Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 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.

Welcome

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Gethsemane Meditation" arr. P. Lehenbauer

Call to Worship♦

Why are you here?

I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

I see it! You're in the right place!

This is God's house. The door is open to you.

Why are you here?

I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

We see that in you! You're in the right place.

This is God's house. The door is open to you.

Let us worship God.

Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!

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 #826 "Lift High the Cross"

Call to Confession ♦

Friends, when you study Peter's story in scripture it's almost impossible to ignore how much he loved to ask questions. He asks Jesus: "What does the parable mean?" "Where are you going?"

"How many times should we forgive?"

Like a tenacious toddler, Peter was full of questions, because Peter was eager to learn. I wish I was more like that. I still have so much to learn. So friends, let's be like Peter. Let's return to Christ with the humility of a student as we pray together the prayer of confession. Let this be a moment of learning. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession ♦

Holy God, We long to be lifelong learners. We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind. Instead, we often live as if we know best. We forget that the disciples called you "Rabbi, Teacher." Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious. Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best. Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers. Like Peter—who was brave enough to ask, "How many times should we forgive?"—make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With hope and humility we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness◆

Family of faith, When Peter asked Jesus, "How many times should I forgive?" Jesus responded with abundance. That abundance exists for you as well. No matter what you have done or left undone, no matter what lessons you have learned or are still learning, God's abundant

grace exists for you. God's love will never run out. So hear and rest in this good news:

You are forgiven. You are loved. You are invited to serve.

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.

* Affirmation of Faith♦

We believe that questions are a building block of faith.

"How many times should I forgive?" "Jesus, where are you going?" "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

We believe that humble curiosity can open our eyes.

"Where does it hurt?" "What do you need?" "How can I help?" We believe that God is a teacher.

"Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." "Here I am." "Send me." We believe that faith invites our whole being to engage,

with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our strength.

We believe. Help our unbelief.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Faith Formation Moment

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory "Be Thou My Vision" Traditional Irish Hymn

William Tate, Trumpet

* 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◆

Teaching God, We want to learn your ways. We want to learn the ways of forgiveness. We want to learn the ways of grace. We want to learn your ways of love. That is part of why we return to your text week after week, because we are hungry to be more like you. So as we prepare to listen to your good Word, calm the noise in our minds. Center our spirits to focus on you so that we might learn and hear what we have

missed in this story before. God, we want to learn your ways. Meet us here. Speak your truth. Help us listen. Amen.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119:9-16

- ⁹ How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.
- ¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.
- ¹¹ I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.
- ¹² Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.
- ¹³ With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.
- ¹⁴I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.
- ¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.
- ¹⁶ I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Anthem "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" arr. Mueller
Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-22

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." ²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventyseven times.

Meditation "All er Nuthin" Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

* Hymn #265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

* 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 "Passacaglia" G. Young

WORSHIP NOTES

Greeters & Ushers: Marti Benz, Ron & Penny Weidner, Thad Lang, Susan

Kopyar, John & Shari Hildebrandt, Mike & Bea Pison **Lay Reader:** Ginny Elgin **Audio Tech:** Chuck Radloff

Flowers: The flowers this morning are given by Judy Spurrell in celebration of

March Birthdays-Judy, Pam and Damon.

Audio Visual: Jeff Cooke, Ken Mettler, David Wheeler

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, 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

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

Marla Mitchell 3/19
Leisa Gardner 3/20
Sandy Boland 3/20

Marlene Williams 3/22
Judith Spurrell 3/23

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 Worship, 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.

HANDS ON MISSION: Helping Hands Needed Immediately. Join us in Mehaffey Hall following Service today, March 17th, and stuff food bags (finish in under 1 hour). Many children in Flagler County schools go hungry on the weekends. These Food bags are sent home with those that qualify.

FLOWER CROSS: Once again, the Flower Cross will be located outside the Sanctuary between now and Easter morning. Help us create a joyful, beautiful Easter display by bringing your fresh and artificial flowers between now and on Easter morning.

EASTER POTLUCK BREAKFAST: All are invited to the Easter Potluck Breakfast on Sunday, March 31st form 8:45am-9:45am. Bring a dish to share and join us for food and fellowship.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS): In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Three programs supported by OGHS: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Give now by designating your giving to "One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)" or look for the special offering envelopes in your bulletin.

FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION: All are invited to our Family Easter Celebration on Saturday, March 30th from 4pm-5:30pm. Join us for crafts, story time and an egg hunt. **We would love to have donations of non-chocolate candy or small prizes for our Easter Egg hunt. Donations can be dropped off at the church office or in the Easter donation box in the Narthex.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS – MARCH 2024: Sacred

Encounters: Lesson Six

Miriam: Wed., Mar. 20th-10am in Calvin; 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.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND: The TPC Memorial fund is a repository for donations made in the memory of family members and friends. These gifts are used to honor loved ones with items that give continuing praise to God. i.e. worship banners and hearing aids to be used in worship, the Wi-Fi connection to the chapel and the CD writer. Gifts will be honored for a specific purpose when specified by the donor. Ideas are welcome and funds can be accessed by request to the Memorial Committee.

<u>This week in our Church (Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-12noon):</u> <u>Sunday, March 17th</u>

9AM "Finding Our Way" Adult Bible Study

10:00 AM Worship Service

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

Monday, March 18th

9:30 AM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

5:00 PM Youth Choir (Music Room) 6:00 PM Session Meeting (Kepler) 6:30 PM CCPC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, March 20th

10:00 AM Miriam Circle (Calvin)
6:00 PM Mary & Martha Circle (Kepler)
8:00 PM AA Meeting (Mehaffey)

Thursday, March 21st

10:00 AM Rebecca Circle (Kepler)
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)

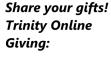
Friday, March 22nd

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

Sunday, March 24th

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Kids Choir (Music Room)





^{*} Denotes please stand if able.

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