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THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**.....FROM PSALMS 9, 118, 119 AND ISAIAH 26

Oh! Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

Turn our eyes from looking at worthless things, and give us life in Your ways.

Those who know You put their trust in You, for You, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek You.

O LORD, we wait for You; Your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul.

Oh! Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

***GLORIA PATRI**

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.

***INVOCATION**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**OH GIVE THANKS (PSALM 107)

WORDS & MUSIC: WENDELL KIMBROUGH

We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek.
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears;
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.
In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame.
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.
Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names;
And the God of glory took away our shame.

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams,
But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees.
Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears,
And the God of comfort took away our fears.

***HYMN OF JOYFUL WORSHIP**PRINCE OF PEACE

WORDS & MUSIC: MARC IMBODEN & TAMMI RHOTON

You are holy (**women echo**) You are mighty, You are worthy, Worthy of praise
I will follow, I will listen, I will love you, All of my days

Men:

I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy
I will love him adore him I will bow down before him
I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy
I will love him Adore him I will bow down before him

Women:

You're the Lord of Lords You're the King of Kings
You are Mighty God Lord of everything You're Emmanuel You're the Great I Am
You're the Prince of Peace Who is the Lamb You're the Living God You're my saving grace
You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days You are Alpha, Omega Beginning and End
You're my Savior, Messiah Redeemer and friend

Together:

You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for you

VISITATION SCHEDULE		
WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10-16	WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17-23	WEEK OF FEB 24-MARCH 2
Dan & Gresha Steffen	Chris & Tamara Rickenbaker	Lyle & D'lynn Polson

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**.....THE APOSTLES CREED¹

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell²; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic³ Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING.....PROVERBS 16

READER: The Word of the Lord

CONGREGATION: **Thanks be to God**

HYMN OF ADORATIONLOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

No. 92

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who pardons all who truly repent and turn to You;
we humbly confess our sins and implore Your mercy.
We have not loved You with a pure and fervent heart;
neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not done justly, nor loved mercy,
nor walked humbly with You, our God.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord,
according to Your loving-kindness;
according to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
blot out our iniquity.
Create in us a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from Your presence;
and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation;
and uphold us with Your gracious Spirit.**

Please silently confess your sin before the LORD.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** 1 JOHN 4:9-10

“In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

1 Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated in the 2nd century and developed into its present form by the 6th century. 2 By referring to Jesus' descent into hell, the Christian embraces three truths. First, we acknowledge the reality of Jesus' suffering 33 years of temptation. Second, he received the full sentence of hell on behalf of his people while on the cross. Thirdly, he experienced the reign of death by remaining in the tomb after the crucifixion. 3 The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

***HYMN OF ASSURANCE**HIS MERCY IS MORE

WORDS & MUSIC: MATT BOSWELL AND MATT PAPA

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam, What father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor, Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us, His blood was the payment his life was the cost
We stood neath a debt we could never afford, Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

SHEPHERDING PRAYER.....PASTOR JOHN MARK

SERMON.....GENESIS 38

¹ It happened at that time that Judah went down from his brothers and turned aside to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. ² There Judah saw the daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua. He took her and went in to her, ³ and she conceived and bore a son, and he called his name Er. ⁴ She conceived again and bore a son, and she called his name Onan. ⁵ Yet again she bore a son, and she called his name Shelah. Judah was in Chezib when she bore him. ⁶ And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. ⁷ But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD put him to death. ⁸ Then Judah said to Onan, "Go in to your brother's wife and perform the duty of a brother-in-law to her, and raise up offspring for your brother." ⁹ But Onan knew that the offspring would not be his. So whenever he went in to his brother's wife he would waste the semen on the ground, so as not to give offspring to his brother. ¹⁰ And what he did was wicked in the sight of the LORD, and he put him to death also. ¹¹ Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house, till Shelah my son grows up"—for he feared that he would die, like his brothers. So Tamar went and remained in her father's house. ¹² In the course of time the wife of Judah, Shua's daughter, died. When Judah was comforted, he went up to Timnah to his sheepshearers, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. ¹³ And when Tamar was told, "Your

father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep," ¹⁴ she took off her widow's garments and covered herself with a veil, wrapping herself up, and sat at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she had not been given to him in marriage.

¹⁵ When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face. ¹⁶ He turned to her at the roadside and said, "Come, let me come in to you," for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, "What will you give me, that you may come in to me?" ¹⁷ He answered, "I will send you a young goat from the flock." And she said, "If you give me a pledge, until you send it—" ¹⁸ He said, "What pledge shall I give you?" She replied, "Your signet and your cord and your staff that is in your hand." So he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him. ¹⁹ Then she arose and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her widowhood. ²⁰ When Judah sent the young goat by his friend the Adullamite to take back the pledge from the woman's hand, he did not find her. ²¹ And he asked the men of the place, "Where is the cult prostitute who was at Enaim at the roadside?" And they said, "No cult prostitute has been here." ²² So he returned to Judah and said, "I have not found her. Also, the men of the place said, 'No cult prostitute has been here.'" ²³ And Judah replied, "Let her keep

the things as her own, or we shall be laughed at. You see, I sent this young goat, and you did not find her.”²⁴ About three months later Judah was told, “Tamar your daughter-in-law has been immoral. Moreover, she is pregnant by immorality.” And Judah said, “Bring her out, and let her be burned.”²⁵ As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, “By the man to whom these belong, I am pregnant.” And she said, “Please identify whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff.”²⁶ Then Judah identified them and said, “She is more righteous

than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.” And he did not know her again.²⁷ When the time of her labor came, there were twins in her womb.²⁸ And when she was in labor, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, “This one came out first.”²⁹ But as he drew back his hand, behold, his brother came out. And she said, “What a breach you have made for yourself!” Therefore his name was called Perez.³⁰ Afterward his brother came out with the scarlet thread on his hand, and his name was called Zerah.

SERMON NOTES

YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW (UNTIL YOU DON'T) GENESIS 38

SOWING WICKEDNESS

TRAPPED!

BREAKING THE CYCLE

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION AT TRINITY:

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink juice. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

Our communion bread is gluten free

*HYMN OF RESPONSEWE WILL FEAST

WORDS AND MUSIC BY SANDRA MCCrackEN AND JOSHUA MOORE

**We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more**

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.

*BENEDICTION

BULLETIN BOARD

MISSIONS EMPHASIS SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 23

Several of the missionaries that Trinity supports will be here to share ministry updates on Sunday, February 23. Some will speak during Sunday School at 9:30 am, others during worship at 10:30, and others on Sunday evening, when we will share a meal and have a service starting at 5:00 pm. Visiting ministry partners will include Calvin and Geeta, Scott and Victoria Andes, Stan and Connie Beasley, Pamyla Burrack, Phil and Wendy Stogner, and Daphne Goodwin from Dazz. Join us to learn more about how the gospel is bearing fruit through these Trinity partners.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE WITH AUTHOR JEN WILKIN IN MARCH

Author and Bible teacher Jen Wilkin will speak in Columbia on March 7 and 8 and we are getting a group together to attend. Wilkin, who wrote and taught the Hebrews study Better that we used recently, will be joined by singer-songwriter Sandra McCracken during the two-day event at Shandon Baptist Church. Please sign up by next Sunday, Feb. 16. Scholarships are available.

HELP NEEDED WITH RUF-I MEALS

Trinity will be providing meals for international students at the University of South Carolina again during the spring semester. Meal dates are February 25, March 25 and April 15, all Tuesday evenings. If you can assist with preparing meals or delivering them to Columbia, please contact the office or Pastor John Mark.

2025 BIBLE READING PLAN AVAILABLE

Join us as we continue our three-year Bible reading plan and develop a new habit or reinforce an old one: reading God's word every day! The plan is simple - usually just one chapter a day. The Session is regularly praying for your growth in Christlikeness - God's Word is one of the primary means He uses to change our lives and make us more like Jesus. Reading His Word together provides both accountability and deeper fellowship in our body. Laminated copies of the 2025 plan are available on the information counter in the Narthex. A [link](#) to the reading plan is also on the church website.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Calvin & Geeta - Serving with MTW in Asia

Our Troops: pray all of our troops and their chaplains around the world

Church of the week: Two Rivers Presbyterian, North Charleston; Jeremy Mullen, pastor

TRINITY FAMILY

Brush Babb: clear diagnosis and move to acute rehab facility

Joe Junquet: continued healing of his nerves

Melonie Anderson: recovering from recent knee replacement surgery

Claudia Wilkes: for her kidney function to continue at 25 percent to avoid dialysis, balance issues

Lawton Porter: ongoing therapy

Christie Churchwell: relief from headaches

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

STAFF

John Mark Patrick, Pastor
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 Susan Ulmer, Women's Ministry
 Deborah Finkelstein, Pianist
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CALENDAR

SUN 2/9	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP
TUE 2/11	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WED 2/12	5:30PM	PRAYER
SUN 2/16	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP

TRINITY READING TOGETHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PROVERBS 17	PROVERBS 18	PROVERBS 19	PROVERBS 20	PROVERBS 21	PROVERBS 22

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HERE!

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