (Music Room)

