



# TRINITY TIMES



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March 2024

## Michael's Musings

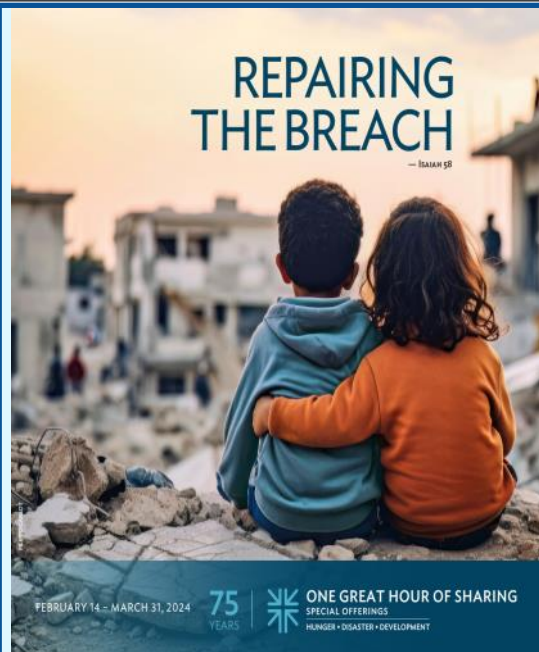
There is nothing like having a toddler around to make you question everything you think you know about words. During a recent visit with my family back in Richmond, VA, one of my niece's sons, Vann, was constantly mimicking everyone around. He was trying on new words for size, letting them emerge from his tongue just to hear what they sounded like in his own voice. I know that, day by day, his linguistic expeditions discover new lands and possibilities. On these journeys, he is discovering and creating a world at one and the same time. He is two and a half. But I have witnessed even 18-month-olds reaching out to the world in monosyllabic words of their own creation.

How do we even learn how to speak? We aren't handed a dictionary and asked to read it and get back to the adults around us. When we are less than two, we don't have adults making lists of vocabulary words with which they then drill us. We weren't signed up for language classes. As toddlers, we simply listened and tried. We simply experimented and mimicked. But mostly, we just saw, experienced and felt. We didn't learn this marvelous world of words so much as we lived into it.

And perhaps no word is more wonderful, more meaningful than "love." Few things are as affecting in this world than when my son or daughter at a very early age told me they loved me. And yet at two or three they could not have possibly understood what they were saying, could they? Does a two-year-old understand what love is? If I asked Vann what love is, he would only laugh at me and return to his toys. ...

In the end, we may find that in the light of God's love, we all are mere toddlers. We're not sure of the words we speak. We're not sure we know what we mean when we say "love". But we sense it, we experience it, we know it but not in the way we know that two plus two is four. God has planted love in our hearts and called us to share that love with all we meet. So, go out this Lenten season and try to love in new ways – even if you don't know what you're doing!

*Michael*



## One Great Hour of Sharing

*Every gift makes a difference  
in the life of the most vulnerable  
of God's people.*

**WE ARE THE CHURCH,  
TOGETHER.**

For 75 years has helped improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life saving programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

Over 100 countries are supported.

**Trinity will collect the offering on Sunday March 31.**

Offerings may also be made online.

## March Worship/Trinity News

**\* March 3, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

***Dr. CW Dawson, Jr. Preaching***

Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm Reading: Psalm 27:4-6

New Testament: John 2:13-17

Sermon: "A Zeal for the House"

Theme: Do we still have a burning zeal for the house of God? If so, why, and if not, why not?

**\* March 10, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

***Rev. Kathie Jackson Preaching***

**\* March 17, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

***"Come to the Cross" Cantata***

Sermon in Song and Readings

Theme: The last week of Christ

**\* March 24, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

***Palm Sunday***

Old Testament: Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29

New Testament: Mark 11:1-11

Sermon: "That's Absurd"

Theme: With Jesus, often what at first appears absurd becomes the foundation for a new kind of truth. Take Palm Sunday for instance.

**\* March 28, 2024 7:00 p.m.**

***Maundy Thursday***

Tenebrae and Communion Service

**\* March 31, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

***Easter Sunday***

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9

New Testament: Mark 16:1-8

Sermon: "Is He Dead?"

Theme: Is Jesus still dead? What do you think?



The children's and youth classes meet on the lower level at 9:15 a.m.

The adult class meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.

**Lenten Sermon Series Small Group Continues on March 3, 10, and 24 Sunday evening—5:00-6:00 p.m. Discussion based on the Sunday sermon**

**March 3**—Meeting hosted by Larry & Cathy Holder

**March 10**—Meeting hosted by Bob & Susan Winkelmann

**March 17**—no meeting

**March 24**—meeting hosted by Michael Stanfield (potluck supper)

If you'd like to attend and did not pre-register, please contact Ann Bouchard at the church office.



### Calling All Photos!

Do you have pictures from a Trinity activity, whether worship, fellowship, or service? The Mission and Outreach Committee would love to see them and perhaps share them on social media (with the permission of everyone in the picture, of course.)



You can send your photos to Chris Sheriff at 573-489-1783 or [bookz54@yahoo.com](mailto:bookz54@yahoo.com).



***All Men Of Trinity***

are invited to meet for breakfast on

**Wednesday, March 13 at 8:00 a.m.**

JJ's Café 1712 N. Providence Rd.

**Reservations are not required.**

### Fiber Fellowship

**Saturday, March 23**

10-12 in the Youth Room

All are welcome to come and enjoy this fellowship!



**TO READ OUR PASTOR'S PREVIOUS WEEK'S SERMON, go to:**

<https://www.trinity-presbyterian.org/archives>

## Trinity News



**Trinity's Christian Education Committee**  
is hosting:  
**an all-day event for children K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade**  
(on a day Columbia Public Schools are not in session)

Our theme will be ***"Who Is My Neighbor?"***  
in honor of Fred Rogers' birthday

**Wednesday, March 20, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

We are teaming up with **First Presbyterian Church**, and **the event will be held there** due to the kitchen renovation.

We'll explore our theme through music, crafts, activities, a lesson, and a mission project.

**We'd love to have youth helpers**, especially with games.

**Parents and grandparents – sign up your children today!** Children are welcome to bring a friend for the day. We are asking for \$10/child to help with our expenses. **Enroll** your children at [www.forms.gle/fQKxBBwMdiatJhRL6](http://www.forms.gle/fQKxBBwMdiatJhRL6) or use the form on the kiosk.

Registration forms can be returned to Chris Sheriff. If you have questions or want more information contact Chris at [bookz54@yahoo.com](mailto:bookz54@yahoo.com) or 573-489-1783.

**Deadline for enrollment is March 15.**



## Highlights from the February 20 Stated Meeting of Session

- ◆ Sue Young presented information about House Bill 1708 which would allow people with concealed carry permits to bring firearms into church, as well as on public transportation. Sue also shared a list of resources on gun violence available through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Session asked the Mission Committee to continue monitoring the status of the state bill and available resources for consideration.
- ◆ Approved changes to the stated meeting schedule for 2024. The May meeting will be held on May 14 rather than May 21; there will be no stated meeting in June; a moderator will be needed for the August 20 meeting.
- ◆ A change to the *Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) now requires all ruling elders to complete boundary training. The church has arranged for current elders on session to do an online course to meet this requirement.
- ◆ The Property Committee has approved a new playground structure to be installed as a Silver Award project by several girls in Troop 71765. In addition to the new play structure, the project will include preparing the plot, stair repair, and new mulch. The playground improvements are made possible by generous donations from several church families.
- ◆ The Stewardship and Finance Committee will host a Legacy Giving Presentation on September 8, led by a representative from the Texas Presbyterian Foundation.
- ◆ A memorial service for Norma Spurgeon has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, here at Trinity.
- ◆ The Mission Committee will be gathering more information about the April 27th ForColumbia city-wide mission day.
- ◆ The choir will present the cantata "Come to the Cross" on March 17 during worship.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE - God's Work, Our Hands

### ForColumbia volunteer program



**Saturday April 27**  
**from 9am-2pm.**  
 (Lunch is provided)

The Mission and Outreach Committee invites Trinity Presbyterian Church members to join other Columbia churches to participate in the city-wide **ForColumbia volunteer program**. Volunteers from Trinity can serve as a team.

**ForColumbia** organizes the church volunteers to serve individuals, non-profit organizations and other public venues in a city-wide day of service. *A variety of projects are available and assigned based on the team's skills and physical abilities.*

**Watch for sign-up information both in the Friday emails and on the church kiosk in the lobby.**



### **The Wardrobe:** **Columbia's all volunteer,** **non-profit thrift store**

A monthly sign up form for volunteers is on the kiosk in the church lobby, or volunteers can call Anne Seymour.

*Trinity's day to work is **Wednesday, March 20**, and volunteers are needed for the 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift.*



### **Loaves & Fishes**

**Trinity Serves on Thursday, March 14**

Trinity will serve at Loaves and Fishes next on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Wilkes Boulevard church from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. *This means all donated food items need to be dropped off at Trinity by 2:00 and those helping to serve will need to be at Wilkes by 3:15.* We hope to have more information in March about a future location for Loaves and Fishes. Call Susan or Bob Winkelmann if you have questions and please use the link sent out in the Friday emails to sign up to bring food or to serve. Many thanks!

### **Short Term Prayer Requests**

**Doug Cornelison and Steve Yates**—as they prepare to move to Mississippi where they have purchased a home and will be near family

**Rev. Dr. C. W. Dawson, Jr.** - serious health (lung) issues

**Dean Larrick**— recovering at home now from a recent hospitalization

**Becky Livingston**— at home now recovering from surgery

**Rim Massey**— continuing his recovery for mobility

### **Long Term Prayer Requests**

**Lou Boka** - father of Samantha George, who is under-going treatment for recently diagnosed cancer

**Jackie Blanton** - continuing heart and kidney problems

**Paul Conditt** - Sarah's Humfeld's father who has health issues

**Jane Cooper** - Sharon Daly's sister, on dialysis and dealing with problems from diabetes; **Hugh Williams**—Sharon Daly's brother, who has bladder cancer

**Cheryl Gysbers** - breast cancer

**Esther Muench Plonk** - Jim Muench's mother, who suffers from dementia

### **With Deepest Sympathy**

The "other grandmother" of the Dawson's grandchildren, **Brenda Martin** died on February 14. Please keep her family and the Dawson family in your prayers.



## Trinity News

### News for Presbyterian Women



**HAPPY MARCH AND, HOPEFULLY,  
HAPPY SPRING!!**

As we continue in this Lenten Season of study and introspection, we women will continue our study of *Encounters with Jesus*.

**Evening Circle** will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, in Room 12 (and will use the workroom), and

**Afternoon Circle** will meet at 1 p.m. in Room 12, Lower Level, on Wednesday, March 6. Check your circle e-mails for more details.

**Both Circles will discuss Lesson 7 "An Ethiopian Eunuch Encounters the Good News of Jesus"** in our study book. We hope you can join us for fellowship and study.

All women are invited. Any questions give me a call at 573-447-0552.

### Reminder!

#### The Presbyterian Women Justice and Peace Book Discussion Group



***On Friday, March 8, 2024, Our Missing Hearts***, by Celeste Ng, now in *Room 12 on the lower level* at 10:00 a.m., and ending at 11:30 a.m. See details about this book and where to locate it, in the February *Trinity Times*. Participants are encouraged to read the book prior to the discussion so that they can participate fully in the conversation.

Also, if you would like to join the national discussion of the book, it will be on Monday, March 11, at 5:30 p.m., Central Standard Time, via Zoom. To register for the national discussion, go to: [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)

If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Lake at 573-474-3494 or [marcialake@gmail.com](mailto:marcialake@gmail.com).



### Trinity Library - Book Highlight

with Marianne Fues,  
Trinity Librarian

***A Wakeful Faith: Spiritual Practice in the Real World***, by J. Marshall Jenkins

We are all involved in everyday life. The car breaks down. Bills are due. Kids need school supplies. The newsletter needs to be written. Our author, Jenkins asserts that through three stages of wakefulness, we need to pay attention to God. Live awake to God's activity.

We must never resort to distractions but keep awake and watch. When people share time and food and memories, the kingdom of God is near. The kingdom comes whenever we get so caught up in Jesus' works that we begin to do them ourselves.

As you know, the libraries are being moved. The **Adult Library** has already been moved into the former office of the Administrative Assistant. The **Children's Library** is temporarily located in the crib room and will soon move into the former adult library space outside the sanctuary. Continue to 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.





# March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 9:15 AM—Children's & Youth Classes 9:30 AM—Adult Class 10:00 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship 5:00 PM—Lenten Study	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM—Fellowship Committee (Zoom) 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM—Evening Circle (Rm. 12 & Workroom)	<b>6</b> 12:00 PM—Afternoon Circle (Rm. 12) 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	<b>2</b>
<b>10</b> 9:15 AM—Children's & Youth Classes 9:30 AM—Adult Class 10:00 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship 5:00 PM—Lenten Study	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	<b>12</b> 2:30-5:00 PM—PEO Chapter "LJ" (Rm. 12) 6:30 PM—Girl Scouts 7:00 PM—Christian Ed Committee (library) 7:00 PM—Sacred Harp Singers (FH)	<b>13</b> 8:00 AM—Men's Breakfast (LJ's Café) 6:00 PM—Caring Women of COMO (FH) 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 3:15 PM—Loaves & Fishes-Wilkes Blvd. UMC	<b>15</b> 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	<b>16</b> 1:00-3:00 PM—Cantata Rehearsal (sanctuary) 1:00 PM—AAUW Book Club (library)
<b>17</b> 9:15 AM—Children's & Youth Classes 9:30 AM—Adult Class 10:00 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 11:30 AM—Fellowship No Lenten Study	<b>18</b> 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM—Session	<b>20</b> 8:30 -4:00 PM—CE, Mission & Movie (First Presbyterian Church) 3:00 PM—Ad Hoc Comm. 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 2:00 PM—Property Committee (Rm.12) 7:00 PM—Mission/ Outreach Comm. (Z)	<b>22</b> 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	<b>23</b> 10:00 AM—Fiber Fellowship (Youth Rm.)
<b>24 Palm Sunday</b> 9:15 AM—Children's & Youth Classes 9:30 AM—Adult Class 10:00 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship 5:00 PM—Lenten Study	<b>25</b> 7:00 PM—Boy Scouts	<b>26</b> 11:00 AM—Missouri Symphony League (Rm. 12) 6:30 PM—Girl Scouts 7:00 PM—Sacred Harp Singers (FH) 7:00 PM—Tech Comm. (Z)	<b>27</b> 10:00 AM—Congregational Care Committee (Rm. 12) 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal	<b>28 Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00 PM—Tenebrae Service with Communion	<b>29</b> 5:30 PM—Women in Recovery	<b>30</b> 1:00-3:00 PM—Brass Rehearsal
<b>31 Easter</b> 9:00 AM— *Breakfast 9:30 AM—Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 AM—Choir 10:30 AM—Worship	* Kitchen availability may affect the Easter breakfast.					