



TRINITY TIMES



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Remember when you were young, riding in the car for what seemed like an eternity to get to your destination, wondering (and sometimes asking), “Are we there yet?” Waiting can be hard. Whether we’re waiting on a person, a circumstance, or waiting on God, waiting seasons come with a particular set of challenges — but the good news is that God is working even while we wait. This 6-week Lenten Sermon Series dives into six different waiting seasons in Scripture. Through the stories of Moses and the Israelites in their exodus wandering, Samuel and the Israelites waiting for a new king, and Jesus cleaning out the temple upending people’s certainty that they have arrived in their duties of faith. In these stories we see how God’s plan plays out specifically in our spiritual journey and seasons of waiting, and how we can honor and obey God along the way. Trusting in God’s provisions and direction.

The road to spiritual maturity can feel long at times, but it’s a journey worth taking. And how you travel—how prepared you are, who you go with, how well you travel together, as well as who you pick up along the way—makes all the difference.

Do you ever feel like if you just make it over the next hurdle or reach your next goal that you will have finally arrived in life? Many people do, including our Biblical friends, but guess what? That’s called the *arrival fallacy*, and it can keep us feeling disappointed and unhappy when we get to the “next thing” and find we still haven’t arrived at our hoped-for destination.

Join us in person or online this Lent, as we journey with some well-known biblical characters who show us how to travel in a life of faith without the pressure of arrival. And in our Lenten trip we have the opportunity to reconnect with the God through Jesus Christ who leads us in the way, providing sustenance, meaning, and hope through all our ups and downs.

Our 40-day road trip through Lent began on Ash Wednesday where we were reminded in Matthew 4 that we are only human and I challenged you all to move through our struggles, by turning to a power far greater than ours. Then, last week, we journeyed with the Israelites in Exodus 15 who found themselves freed from Egypt only to be met with another problem. And in this story, we heard how God invites us to shift perspective and find our freedom in relationship with God.

I invite you to continue this Lenten journey in the coming weeks:

Week 2: It’s Not the Destination, It’s the Journey | Deuteronomy 32:1-10, 44-52 | We can work for a long time to arrive at our own “Promised Land.” But sometimes that Promised Land is not what we envisioned. Sometimes we don’t even make it there. And even when we do, the Promised Land is not the end of the journey. This week we’ll learn how God can reshape our vision of finding meaning in the journey not the destination.

Week 3: Who’s Your Hope? | 1 Samuel 8 | When we are dissatisfied, the idea of a strong new leader can seem like our only hope to get where we want to go. But the story of the Israelite people and their demand for a king is a powerful reminder that leaders are all too human and that we must place our ultimate hope in God, the true King.

Week 4: No Going Back | Ezra 3:10-13 | Sometimes we think that everything will be fine if we can just go back to the way things were. The good news is that God is in what was, what is, and what will be.

Week 5: The Fake Out | John 2:13-25 | Just when we think we have it all figured out—Jesus comes in and upends our certainty, moving us into deeper truth, and relationship.

Week 6 (Palm/Passion Sunday): Staying Power | Luke 19:28-40 | Everyone loves a parade but what happens when the party is over? Real hope is built in daily acts of showing up—in the ordinary in-between.

Maundy Thursday: Detour Ahead - Holding On When the Cross Feels Final | John 13:1-17, 33-35; Matthew 26 & 27

The disciples thought they knew where they were going but Jesus says, “Where I am going, you cannot come.”

Jesus’ cross feels like the worst kind of arrival; it bears the finality of death. When “arriving” means there is nowhere left to go, Jesus shows us a detour, promising that even this is not our final stop.

Easter Sunday: Setting Out Again | Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20 | Death is not our final arrival. Jesus lives and so do we. He sends us out on the journey anew and promises to be with us the whole way.

Reverend Ronnie Osborn

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March Worship Schedule

- * **Sunday, March 1, 2026 10:30 a.m.**
Second Sunday in Lent
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn
 Baptism of Amelia Schondelmeyer
 - * **Sunday, March 8, 2026 10:30 a.m.**
Third Sunday in Lent
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn
 - * **Sunday, March 15, 2026 10:30 a.m.**
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn
 - * **Sunday, March 22, 2026 10:30 a.m.**
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn
 - * **Sunday, March 29, 2026 10:30 a.m.**
Palm Sunday
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn
- * In person services, are also live-streamed on Facebook

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Submissions for *Trinity Times*

The deadline for the April *Trinity Times* is
March 20, 2026.

Email: newsletter@trinity-presbyterian.org
 Kyle Groshong is our editor.

Prayer List Updates

Lou Boka—doing well, still has periodic cancer treatments

Paul Conditt—Sarah Humfeld's father, who has health issues.

Bill Daly—is still weak and has a lot of pain

Sarah Grim—will start physical therapy in March for vestibular migraines

Peggy Jeffries—remains at Columbia Post Acute. Please continue to pray for her healing

Esther Muench Plonk - Jim Muench's mother, on Hospice

Linda Rose— a regular Trinity visitor, is still at Landmark Hospital after hospitalization resulting from a bad fall at home last month. She expects to be there several more weeks.

Michael Stanfield—is continuing his recovery after surgery for prostate cancer.



Build connections by joining
one of
these small groups.

Fiber Fellowship - **Saturday, March 28th** 10 a.m.—noon in the Youth Room

Geocaching - Delbert Botes and Chris Sheriff are contacts.

Dining Out - Please contact Cathy and Larry Holder if you are interested.



Men's Breakfast - Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, **March 11th**, at 8 a.m. at JJ's Café, 1712 N. North Providence Road. All men are invited!



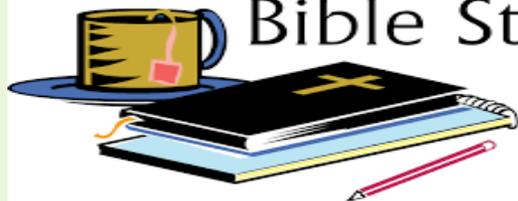
Senior Singles - Arranges activities 6-8 times a year. Contact the church office to be put on the email list.

Mahjong Group - Meets most Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Karen Kennedy is the contact.

Women's Coffee Group - Meets the second Friday of each month, **March 13th**, at 9:30 a.m. at Love Coffee on the Business Loop to socialize. All women are invited!

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Women's Bible Study



Evening Circle meets Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Afternoon Circle meets Wednesday, March 4, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 12 on the lower level.

Both groups will study lesson 7 in this year's Bible study book, "The Women Who Bent Over".

If you have not been participating in one of the Presbyterian Women's Circles and would like to start, contact either Karen Neely (Evening Circle) or Sue Young (Afternoon Circle).

Trinity PNC Update

Your Pastor Nominating Committee ("PNC") continues meeting weekly to diligently review Personal Discernment Profiles ("PDPs") of pastors matched to Trinity's filed Ministry Discernment Profile ("MDP") with the Church Leadership Connection ("CLC") or who have self-referred through the CLC. After reviewing the PDPs, the PNC extends invitations to apply for the Trinity pastor position to selected pastors. These pastors may submit more information for review by the PNC or decline to apply for the position. The PNC conducts online interviews with selected pastors.

Please keep the PNC in your prayers as its members do this important work!



Farewell Reception

In Honor of
Margaret Guthrie

Sunday, March 15

Immediately Following
Worship
in the Fellowship Hall

Please join us as we honor long time Trinity member Margaret Guthrie before she moves to Cape Girardeau at the end of March.

During her time at Trinity, Margaret has faithfully served two terms on Session, and is currently a dedicated member of the Congregational Care Committee. She has also chaired both the Nominating and Christian Education Committees and served on the Property Committee. We are deeply grateful for her leadership and her many other contributions to the life of our church. We also remember with appreciation her husband, Rev. Franc Guthrie, who served as Trinity's pastoral associate from 1998 to 2007 before his passing in 2008.

While we will certainly miss her presence here at Trinity, we send her with our love and our very best wishes for this next chapter of her life.

We hope you will join us as we celebrate Margaret and thank her for her faithful service.

The Bible as History by Werner Keller

This volume begins with "Digging Up the Old Testament". It moves through the Patriarchs from Abraham to Jacob. It continues to the Pharaohs from Joseph to Moses. Forty years in the Wilderness covers the Nile to Jordan. The Promised Land battle follows from Joshua to Saul. The empire of Israel with David to Solomon continues followed by the two kingdoms of Rehoboam and Jehoiachin and on into exile.

The New Testament begins with Jesus of Nazareth and continues on to the Dead Sea Scrolls that were found in a cave by a shepherd looking for a lost sheep.

A complicated volume of history which archaeological discoveries have substantiated what is presented in the Old and New Testament. The translation of obscure records such as Hittite and Sinai tablets; sites of cities and their identity have been determined. This is an appraisal of the comparison of history against the contents of the Bible.

You may donate a book to the library or funds for a holiday, birthday, honor, memorial or just because. A book plate can be placed in the book upon request. Come explore the Adult Library and the Children's Library and check out books of interest. The three ring binders used for checking out books are available with each collection. Please feel free to ask for help and to recommend books for purchase!



Library Talk

with Marianne Fues,
Trinity Librarian

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January Session Meeting Review

(There was no Stated Session Meeting in February.)

Trinity's session met on Tuesday evening, January 20, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 12 on the lower level. Here's a summary of the highlights from the meeting:

- ◆ approved the wedding of non-members Hannah Manring and Curtis Staver on Saturday, April 11, with a rehearsal and dinner following on Friday evening, April 10, in the Fellowship Hall;
- ◆ approved the baptism of Amelia Schondelmeyer, daughter of Matt and Shelby Schondelmeyer for March 1, 2026;
- ◆ approved Elder Susan Winkelmann to serve as Trinity's commissioner for the February 21 meeting of Missouri Union Presbytery at Community Presbyterian Church in LaPlata, MO;
- ◆ approved the use of Room 12 for a monthly meeting of the Jane Austen Literary Club with Elder Cathy Stubbs as the on-site coordinator;
- ◆ approved communion dates for 2026: February 22, April 2 (Maundy Thursday), May 24 (Pentecost), October 4 (World Communion Sunday), November 22 (Christ the King Sunday), and a date to be determined during the summer months;
- ◆ participated in emergency procedures training (Part 1) led by Elder Susan Winkelmann;
- ◆ received a report from the Property Committee that internet conversion from Mediacom to Socket Fiber is underway.

Congratulations, Nolan!



Congratulations to Nolan Muench for receiving his Professional Engineer License for the state of Missouri in February. Nolan had to pass a rigorous examination to accompany his years of engineering work experience and engineering degrees as qualifications for this license. Last fall, Nolan made a career move from factory engineering to a facilities focus when he began working as a mechanical engineer for MU. His skills are being employed on a variety of construction projects at the university.



"For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations."

Isaiah 61:11

An Invitation to Trinity

First Presbyterian-Columbia invites the Trinity congregation to a special presentation on **Thursday, March 12—6:30-7:45 p.m.** in the church's Ramsey Center, 16 Hitt St. **"Finding and Losing the Boy Jesus"** by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Senior Pastor, Village Presbyterian Church
Prairie Village, KS

While we know much from the gospels about the active ministry of Jesus Christ, we know very little about his childhood and adolescence. Yet, as with all human, his childhood shaped his worldview.

In this presentation, Dr. Nishioka will explore what we know about Jesus' boyhood from the Bible and other gospels that were written around the same time but not included in the Bible. These stories will help us see how Jesus' ministry was shaped by his childhood from refugee to student to miracle worker.

Office Phones & Internet Service



For the past month, we have been in the process of switching internet providers and getting new phones installed in the church offices, kitchen, and nursery. The change-

over has been far more complicated and time-consuming than we anticipated. We have most of the kinks worked out with the internet but still have not received the help we need to get the new phones set up with voicemail, call transferring, etc. We are hoping to get most of that taken care of by early next week. Thanks so much for your patience, especially when you call the office. Right now we don't have a messaging system set up, so please text or email either Ann or Ronnie if you can't reach us by phone.

Opportunities For Service - God's Work, Our Hands



Souper Bowl Food Donations

The Food Bank reported that they picked up Trinity's 3 full barrels of donated food, and they ended up weighing a total of 228 lbs.! With every meal weighing an average of 1.2 lbs, this collection alone will help The Food Bank distribute 190 meals to our neighbors living with food insecurity. Monetary donations totaling \$420 were also received.

The Mission and Outreach Committee thanks you for your generosity.



Good Neighbor Program with Russell Blvd. Elementary School

March 20 is Fred Rogers' birthday and is celebrated as "Won't You Be My Neighbor Day." Mr. Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian minister whose life work was his ministry to children. To celebrate his legacy, Trinity's Mission and Outreach committee is collecting hygiene products for our neighbors up the hill at Russell Elementary.

The school is asking for items to help keep students and staff healthy:

- *Facial tissues – plain, no lotion or scent*
- *Disinfecting wipes – Fragrance-free and bleach-free, if possible. Some brands are labelled "safe for children and pets." (e.g., Clorox Free and Clear Fragrance Free)*
- *Hand sanitizer – At least 60% alcohol, unscented or "original scent," not perfumed. (e.g., Purell Unscented Hand Sanitizer, Germ-X Original Scent)*

****Remember that these are for children, some of whom may have allergies or sensitivities****

A collection box will be in the narthex from March 1 through March 22.

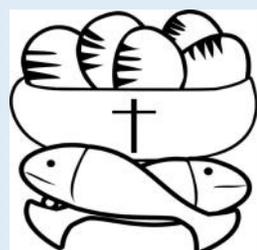
LOAVES AND FISHES

We are looking forward to serving next on:

Thursday, March 12

4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

Please use the link sent out in the Friday emails to sign up to donate food items or to serve. We are always grateful for monetary donations as well.



Donated food items need to be dropped off at Trinity by 2:30 and those helping to serve will need to be at the Ashley Street Center by 3:30 for prep work.

Please call Susan or Bob Winkelmann if you have questions.



The Wardrobe:

Columbia's all volunteer, non-profit thrift store

Trinity will not serve in March.

The Wardrobe will be closed that week.

Trinity's regular day to serve is the third Wednesday of each month from 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at the building at 715 Park Ave. A monthly sign up form for volunteers is on the kiosk in the church narthex, or volunteers can call Anne Seymour, our Wardrobe Coordinator.

Trinity's Brotherhood Fund Provides Financial Help to Others

The Brotherhood Fund was set up by Trinity's elders many years ago as a pastor's discretionary fund that is completely confidential. Funds are disbursed by the pastor and designed to help out those in our church and community who may need financial assistance of some kind. The Brotherhood Fund is sustained by financial donations. Checks may be written to Trinity Presbyterian with "Brotherhood Fund" noted on the memo line, or contact Ann Bouchard to determine how to contribute online.



Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1 Second Sunday in Lent 9:15am Church School Classes for Youth & Adults 10:30am Worship (Amelia Schondelmeyer Baptism) 11:30am Fellowship Time	2 8:45am PEO Sm. Group-Library 9:00am PEO Chapter "LM" - Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Fellowship Committee 7:00pm Pastor Nominating Comm.	3 7:00pm Evening Circle	4 1:00pm Afternoon Circle (Rm. 12) 6:00pm Yoga Group 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	5 7:00pm Worship Committee (Zoom)	6 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	7	8 Third Sunday in Lent Daylight Saving Time Begins 9:15am Church School Classes for Youth 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	9 1:00pm Garden Club 7:00pm Boy Scouts	10 2:30pm PEO Chapter "JJ" 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 71859 7:00pm Christian Ed. Committee	11 8:00am Men's Breakfast 6:00pm Caring Women of COMO 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	12 3:30pm Loaves and Fishes-Ashley St. Ctr	13 9:30am Women's Coffee Club 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	14 1:15pm AAUW Book Club
15 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:15am Church School Classes for Youth & Adults 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time 11:45am Farewell Reception for Margaret Guthrie	16 7:00pm Boy Scouts	17 7:00pm Session	18 1:00pm Central MO Judges Council 4:30pm Love Coffee Board Meeting 6:00pm Yoga Group 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	19 3:00pm Property Committee	20 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	21	22 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:15am Church School Classes for Youth & Adults 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time 2:00pm Jane Austen Book Club	23 9:00am PEO Chapter LM Special Event 7:00pm Stewardship & Finance Committee (Zoom)	24 11:00am Missouri Symphony League 7:00pm Technology Committee	25 10:00am Congregational Care Committee (Rm. 12) 6:00pm Yoga Group 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	26 7:00pm Mission & Outreach Committee	27 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	28 10:00am Fiber Fellowship
29 Palm Sunday 9:15am Church School Classes for Youth & Adults 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	30 7:00pm Boy Scouts	31											