

11:00 a.m. Service

2nd Sunday of Lent | February 25, 2024

Gathering for Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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Choral Call to Worship 'Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights'

***Hymn of Praise** 'In the Cross of Christ I Glory' UMH 295

Psalter Reading Psalm 22 UMH 752

*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.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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*Please stand if you are able.

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing Hymnal
One of the services is filmed weekly and streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Children's Disciple Moment

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Jann Howell

Anthem 'How Firm a Foundation' Handbell Choir

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading Mark 2:1-12 Dave McAda

***Hymn of Preparation** 'Beneath the Cross of Jesus' UMH 297

Message An Interruption from Above Rev. Brian Gilmer

Responding to God's Word

***The Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles Creed UMH 881

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.*

Offertory 'Wounded Alleluias'

Doxology UMH 94

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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Going Forth to Serve God's World

***Hymn of Sending** 'I Stand Amazed in the Presence' UMH 371

Sending Forth

Jann Howell, Choir Director/Pianist Ginger Greer, Music Assistant

Stewardship & Attendance Report

One Fund Monthly Goal 2024	\$49,638
One Fund Actual MTD	\$29,247
Deposits week ended	\$10,136
Building Project Fund as of December	\$1,340,074

Ways to Give:

- Scan the QR Code and fill out the form
- Online at trmethodist.net
- Text-to-Give: Text the amount you wish to give to (833) 948-2135 and continue with steps.



Date	8:45 Service	11:00 Service	Online	Sunday School
2.4	83	161	42	112
2.11	78	151	35	107
2.18	80	146	TBD	112

Special Services

Ash Wednesday Service - 72

Prayer Concerns

HOMEBOUND	TRUMC	FRIENDS OF TRUMC	OTHER REQUESTS
George Adamson	Frances Lockaby	Myra Robitalle	Melissa & Jesse Hysmann
James White	Barbara Floyd	Karen McCarty	Israel & Gaza
Dee Hughes	Karen McCarthy	Martha Hughes	Linda Kallendberger
Patrick O'Dell	Fred Dyal		
Reggy O'Dell	Mary Greene		

Submit a prayer request to our Prayer Team: prayer@trmethodist.net

Connect with TRUMC

Worshiping here for the first time?

Stop by one of our Hospitality Stations on your way out of the sanctuary for a welcome bag and a greeting from one of our Hospitality Team members. Or scan the QR code and fill out our contact form. We'd love to hear from you!

Follow us on Social Media!

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Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading	Mark 2: 1-12	Donna Koegler
*Song of Preparation	'Love Rain Down'	
Message	An Interruption from Above	Rev. Brian Gilmer

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Offertory 'There is a Balm in Gilead'

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*Song of Sending 'All The People Said Amen'

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***Song of Welcome** 'Always' B.Glover et al

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Upcoming Events & Announcements

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **TRUMPETS** - 2/25 at 5pm in the Chapel
- **UMYF**
 - February 23rd - February 24th - Hands and Feet Retreat Weekend at Asbury Hills
 - Youth & counselors will meet us at TRUMC on February 23rd at 6:20 for departure and pick up will be at Asbury Hills on Saturday, February 24th at 6:30PM. Meals will be provided.
- **Lunch with Furman Students** - 2/25 at noon in the Parlor

PLANNING A MEETING OR GATHERING?

Remember to contact Jan P. so that all meetings and gatherings can be included on the church calendar.

SAVE THE DATE!

Who: PB & J (Pickle Ball & Jesus)

When: Sunday March 10, 12:15 - 4:30,

What: Healthy Minds Team of TRUMC Pickle Ball & Jesus (PB&J) activity

Where: Family Life Center (FLC). Snack option available. Yes, it's PB&J!

Purpose: Promote healthy relationships

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CO-DIRECTOR NEEDED!

VBS is the week of June 24th from 6-8pm. Ashley Gutschow needs a co-director to assist plan and execute VBS week. Please contact her if you are interested.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry Applications Due Today!

Today is the deadline for submitting applications to join the newest training class of Stephen Ministers. Interviews will begin March 3rd. See one of your Stephen Leaders: Patti Crenshaw (864-380-8421), Dave McAda (864-380-5867), and Larry Ivins (704-836-6783), or one of the pastors if you have questions.

GROWTH GROUPS will continue to meet through April! Details on each group, meeting times and locations can be found on the website, trmethodist.net/ministries/adults

WOODLANDS BIBLE GROUP meets each Tuesday at 10AM at the Woodlands at Furman in Brian and Mary's Apt 1208.

Trail Guide

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Message: An Interruption from Above

Scripture: Mark 2:1-12

After a few days, Jesus returned to Capernaum, and word got around that he was back home. A crowd gathered, jamming the entrance so no one could get in or out. He was teaching the Word. They brought a paraplegic to him, carried by four men. When they weren't able to get in because of the crowd, they removed part of the roof and lowered the paraplegic on his stretcher. Impressed by their bold belief, Jesus said to the paraplegic, "Son, I forgive your sins."

6-7 Some religion scholars sitting there started whispering among themselves, "He can't talk that way! That's blasphemy! God and only God can forgive sins."

8-12 Jesus knew right away what they were thinking, and said, "Why are you so skeptical? Which is simpler: to say to the paraplegic, 'I forgive your sins,' or say, 'Get up, take your stretcher, and start walking'? Well, just so it's clear that I'm the Son of Man and authorized to do either, or both . . ." (he looked now at the paraplegic), "Get up. Pick up your stretcher and go home." And the man did it—got up, grabbed his stretcher, and walked out, with everyone there watching him. They rubbed their eyes, stunned—and then praised God, saying, "We've never seen anything like this!"

Next Steps for the Journey

- Did you notice any interruptions in your life this week? How did you handle them?
- Share with the group (if you feel comfortable) an interruption that turned into an opportunity for you this week.
- Read the Gospel lesson and talk about what stands out to you in the passage.
- How do you define the word "friend"? What qualities do you look for in your friends? Who introduced you to Jesus and the faith?
- Who carried you on the blanket, climbed up on the roof, dug through and lowered you down so you could come face to face with Jesus? Who's life and witness impacted your faith?

Your List :

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Prayer for this Week's Walk

Open our eyes and our hearts and our minds, God of surprises. Teach us to meet each new turn in the road with wonder. When we are angry or indifferent or anxious, bless us with wisdom to hold our emotions gently, neither to squelch them and ignore them nor to banish them, but to see and feel them and choose your way of love. Give us the courage to bridge divides, to stretch out our hands to one another and to follow wherever you lead us and bless us with a certainty that we are never alone.

We pray in Jesus' name,
Amen.

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