

WEEKLY PRAYER PEOPLE. Prayers, calls, and notes are encouraged (please check the church directory for contact information):

Bill and Juliette Blakely, Duane and Judi Johnson, Don and Sue Robinson, Sandi Russell

PRAYER CONCERNS Sympathy: Family and friends of Betty Getzoff. Betty died March 1st in Raleigh. **Home:** Mark and Denise Slaughter, Sarah Thibodeau, Pat Norris, Donna Thompson, Jack Presseau, Sue Ellsasser, Gayle Hoverson, Janet Baker, Bill and Barbara Garrison, Bill and Juliette Blakely, Ginny Arkens, Al Clark, Merritt Roach, Connie Moore; Bob Brackett, Irene Robertson, Paddy Deich (CV Care Center); Jim Blair and Eleanor Beardsley (Carolina Reserve). **Rehabilitation, Nursing:** Don Shimon (Lake Pointe Life Care Center), Gene Carman (HH&R), Jessie Ann Boterf, Audrey White (The Laurels); Betty Bobb and Lillis Brackett (CV Med Center) and Harry Papazian (Tore's Home). **Others:** Irving Lindsey (Paul Soltesz's uncle), Kira Sloop (Forsythe's niece – breast cancer), Rob Stanfield, serving in Afghanistan, Jim Tedesco (friend of Emma Persigehl), Heather McMillan (Judy Woelke's daughter), Donna Dalton's grandson Ryan (chronic leukemia), Jay, Lorrie and Robert Pelc (family of Carole Ball), Don Cunningham, (Sarah Thibodeau's brother), Scott and Sandy Owens, Marvin Gilley, Albert Bunch, and Tina Lunsford and her son, Craig (family and friends of Dolly Owens and Nancy Twitchen). Please remember mission coworkers and our Guatemalan partner church, Fuente de Vida.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE, MARCH 14, 6:30 P.M.: GUNS. We're at what feels like an important moment in the ongoing national debate over gun rights versus gun control. This week, we're pleased to be joined by Robert Miles and John Owens, who will speak on gun violence on behalf of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America (<https://momsdemandaction.org>). (Dinner will be served at 5:30; for reservations, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.)

The Deborah Circle is Trinity's evening circle. We meet at 6:00 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Please join us as we begin a new book, "Why Jesus?". Hope you will be with us on March 21.

OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH: The Out-to-Lunch Bunch is going to *Cummings Cove* with Barbara Johson. Next Sunday we are going to *Roux* with Jack Caylor.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received and dedicated on Easter Sunday, April 1. Through the following programs - *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People.* Presbyterians share God's love through these ministries that provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities. Please give as generously as possible to this longstanding, ecumenical effort of people throughout the world.

SANCTUARY: A LENTEN OBSERVANCE. You're invited to make use of the Trinity Sanctuary during the season of Lent (weekdays, 10:00 a.m. until the church office closes, unless the Sanctuary is needed for a particular function) as a place for personal meditation, prayer, and reflection. Throughout the season, you'll find a rotating selection of devotional materials for your use; or, if you prefer a less-focused experience, you're welcomed to simply sit quietly in private prayer, meditation, or even day-dreaming.

Please note: If you are giving securities or transferring retirement funds directly from your financial advisor, please alert Glenn Walker, Assistant Treasurer 828-674-2233 (cell). There have been changes that are making it more difficult for Trinity to identify the donor.

Trinity Host Sign Up for April is in the kitchen. Please consider helping...call Neena 606-5202.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Partnered in Christ with
Fuente de Vida Presbyterian Church
Guatemala

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, A.D. 2018

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up..."

-- John 3:14

Prelude

Larghetto, Kuhlau

Introit

"O, For a Thousand Tongues"

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so:

People: **God's works are wonderful;**

we offer our thanks with songs of joy.

***Hymn no. 10**

"Sing Glory to the Name of God"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, you do not need our praise. The world itself tells of your glory; what can we add? You do not need our praise, loving God, but we need to praise you. It is the yearning, the restlessness you have planted in us. It is our desire for unconditional acceptance that brings us here. All the rumors we have heard about you are true: you love, you forgive, you transform. And you know us. You know what in us needs to be loved, what in us needs to be forgiven, and what in us needs to be changed. We need no more words. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response no. 581**

"Glory Be to the Father"

***Passing of the Peace**

Old Testament Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

Choral Anthem

"Things That Never Die", Charles Dickens/Lee Dengler

A Moment for Children

Reception of New Members

Carolyn George and Bryan Byrd

New Testament Lesson: John 3:14-21

Sermon

Healing

Dwight Christenbury

***Hymn no. 797**

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

***Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

A Brief Statement of Faith, sections 2 and 5

Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory**

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness, Brahms

***Doxology no. 607**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn no. 702**

“Christ Be Beside Me”

Charge and Blessing

Choral Response

“To God all Glory, Praise and Love”

***Postlude**

Psalm 18, Marcello

** Stand, or remain seated*

LITURGISTS: 8:30 – Ron Howard; 11:00 – Susan Mangrum

GREETERS: Nancy and Jeffrey Sheffield

USHERS: 8:30 – Pamela and Steve Campbell; 11:00 – Cindy Stanfield, Jan and Jock Aplin, Myrl Jean Hughes

FLOWERS: Today’s sanctuary flowers are given by Harold Nicholls in honor of his wife.

CHILDCARE: Room 201; 8:30 to Noon (for Birth through Preschool)

HEARING AIDS: Hearing aids to assist the hearing impaired are available from the ushers

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:30 - 51; 11:00 - 124 Total of 175

Remember the Church in your Will

This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people and this is Christ's place with its doors wide open. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

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Calendar for the Week of March 11

Today	8:30 A.M. Worship Service 9:45 A.M. Learning Hour <u>Adults:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Issues and Concerns:</i> Today: Spirituality vs. being religious – one or the other or both? • <i>Lectionary Class:</i> Trinity Room • <i>Hashing It Out:</i> Lounge <u>Children and Youth:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Primary:</i> Grades K-3 (Room 103) • <i>Youth:</i> Grades 4 and up (Room 101) 11:00 A.M. Worship Service 12:00 P.M. Trinity 30 – Cindi and Fitz Sthreshley
Monday	12:30 P.M. Rebekah Circle 4:00 P.M. Worship Ministry
Tuesday	9:00 A.M. Staff Meeting 10:00 A.M. New Member Subcommittee 10:00 A.M. Trinity Preschool Board Meeting 3:30 P.M. Deacon’s Meeting 5:30 P.M. Local Missions Ministry 6:30 P.M. Session Meeting
Wednesday	10:30 A.M. Friends in Christ 5:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Live Meal 6:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Live Program 7:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:00 A.M. Study of Luke