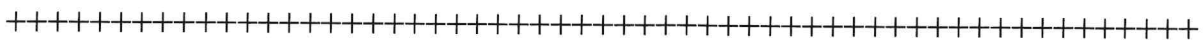


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February 22, 2026
8AM and 10:30AM Worship
First Sunday in Lent

Lent is a time of intensive preparation for us all. We study the world in its reality, its temptations, its shadows, its betrayals. We fast and we pray and engage in spiritual preparation to follow Jesus faithfully to the end. We open ourselves to Jesus' love; we try to live up to it. All of Lent leads up to holy Week, the week in which Jesus enters Jerusalem and faces death. It begins with Palm Sunday, heads to the meal in the Upper Room and ends with those closest to Christ witnessing his death on the cross. Purple is the color of Lent, but Holy Week is framed in the red and black of the Passion of Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Lent may provide a time for community and individual preparation for the following of Jesus on the most difficult of paths, the path of self-sacrificing love.



****Please stand as you are able; BOLD print - congregational response***

TIME OF SHARING/GREETING

PRELUDE "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?
The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?
Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?
We worship the Lord our God alone.

*HYMN #25 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*PRAYER

Wilderness God, we devote these forty days to you, shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord, so that we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life. Amen.

*RESPONSE TO PRAYER #188 "Give Me a Clean Heart"

*Give me a clean heart so I may serve you.
God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.
For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.
Give me a clean heart.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creative, passionate God, you delight to shape the world in beauty and harmony.
You invite us to participate in the balance of creation.
**We grow in wisdom as our experience unfolds;
we take good learning out of difficult situations yet also
find our well-meant endeavors leading to unintended consequences.**

Too often we give in to temptation
that disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe.
**We cannot undo all our mistakes,
but we can turn once more to the living presence of Jesus
and find new ways to live and love each other and the earth.**

Do not let our hearts be fearful,
**but let us in silence acknowledge our sin
and seek the forgiveness that restores your peace.**
(Moment for Silent Prayer)

KYRIE #750

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Even as Adam and Eve faced the consequences of their action,
our God prepared a way for them still to be connected
to the earth and to the living presence of God.

So it is with all of us:
in Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection,
we are made able to persist, upright and strong,
for our sins are forgiven. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:00am)
"Let Us with a Joyful Mind"
Speros Marinos

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:30am)
"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"
Sara Shank, Organist

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree
of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat,

for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”³Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’”⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.
⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”
¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

SERMON *“Identity Crisis”*

HYMN #211 **“Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days”**
(Remain seated)

PRAYER/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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 The Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

***CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS**

**As God so freely offers us the gift of life in Jesus Christ,
let us respond with gratitude, offering our lives to God.**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #403 (v1)**

***My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness;
I dare not trust this earthly frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Let these simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our
unending gratitude for your undying love.
Use them and us to the glory of your Creation. Amen.**

***HYMN #222 "My Song is Love Unknown"**

*FINAL BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

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*For an updated prayer list, please check the front table of the Gathering Area.
Please call the office to be removed.*

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Paul & Gladys Harvey and Charles & Geri Bushey by Gordon &
Ann Harvey.

Our Sincere Condolences to the families of Sue Churchill as Sue died Thursday morning, February
19th at home. Services have not yet been finalized. We will let you know when they are. Please keep
Dave and their families in your Prayers. May God’s loving embrace provide comfort and peace to Dave
and their families.

TRINITY’S BLESSINGS ROOM: Opens for the first time, on Monday, February 23rd from
10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. Volunteers meet Feb. 23 at 9:00 a.m. to set up. We would love to have extra
hands for both the set up and breakdown, and smiling faces to greet our neighbors. Please sign up in the
Gathering Area if you would like to help. Please continue to bring in personal care products. Everything
you use routinely, someone else does too. A list of items is available in the Gathering Area. Right now
we have a limited number of incontinent supplies and could use more. Thank you for your contributions!
Social Concerns

FEBRUARY IS FOOD PANTRY DRIVE MONTH. Every February, as a congregation, we collect
food items and money for the Gettysburg Food Pantry.

Over the past decades, the needs have not changed. Retirees and young families alike continue to
experience food insecurity and come to the Food Pantry for help. Please fill our table. Don’t forget to
contribute to our monetary collection. Envelopes are in the pews and on the table in the Gathering Area.
Look for the table and a list of items needed is also in the Gathering Area. The Food Pantry can
purchase the bulk items every kitchen needs, at very reduced prices. Trinity is blessed in so many ways.
Please share our blessings with others. Please NO cleaning products, personal items or toys. FOOD
only! Thanks for your support! Social Concerns

POLISH POTTERY BINGO – April 25th. Reserve your tickets in advance ASAP by calling the church office with your name and how many tickets you need. Once the tickets will go on sale (which **will be soon**), **they go very fast!**

SUNDAY, MARCH 1st – ONE SERVICE at 10:30am as we welcome Rev. David Ackerman, our new Regional Conference Minister for Region 3. He will offer the message and help with communion. **There will be a reception at 2:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall for him and his wife Marsha as well as the Gettysburg Association members which includes Trinity.
Trinity Congregation is asked to provide desserts to share. Please join Trinity in welcoming Rev. Ackerman

FLOWER CHART 2026: The chart is posted in the Gathering Area. Fresh flowers on the Altar are always a welcoming sight.



LILY/TULIP ORDERS – Due by Wednesday, March 4th
Order forms available in the Gathering Area.

March 15th ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) – Rebuilding lives with love. When you give to OGHS, you are sharing your love offering to the world-through disaster relief, economic development, or essentials like food, water, and shelter. Your love is shared in practical, life sustaining, and transformative ways. No matter how difficult the circumstance, your giving ensures God’s love is present and lives are changed. **Look for the flyers and giving envelopes in the pews and Gathering Area.**

FROM THE HISTORY TASK FORCE: New pictures have been placed in the History Cabinet depicting more recent confirmation classes of Pastor Fox. Can you help find anyone you know?

5th SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: This year you may vote for Fifth Sunday Special Collections by marking your four (4) choices on the poster in the Gathering Area below the usher sign-up sheets. MARCH is the next Five Sunday Collection.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS –
MARCH 8TH
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS 1 HOUR AHEAD!**

ADAMS COUNTY RESCUE MISSION (ARM) has offered to provide a one-hour introductory informational meeting for anyone who is interested in learning what to expect and what would be required to become a “Mentor” for less fortunate member of our community. The would be an “investigative” meeting **Wednesday, Mach 4th at 1:00pm at ARM, 2515 York Road, Gettysburg.** If interested, please email Nancy Kramer kramer9185@gmail.com.

ATTENDANCE 2/15: 8:00am 20 10:30am 36 On-line 68 *Ash Wednesday* 32 TOTAL 156

FINANCE REPORT 2/15

Envelope Offering Need: **\$25,984.00** Envelope Offering Rec'd: **\$22,009.50**
Property Fund Need: **\$2,695.00** Property Offering Rec'd: **\$1,112.50**

THIS WEEK

Monday, 2/23: 10:00am – 11:00am Blessing Room opens- *Fellowship Hall*
Wednesday, 2/25: 7:00pm Choir - *Sanctuary*
Thursday, 2/26: 8:45am – 10:15am *DEB/BRUCE out for about 1-1/2 hours*
Friday, 2/27: 9:30am Flutes – *Fellowship Hall*
Saturday, 2/28: Set-up-Prep for tomorrow, Keystone Conference Assoc. Reception – *Fellowship Hall*
Next Sunday, March 1st ONE SERVICE 10:30am: ***Communion and guest Rev. David Ackerman,***
Keystone Conference Regional Minister for Region 3.
2:00pm Reception in the Fellowship Hall

Worship Participants

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| Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young | Pastor |
| Jim Orner 8:00am | Liturgists |
| Ann Harvey 10:30am | Organist/Choir Director |
| Sara Shank | Percussionist |
| Mark Luckenbaugh | Greeters |
| Steve & Janet Sheely 10:30am | Ushers |
| Jane Malone 8:00am | Acolyte |
| Tim Woodward 10:30am | Tech Team |
| Janet Sheely 10:30am | |
| Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young, Russell Bailey, | |
| Suhua Dong, Stacey Rushwald, George Steckert, Ruth Krietz, Terry Krietz, Garrison Redding, | |
| Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd, Bette Bunce, Chris Swinn. | |

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

- 1 O God, our help in a-ges past,
our hope for years to come,
Our shel-ter from the storm-y blast,
and our e-ter-nal home:

- 2 Un-der the shad-ow of your throne
your saints have dwelt se-cure;
Suf-fi-cient is your arm a-lone,
and our de-fense is sure.

- 3 Be-fore the hills in or-der stood
or earth re-ceived its frame,
From ev-er-last-ing you are God,
to end-less years the same.

4. A thou-sand a-ges in your sight
are like an eve-ning gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
be-fore the ris-ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ev-er-roll-ing stream,
soon bears us all away;
We fly for-got-ten, as a dream
fades at the o-pening day.

- 6 O God, our help in a-ges past,
our hope for years to come,
Still be our God while trou-bles last,
and our e-ter-nal home!

Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days

Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873; alt.

1. Lord Je-sus, who through for-ty days
for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
and close by you to stay.

2. As you with Sa-tan did con-tend,
and did the vic-tory win,
O give us strength to per-se-vere,
in you to con-quer sin.

3. And through these days of pen-i-tence,
and through this Pas-sion-tide,
Yes, ev-er-more, in life and death,
O Christ, with us a-bide.

4. A-bide with us, till when this life
of suf-fering shall be past,
An Eas-ter of un-end-ing joy
we may at-tain at last.

Mark 1:12–13; Luke 4:1–13

Samuel Crossman, 1664; alt.

1. My song is love un-known, my Sav-ior's love to me,
Love to the love-less shown, that they might love-ly be.
O who am I, that for my sake
my God should take frail flesh and die?
My God should take frail flesh and die?
2. God left the rich-est throne sal-va-tion to be-stow;
But Christ as flesh and bone the world re-fused to know.
But, O my Friend, my Friend in-deed,
who at my need did life ex-pend;
who at my need did life ex-pend.
3. Some-times they threw down palms and sweet-est prais-es sang.
Ho-san-nas and glad psalms through streets and mar-kets rang.
Then "Cru-ci-fy!" is all their breath,
for blood and death they thirst and cry;
for blood and death they thirst and cry.
4. What has my Sov-ereign done? What makes this rage and spite?
Christ gave new strength to run, re-stored the gift of sight.
Sweet in-ju-ries! Yet they at these
them-selves dis-please, and 'gainst Christ rise;
them-selves dis-please, and 'gainst Christ rise.
5. I sing my plain be-lief, one song my heart out-pours:
Nev-er was pain nor grief, nev-er was love like yours.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could glad-ly spend;
I all my days could glad-ly spend.