Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 2024



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Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "More Love to Thee, O Christ" arr. L. Wolz

Call to Worship♦

On our worst days, **God is good.**

On our best days, **God is good.**

When life is consistent, **God is good.**

And when life turns on its head, God is good.

Day and night, Monday through Sunday,

God is good. God is here. God is love.

Hold tight to that good news. Let us worship 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 #634 "To God Be the Glory" To God be the Glory

Call to Confession◆

There's a moment in our scripture today when Jesus turns to Peter, named "the rock" of the church, and says, "Get behind me, Satan!" I don't know about you all, but that's a pretty bad day for Peter. It's a pretty bad day when Jesus calls you Satan! Fortunately, this absurd moment comforts me with the knowledge that even Peter made mistakes. Peter, who was given the keys to Heaven. Peter, Jesus' right-hand man, made mistakes just like me. And still, Jesus chose him. Knowing that, let us speak honestly with God. For even on our worst days, we belong to God, and that will never change. Join me in prayer—

Prayer of Confession◆

Holy God, We often find ourselves moving through a world that does not make sense. Like Peter, we want to yell out, "This should not happen!" We want to control scenarios beyond our reach. We want to hold your world in our hands. Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations instead of curiosity. Forgive us for arguing when we could listen. Forgive us for fixating on one truth, when we could open ourselves up to many. Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen. With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness◆

Friends, no matter how many times you have dug your heels in, no matter how many fights you have wanted to pick with God, no matter how many times you have disagreed, raged, or clung to what you know instead of embracing holy change—we worship a God of grace. Nothing can separate us from God's love, not even a stubborn attitude or a tense heart. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel: Pour water into the baptismal font as you speak the following lines. God's love for us will always be deeper than we can imagine. We are seen. We are loved. And we are forgiven. Now follow Peter, and go be the Church in the world. 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♦

I believe in a God of second chances,

a God who sees through my stubbornness and holds my fear with tenderness.

I believe that this God of second chances uses ordinary people like Peter to do good in the world.

Therefore, I believe and hope that God can use me too.

I believe that from time to time, God invites us to imagine the impossible. I believe that from time to time, God invites us to change our minds.

This change is holy and important work, although challenging. When fear and scarcity plague me, or when the impossible feels out of reach, I believe that God meets me with grace and invites me to follow.

Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

Faith Formation Moment

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory "How Great Thou Art" (#625)

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

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.

* Hymn #475 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Nettleton

Prayer for Illumination ♦

Listening God, If we could attach ourselves to you, we would. We would scribble your scripture onto our tender hearts. We would weave your good news into the fiber of our being. We would bind ourselves to you, but instead, we wander. Instead of attaching ourselves to you, we find ourselves swept up in the business of the day. Like a seesaw of faithfulness, we move back and forth, up and down, constantly trying to find you in the midst of it all. So speak clearly to us now. Quiet the

distractions long enough for us to affix ourselves to your good news. We are listening. We are hungry. We are hopeful. Amen.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- ¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
- ² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble
- ³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- ¹⁷ Some were sick through their sinful ways and because of their iniquities endured affliction;
- 18 they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.
- ¹⁹ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;
- ²⁰ he sent out his word and healed them and delivered them from destruction.
- ²¹ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.
- ²² And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

Anthem "God So Loved the World" Stainer Chancel Choir with Jack Jeffe, Viola

Matthew 16:21-23 Gospel Lesson

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe Meditation "Stages of Faith"

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" * Hymn #438 Toplady

* 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 "Variation 4 on Nettleton"

* Denotes please stand if able.

arr. A. Travis

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WORSHIP NOTES

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

Thad Lang, Susan Kopyar

Lay Reader: Kay James **Audio Tech:** Colin Earle Audio Visual: Jeff Cooke, Ken Mettler, David Wheeler

Flowers: The flowers this morning are in memory of Ed Manen by his children: Erica, Eddie (Jami) and Michael (Kimmy) and the two roses in memory of their grandfather, Ed Manen: Jaden and Emmitt. **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, Stu Greer, 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, Ian 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**

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

Carol Graff	3/10	Happy	Karen Thomas	3/14
Albert Burgess	3/12		Mimi Baruch	3/15
Brandie Alred	3/13	Birthday	Madilyn Winternheimer	3/15

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. We will have Lillies for sale at \$15 each, we apologize but Mums are not available this year. Orders due by March 24th, Thank you!

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.

TRINITY TIMES

Articles for the Spring Trinity Times, covering April and May happenings, are due Thursday, March 14th. Please submit to Judy at trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS - MARCH 2024

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. 20th-6pm in Kepler; Tracy Martin, study leader.

Rebecca: Thurs., Mar. 21st-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 10th – Daylight Savings begins- "Spring Forward"

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

Worship Service 10:00 AM

11:00 AM Kids Choir (Music Room)

Youth and Families Bowling Night (Palm Coast Lanes) 6:30 PM

Monday, March 11th

9:30 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 AM	Service & Outreach Committee (Kepler)
1:00 PM	Worship & Music Committee (Kepler)
5:00 PM	Youth Choir (Music Room)

5:00 PM CCPC Board Meeting (Kepler)

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

6:30 PM CCPC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, March 12th

9:30	AM	Facility Care Committee (Kepler)
2:00	PM	Finance Committee (Kepler)
6:30	PM	Scout Troops 281 & 4281 (Mehaffey)

Wednesday, March 13th

8:00 PM AA Meeting (Mehaffey)

Thursday, March 14th

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 15th

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

Sunday, March 17th

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

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Hands on Mission (Mehaffey) 11:00 AM Kids Choir (Music Room)

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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.