

11:00 a.m. Service

5th Sunday after the Epiphany | February 4, 2024

Gathering for Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (from the song 'We All Bleed the Same' by Mandisa)

Are you left? Are you right? Pointing fingers, taking sides. When are we going to realize?

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And you, O God, will heal our land.

Choral Call to Worship

'Peace Like a River'

TRUMPETS

***Hymn of Praise**

'We Are God's People'

TFWS 1222

The Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Children's Disciple Moment

The PrayerGround Table is for children 6 and younger to use during the sermon. Parents should sit near the table to assist.

Teresa Hrab

*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.

Anthem

'A Joyful Call to Praise'

Larson

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-19

Luanne Beller

Galatians 3:26-28

***Hymn of Preparation**

'It's Me, It's Me O Lord'

UMH 352

Message

Time To Say Goodbye To...Stereotyping
Race Matters To Me

Rev. Christine Matthews

Responding to God's Word

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UMH 12

Offertory

'Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child'

Ginger Greer, viola
Jann Howell, clarinet

Doxology

UMH 94

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ as part of this congregation, please see Pastor Brian or Pastor Christine after the service. They would love to point you to some discipleship opportunities and ways to serve Christ here at TRUMC.

Going Forth to Serve God's World

***Hymn of Sending**

'Lift Every Voice and Sing'

UMH 519

Sending Forth

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

Stewardship & Attendance Report

		Date	Online	In-Person	Sunday School
One Fund Monthly Goal 2024	\$47,808				
One Fund Actual MTD	\$32,142	1.7	53	231	91
Deposits week ended	\$5,402	1.14	62	234	76
Building Project Fund	\$1,354,111	1.21	42	202	99
as of December		1.28	TBD	220	87

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.



Prayer Concerns

HOMEBOUND

George Adamson, James White, Dee Hughes, Patrick O'Dell, Reggy O'Dell, Frances Lockaby, Barbara Floyd, Martha Foster, Mary Greene, Fred Dyal

TRUMC

Myra Robitalle
Martha Foster

FRIENDS OF TRUMC

Melissa & Jesse Hysmann
Jesse McClang

OTHER REQUESTS

Israel & Gaza

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!

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Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-19
Galatians 3:26-28

Rossie Koss

*Song of Preparation

'We All Bleed the Same'

Mandisa

Message

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'Let Justice Roll'

UMH 12

Bobby Gilles & Rebecca Elliot

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Going Forth to Serve God's World

*Song of Sending

'Father We Have Heard You Calling'

Gareth Hill

Sending Forth

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***Song of Welcome** Open the Eyes of My Heart Paul Baloche

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***Song of Praise** 'By Our Love' Christy Nockels

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Ashley Gutschow

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Upcoming Events & Announcements

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **TRUMPETS** - 2/11, 2/18, 2/25 at 5pm in the Chapel
- **JUST FAITH RACIAL EQUITY CLASS**
 - Sign ups are now through Friday, February 16th. The class will begin on Tuesday, February 27th at 6PM.
- **GOAL at TRUMC**
 - Meeting on February 4th at 12:15 PM in the sanctuary.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

UMYF will have our Annual "Souper Bowl" for Hunger. TRUMC will be asked to bring cans of soup and other canned goods. Youth will stay after the 11AM worship service to sort and count the canned goods and then deliver the items to North Greenville Crisis Ministry. Lunch will be provided. Pick up will be at 2PM at North Greenville Crisis Ministry.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 13th, 6-7:30pm (Parlor)

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 14, 6pm

Ashes to go will be available at noon for pick up.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you interested in providing quality Christian care to people who are hurting? An interest meeting will be held February 11th after each service in Room 105. Contact Patti Crenshaw, Dave McAda or Larry Ivins for more information.

LUNCH WITH FURMAN STUDENTS

The Trail Class and the New Beginnings Class are inviting the Furman students to an appreciation lunch on February 18 at noon in the parlor.

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 4, 2024

Message: Time To Say Goodbye To...Stereotyping
Race Matters to Me

Scripture:

2 Corinthians 5:16-19 Common English Bible

16 So then, from this point on we won't recognize people by human standards. Even though we used to know Christ by human standards, that isn't how we know him now. 17 So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!

18 All of these new things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and who gave us the ministry of reconciliation. 19 In other words, God was reconciling the world to himself through Christ, by not counting people's sins against them. He has trusted us with this message of reconciliation.

Galatians 3:26-28 Common English Bible

26 You are all God's children through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

The Word of God, for the people of God, Thanks be to God.

Next Steps for the Journey

- What are some examples of stereotyping that have benefitted you or hurt you?
- What are some of examples of stereotyping that you grew up with or struggle with now?
- Share some of your personal odyssey of race or your story as it pertains to race. How have you changed or been made new in this respect? What has caused transformation in your personal odyssey of race?
- What work does God still have to do in you regarding racial equity and healing? What work do you need to do?
- How are you going to go about working toward racial equity and healing in yourself, in our community, and in our world?

Prayer for this Week's Walk

Loving God, You create all people in your image, without exception. Open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being. Open our hearts to repent of racist stereotypes, attitudes, behaviors, and speech. Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial discrimination. Strengthen our resolve to make amends for past injustices and to right the wrongs of history. And fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.
(adapted from Catholic Charities USA prayer for racial healing)

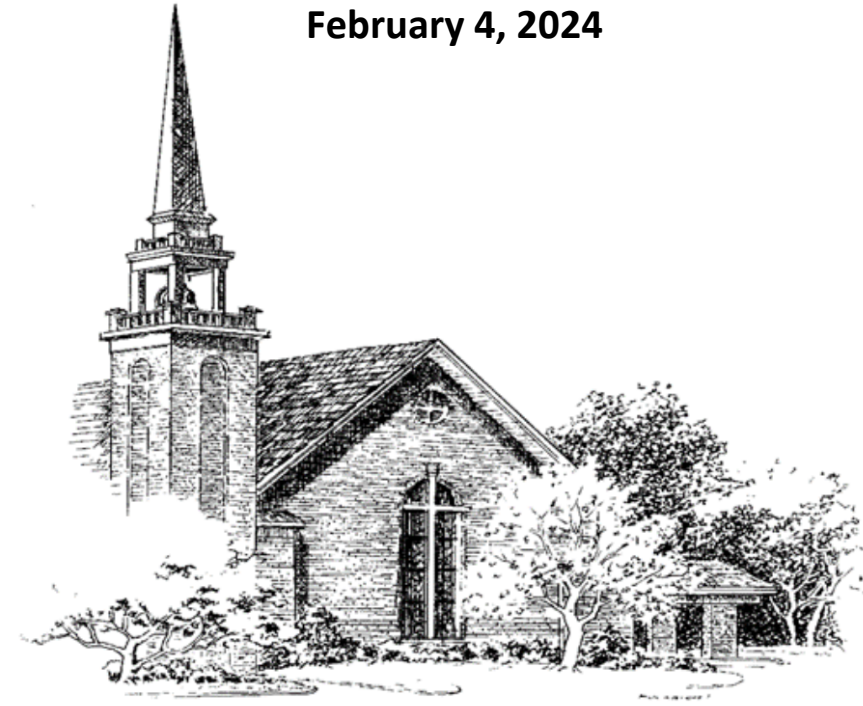
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