



# *Trinity Times*

*for the week of February 21, 2021*

*First Sunday in Lent*

## **REMEMBER WHEN?**

God never begins letters with the words,  
"I hope this finds you well,"  
For those words imply distance.  
Instead, God begins God's letters to you with the words,  
"Remember when?"

Beloved child,  
Remember when we dipped our toes into the water?  
Remember when we dove right in?  
Remember when the ice cream dripped down our hands  
And the cicadas sang their song,  
And the seasons changed,  
And the days were long?  
Remember when we fell in love and the world was new?  
Remember when our heart was broken?  
Remember the tears?  
Remember the long nights?  
Remember when we laughed again and the sound surprised us?  
Remember when we marched in the street?  
Remember when we cast our vote?  
Remember when we believed in hope?  
Remember when?  
I do.

That's what God's letters say.  
So on this day, and every day to come,  
Remember: God is meeting you.  
If you look back, you might remember when.

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### ***Worship Schedule***

- Join us for **Worship at 10:00am on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> in the Sanctuary.** Reservations can be made online from the Church website or by calling the Church office. Masks and social distancing observed.
- Join us for Online Worship at [trinitypalmcoast.org](http://trinitypalmcoast.org) or on Facebook: Trinity Presbyterian Church USA
- Worship independently by following along with the bulletin.
- Join Dr. Beebe online every week for a mid-week message. Catch up anytime by visiting our website.

## ***Trinity Presbyterian Church***

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### ***Church Staff***

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Beebe, Pastor  
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Lillian Warner, Director of Handbell Choir  
Tom Buonocore, Sexton  
Judy Grady, Financial and Administrative Assistant  
Dana Mack, Church Receptionist

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude – Jillian Koenig, Flute

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Call to Worship\*\*

One: God meets us in the night—

**All: Before the sun rises, before the wound heals, before there are answers, before there is closure.**

One: God meets us in the light—

**All: Where joy is effervescent, where laughter is contagious,**

**Where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk, and where people gather around the table.**

One: God meets us at the threshold—

**All: At the edge of the water, at the beginning of the wilderness,**

**At the start of something new, on the edge of faith.**

One: And if God meets us in all those places, then surely God meets us in between—

**All: Staying with us through the wilderness.**

One: We are not alone. God is all around.

**All: Let us worship the God of the here and now.**

Hymn #167

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

**1** Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.

**2** Shall not we your sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain?

**3** Then if Satan on us press, flesh or spirit to assail,  
victor in the wilderness, grant that we not faint nor fail!

**4** So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us, too, shall angels shine, such as served you faithfully.

**5** Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by your side,  
that with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

Prayer of Confession\*\*

One: God who meets us where we are—there is nowhere we can go that you are not.

**All: You were with Jesus at his baptism. you were with him in the wilderness,  
And even in between, you were there, saying aloud, "This is my beloved."**

One: We know that you are with us too—

In the good, the bad, and everything in between—but so often we act like we are alone.

**All: Instead of coming to you with our hurt, we hold it in or cast it onto others.**

**Instead of coming to you with our joy, we credit ourselves and offer you nothing.**

One: How can we long for a deeper relationship with you while living like you are nowhere to be found?

**All: Forgive our self-centered ways. Remind us that in every breath, in every step, you are there.**

One: You are the God who meets us where we are.

**All: Before and behind, above and below, within and around. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Anthem – Handbell Choir

"This is My Father's World"

arr. Ingram

Moments with Children

Affirmation of Faith\*\*

**We believe in a God who is everywhere and right here,  
Bigger than the sky and in the smallest details, all at once and in every moment.  
We believe that God meets us where we are—  
In heartbreak and high hopes, around crowded tables and in quiet homes,  
In joy and in suffering, in loneliness and in connection,  
In sanctuaries and in living rooms, in marches and in waiting rooms.  
We believe that nothing we do or leave undone can distance us from God's love.  
God is forever drawing us close and pulling us in.  
Again and again, God meets us where we are and invites us into wholeness.  
Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

Prayers of the People

The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

**9** Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, **9** "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, **10** and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. **11** I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." **12** God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: **13** I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. **14** When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, **15** I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. **16** When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." **17** God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Prayer of Illumination\*\*

Holy God,  
If I am honest, faith often feels like water in my hands.  
No matter how hard I try to hold onto it, some of it always slips through—  
Like droplets of truth running down my wrists, back toward my heart.  
This human inability to hold onto you leaves me thirsty for more.  
So as we prepare to read scripture, I pray that once again, you would meet us here.  
Meet us in our hope and our heartache. Meet us in our fear and our joy,  
Meet us in our cupped hands and clenched fists. And even if the water keeps running,  
And we do not have a sky-parting moment of clarity, or a tangible sense that you are near;  
Even if we do not hear the words, "This is my beloved,"  
Ringing in our ears, we will trust that you are near, Always and forever meeting us here,  
Running toward our hearts. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Responsive Reading

Psalms 25:1-10

**25**<sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**2** **O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

**3** Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**4** **Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

**5** Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

**6** **Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup> **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup> **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

Hymn #218

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

**1** Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted!

**2** Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;  
I crucified thee.

**3** Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,  
God interceded.

**4** For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation,  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
for my salvation.

**5** Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
not my deserving.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:9-15

**1** <sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Meditation

"God Meets Us"

Dr. Jeff Beebe

Charge and Benediction\*\*

"Again & Again, A Lenten Refrain"

As you leave this space, may your mouth speak of God's goodness.  
May your arms hold those in need. May your feet walk toward justice.  
May your heart trust its worth. May your soul dance in God's grace.  
And may this be your rhythm—again and again and again,  
Until God's promised day. In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself,  
Go with courage, go with heart, go in peace. Amen.

Congregational Response (Hymn #306)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.**

**The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

Postlude

"There is Now a New Creation"

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### **NOTICE OF UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

- **Trinity's Annual Meeting - Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 11:00am.** This meeting will also include the election of Deacons and Elders.

NOTE: The Congregational meeting previously scheduled for 2/21/2021 has been cancelled. The nominating committee has completed the task of finding a slate of Deacons and Elders.



**Join us in prayer for our members and loved ones**

If someone is in need of prayer, please let the church office know: (386) 445-4757 or [trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com](mailto:trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com).

Those listed in bold are members of the church and the asterisk indicates active military service.

<b>Bob Aitken</b> Gail Alvaro	Goff & Mock Family Sylvia Gosztyla	<b>Florence Lyman</b> Kenny Mack*	<b>Hawley Rogers</b>
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Tom Brinton	Stanley Hannum*	<b>Walt McRae</b>	<b>Gloria Scandariato</b>
<b>Al Burgess</b>	Clark Hessen	Declan Mitchell*	Jennifer Sheringham*
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			<b>Matthew Winterheimer*</b>

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

Florence Lyman 2/21  
Jeanne Meyer 2/21  
Doris Boone 2/23



Judith Hennenlotter 2/24  
Steven Yeh 2/24  
Joe Markiewicz 2/26



**Rhythms of Grace:  
Sunday Morning Family Faith Formation**

We are excited to launch "Rhythms of Grace." This is an outdoor Sunday time/place to help families walk with God and have Him teach us about the "unforced rhythms of Grace." It may be messy, it may get loud but we will find God's heart beat in the midst of it all.

Join us on Sundays from 9:15am-9:45am in the fenced play area. All ages are welcome (parents bring your kids, kids bring your parents, and bring the grandparents too)!

"Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace" Matthew 11:29



Join Troop 281 & 4281 as  
we seek donations for our  
local shelter.



We are collecting:

- New pairs of socks (thick, athletic-style)
- New men's boxer briefs & underwear
- New ladies underwear (small), and bras (smaller sizes)

**Donations accepted  
through March 7th**

*Drop-off at the church office,  
or collection box in the church narthex.*

**Church Office Hours  
Monday – Thursday  
9:00am – 12:00pm**



**\*\*If you would like to submit  
an announcement to be  
included in the weekly bulletin,  
please have in by 9am Monday  
morning. Due date for the next  
bulletin is Monday, February  
22nd. Please email to Judy at  
trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com.**

2021 Proverbs Scholarship Fundraiser

*TPC Day of Games*



How to Virtually Participate!

- ⇒ Complete the donation section of the announcement flyer and mail in, or drop off, or on-line donate to the 2021 Proverbs Scholarship Fund
- ⇒ Pick a time of your choosing and on your own (virtual) play in one, two or multiple favorite games!
- ⇒ As you play your game(s) reminisce about what *good* your donation has done for each of our six 2021 recipients
- ⇒ If you play in multiple games please consider that in your donation level

*-TPC Scholarship Chairperson-Kelli Jebbia*

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