

## Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

Prelude Christopher A. McCroskey  
*(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)*

Greetings, Announcements & Prayer

\*Call to Worship  
Lent calls us  
**to turn to God in prayer.**  
Lent calls us  
**to sit with God in silence.**  
Lent calls us  
**to new life in Jesus Christ.**  
**Praise God who makes all things new!**

\*Opening Hymn *"Open Our Eyes"* TFWS 2086

\*Opening Prayer  
**Faithful God,**  
**We gather as your people, longing for your presence. We bring our doubts and fears, trusting that your grace will bring us the peace we lack. We bring our worries and our pain trusting that your love will heal us. May we dwell in your house, delighting in your beauty, and seeking your truth. Teach us your ways, that we may let go of all our sin and discomfort and live lives that are pleasing to you, for we pray in the name of the Light of the World, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

\*Psalter Psalm 27 758  
\*Affirmation From 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16 889

\*Gloria Patri 70  
**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.**

Passing of the Peace

"Let the Children Come!"  
*(Those 3 years of age through 8 years of age may go to Children's Church.)*

Scripture Readings Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Pages 11-12 (O.T.)  
Philippians 3:17-4:1 Page 189 (N.T.)

Gospel Reading Luke 13:31-35 Page 75 (N.T.)

Lenten Homily *"Foxes and Hens"* Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

\*Hymn *"Beams of Heaven as I Go"* (vs. 1-3) 524

Confession and Pardon Insert

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 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.**

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *"Take My Voice, and Let Me Sing"* Choir 95

\*Doxology  
**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**

The Great Thanksgiving for Lent Insert

\*Closing Hymn *"Fill My Cup, Lord"* 641

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *"May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You"* Choir & Congregation

\*Please Stand As You Are Able

### Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Darlene L. Kelley AV Director: Marie Stiles  
Music Director: Christopher A. McCroskey AV Assistant: Chris Derrick  
Liturgist: Jeanette Hornsby Time Together: Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor

**VISITORS ARE WELCOME** in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor's tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning.

*Today's Lovely Flowers are given to the Glory of God.*

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS ...

Hilda Edwards Patsy Shuler Marilyn Lloyd Tom Lloyd Ruth Frady Christopher McCroskey  
Rhett Hook Diane Muszynski Cristen Hipp Latson Lewis English Percy Hannah Glanz  
Kaye Floyd Libby Strickland Ray Frady

**Shut-Ins:** Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch; Jean Raynor

**Family and Friends:** **James Leonard** (previous coworker of Mark Lewis); **Kathleen Varnadore** (Ted & Ruth Frady's neighbor); **Paul Frenzel** (friend of Chris Derrick); **Sissy Henry** (former member of Trinity), **Sean & Tucker Smith** (cousins of Darlene Kelley); **Sonny Hardee** (brother of Lynn Martin); **Colby Martin** (son of Donna Muszynski); **Lynne Powell** (friend of the Ballentines and Branhams); **Bobby Johnson** (friend of Billy Pearson); **Rev. Donna Eidson** (former pastor of Trinity); **Ima Thibodeaux** (friend of Christopher McCroskey); **Keith Jordan** (nephew of John & Kay Jordan); **Ann Cullum** (friend of Bob Strickland); **Malcolm Skipper** (grandfather of Matthew Skipper); **Bryan Collard** (brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis); ; **Charlyn McNeill, Michael McNeill** (sister & brother of Mary Sue Lewis); **Missy Abrams** (stepdaughter of Lissa Abrams); **Mary Davis** (daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland); **Chuck Hardee** (cousin of Lynn Martin); **Bruce Beatty, Sandra Hornsby, Gloria Erd** (friends of Lynn Martin); **Pearl Geddens** (mother of Tom Geddens); **Ross Deal** (grandson of Mary Kamoroff); **Nancy Wilson** (friend of Jeanette Hornsby); **David Turner** (brother of Pam Turner); **Ernie & Betsey Hendrix, Chip Mixon** (friends of Tommy Gleaton); **Ron & Janet Walker** (friends of Tommy & Chris Gleaton); **James Boggs** (father of Claire Boggs); **Bill Areheart** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **Monnie Tiller** (friend of Chris Derrick); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); **Haidee Baehr** (friends of Ruth Frady); **Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson** (cousins of Gale Frady); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (friends of Gale Frady); **Janet Beck** (friend of Jo Ann Heiting); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at [trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com](mailto:trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com).

**OUR PRESENCE ...**

Attendance 03/09 SS: 11 Worship: 42

**OUR GIFTS ...**

General Fund 03/09 \$ 2,652.50

**OUR SERVICE...**

**OUR WITNESS.”**

**Upcoming Events**

**03/17** Exercise, Class, 10:30 a.m.  
Hot Topics & Cold Beer, 7 p.m.  
**03/19** Choir, 6 p.m.  
T.a.G., 7 p.m.  
**03/20** Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.  
GLIA Articles Due  
**03/21** Office Closed  
**03/22** The Pines, 2 p.m.



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“Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name  
of the Lord.”

LUKE 13:35, NRSV

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## HOT TOPICS COLD BEER

**This Monday, March 17**

The group will meet at WECO this **Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m.** If you have any questions, please see Slone Taylor or Patsy Boggs. If you are interested in attending and would like email or text message updates, please email Slone Taylor at [Slonetaylor21@yahoo.com](mailto:Slonetaylor21@yahoo.com) or text her your cell phone number to (803) 397-7294 and she will add you to her list.



**Sunday, March 23**

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on **Sunday, March 23**. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and fellowship!

**Please Note:** The Ministry Team will meet immediately following Taste of Trinity.



**The Pines  
Saturday, March 22  
2 p.m.**

As part of our *Love Your Neighbor Ministry*, we will once again visit The Pines on Saturday, March 22, at 2 p.m. Materials for our March project at The Pines have been provided.

We will also visit The Pines in May, July and September. We will continue to collect socks, personal care items for seniors, large print puzzle books, etc. You can help with this ministry by volunteering, with monetary donations, and with your continued prayers and support.



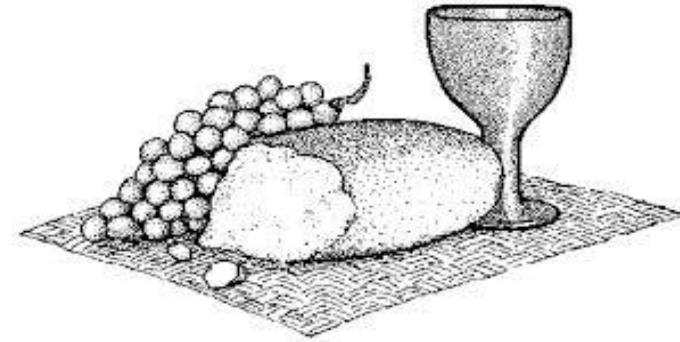
**Sunday, April 6**

In keeping with the dramatic events told at Easter, the title of our 2025 Easter Cantata is, Over too soon...OR WAS IT?! We'll follow Jesus and his band of followers from his entrance into Jerusalem to the glorious revelations at Easter. Along the way we will look at what made him and his remarkable message memorable. We'll also experience what his disciples thought of his unique approach to what it meant to be part of the Kingdom of God. His death changes everything for them and how resurrection made it possible to share this remarkable message with others.

Nourish us by these gifts to be willing servants of your world  
until you come again in victory, and  
all the creatures of the earth praise your name.  
Let us give thanks to our God of grace.

**Thank you, merciful God,  
for gladness in this bread and cup,  
for love that cannot die,  
for peace the world cannot give,  
for joy in the company of friends,  
for the splendors of creation,  
and for the mission of justice  
you have made our own.**

**Give us the gifts of this holy communion —  
oneness of heart, love for neighbors,  
forgiveness of enemies,  
the will to serve you every day,  
and life that never ends.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**



## **Confession and Pardon**

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we do not want to be challenged by the  
cross.**

**We set our minds on human things—  
we long for the security from our possessions;  
we prefer our own comfort;  
Forgive us, we pray.**

**May our sense of self preservation  
be disturbed by your Son's example;  
that we might take up his cross in service to the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *Silent Prayer*

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.  
The Mighty One has sent his deliverance for all people;  
even the generations yet unborn.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
Glory to God! Amen.**

Dear friends, we are going to  
Jerusalem with Jesus.

**He is our pardon, our healing,  
and our peace!**

We will suffer the trial with him, resisting evil.  
With him, we will walk the path to life.  
But come first to the table where there is  
food for the journey.

**With hearts full of joy we come,  
giving thanks to God, our maker,  
and offering our praise!**

We are right to praise you, faithful God!  
You answer sin with grace;  
you guide our wayward steps toward home.  
You are mending for the broken,  
safety for the poor, belonging for the outcast,  
strength for the weak, and pardon for the sinner.

You reveal your kindness in every sorrow,  
your mercy even in death. You are like a mother  
hen sheltering her chicks. You love us  
beyond imagining.

You redeem the fox and the hound.  
All your creatures see your works;  
they sing your steadfast love.  
We too declare your wonder and grace  
as with angels and saints we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power  
and might, heaven and earth are full  
of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Now, O God,  
we remember Jesus.  
He fasted and prayed; he was  
tempted and tried.  
He faced Herod the fox and even  
death on the Cross.

**He relied on you for everything.**

He was obedient to you and scorned by the  
powers of this world.  
**He confounded the haughty and gave  
hope to the humble.**

He was betrayed and deserted. He died between thieves and  
was buried in a borrowed grave.  
**You gave him new life. He lives even now,  
our healer and friend. Even on the night of betrayal, he  
ate supper with his friends.  
His grace is sufficient. His sacrifice our salvation.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on your gathered flock. Make all  
things new.

Bless this bread which you have given  
and human hands have made.  
Let it become for us the bread of life.

Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine  
and work of human hands.  
Let it become for us the cup of salvation.  
Bless us also who eat and drink,  
that in this sharing we may know the living Christ  
who is with us now, and to the end of time.

