



Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests.

**F**or Children: We have trained nursery staff (paid nursery attendant as well as adult volunteers) for ages 0-4. The nursery is located on the first floor outside of the Community Room. (Accessible by the stairs from the Church Street Entrance or via the elevator). Children ages 5 and above are invited to stay and worship with their families. Children's programs, books, and crayons are located in the rear of the sanctuary near the welcome table.



**H**ymn selections can be found in the black hymnals in the pew racks or printed in the bulletin. If you are visiting and did not stop at the welcome desk in the downstairs lobby please stop by after the service they would love to meet you or, please feel free to reach out to someone sitting near you and ask them questions about the service or church. Many of our visitors ask us about the time of offering. This is a time in our service when we respond to God's gifts of love by offering the gifts of our lives. For many of us, this is when we make a financial gift towards the ministries and programs of our church. We also use this time to ask God how we might use the gifts of our hands and hearts in sharing God's love. If you are visiting, there is no obligation to give a financial gift. We are just glad you are worshipping with us. At this time, we are taking offering at the end of the service. Plates for offering will be placed at the doors as you exit the sanctuary. Thank you.

**W**e ask that you please silence your cell phones during our worship service. We also ask that you refrain from applause after our choirs sing and allow the music to resonate in the quiet of the sanctuary and in your hearts. Our musicians are playing and singing for the glory of God. They know you appreciate their efforts and their gift.

Rest rooms (equipped with changing stations) are located on the first floor of the church building and outside the Community Room and the Nursery.

**T**here is much information about the church in this bulletin and our website: [www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org).

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**EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH**  
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February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 a.m.

\*All who are able may stand

**Chimes Concert** at 10:00 a.m. from Trinity Chapel's steeple

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

Find me at your table,

**We'll share your food**

Find me in your resources,

**We'll share your riches**

Find me in your power,

**We'll share your mercy**

Find me in your pain,

**We'll share your forgiveness**

Find me in your generosity,

**We'll share all, and expect nothing in return**

**\*Opening Prayer (in unison)**

**Holy One, you are deep within our world,  
calling us to join you in creating  
abundant life for all.**

**Open our hearts to recognize you**

**Free us to trust your call and follow;**

**Enable us to repent, and forgive,**

**and join in your work to make "all things new".**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

**\*Opening Hymn** *Your Ways Are Not Our Own*

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**\*Call to Confession**

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

Holy One, your call is deceptively simple:  
“Do to others as you would have them do to you”  
And yet we cling to self-serving ways  
which separate us from your beloved creation:

You call us to turn our lives around,  
to risk repentance and learn forgiveness,  
to work with patience and diligence to prepare the way for your Reign,  
but we get discouraged and give up too soon.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You call us to be full of joyful confidence  
to create community where all have enough for abundant life,  
but we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You call us to speak out in the presence of injustice,  
but too often we do not challenge words and actions rooted in hate:

**Holy One, have mercy**

## **\*Assurance of Pardon**

### **Thought For the Day**

### **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, for ever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor*

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## **The Scripture**

Luke 6: 27-38

NT page 64

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

## **Morning Prayers**

### **Offering of Tithes, Gifts and Lives to Christ's Service**

Offertory *More Love, Less Hate*

--M. Miller  
Senior Choir

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Accept these gifts, we humbly pray, O God.**

**Let them give you honor and glory as we serve the needs of your people.**

**\*Closing Hymn** *For the Healing of the Nations*

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### **\* Benediction**

Send us into the world, O Holy One,  
Ready to witness to your generosity and forgiveness  
Ready to be recognized as those who follow your Way  
Ready to shape a world of justice, peace and joy.

**\*Postlude** (*please be seated*)

**A Good Measure, Service Prayers for the Seventh Sunday of Epiphany**, was written by the Rev. Susan A. Blain.

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**The flowers on the altar** today are for the praise and glory to God.

**The yellow rose bud** is presented by Jim and Angela Britain in honor of their second cousin, 1st Lt. Matthew James Reed, 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg, NC.

*If you are interested in sponsoring the yellow rose, please contact the church office. We have openings in March through the end of the year.*

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**Attendance Last Sunday:** 14 at 8:30 a.m. 74 at 10:30 a.m. and 105 online.

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**Today: February 20, 2022**

Liturgist: Jim Weitz  
Deacons: Joe Adkins, Matt Davis  
Elder: Peter Brehm  
Greeters: Rachel and Tom Ford  
Linda Coyle  
Welcome: Holly Davis  
Sound: Rodney Martin, Jeff Baker  
Tadd Clarkson  
Chimers: Saturday: Nancy Doll  
Sunday: Robin and David Cooney

**Next Week: February 27, 2022**

Jim Weitz  
Betsy Selby, Andrew Beadle  
Marc Kline  
Rob Peters, Felicia Bishop  
Sue Pinner  
Pat Condo  
Kelly Esslinger, Ethan Kline  
Jeff Baker  
Dick Williams  
Tricia Coffey

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**FELLOWSHIP**

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Community Room immediately following the service.

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**STAY INFORMED**

Read our Trinity Chimes monthly newsletter for more information about ERUCC activities, opportunities, and updates. You can find the Trinity Chimes in the back of the sanctuary and online at [bit.ly/FebChimes](https://bit.ly/FebChimes).

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, Thursday Thoughts, or Trinity Chimes, please send to [erucc@erucc.org](mailto:erucc@erucc.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Worship Next Week: Last Sunday After Epiphany ~ Transfiguration Sunday**

In this week's Gospel lesson, Luke 9: 28-43, Jesus invited three individuals, part of his inner circle of disciples, to go to the top of a mountain with him to pray. While Jesus was praying the appearance of his face changed and his clothes became dazzling white. We call this moment, The Transfiguration of Jesus.

When Moses came down from time with God on Mt. Sinai in Exodus 34: 29-35, "the skin on his face was shining," and the people were afraid to come near him. What is so intimidating about radiating God's love?

*The Senior Choir will be singing.*

**Hospital and Prayer List** – Your pastor wants to be available when members of ERUCC are in the hospital. Please let us know so that we can visit with you and your family and provide support. We always ask permission before adding a name to be included in the prayer list or in the verbal announcements on a Sunday morning. There are many for whom we pray and visit whose names are not listed in the bulletin by their request.

**Prayer List** - Please remember the following people in your prayers: Jerry Cassell (brother of Ave Barr), Katharine Alley, Family of Trish Carey, Barbara Lee Crutchley (sister of Milt Crutchley), Marcy Channell (daughter of JoAnn Fritz), Mack Johnson, David Howard, Paige Coffey, Al Peden, Barbara Prescott, Ginny Peters, Jane Doll, Michael Rhoads (son of Barbara Rhoads), Westin (great nephew of Sandy Gray & Danielle Carbone, Peggy Githerman, Jeannette Johnson, Emogene Wyand, Fran Wenner, Neremiah Castillo (niece of Andrew Beadle) Bonnie Devilbiss, Maria Csiba (mother of Tamara Tamas), Betsy Fisher, James "Jimmy" Sutphin (friend of Dan Smith), The McCarty family, Nikki Keller, Tina Prescott (daughter in law of Barbara and Bill Prescott), Mary Remsberg, Heleen (sister of Karin Mens), Kathy Blue Shores (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser), Gretchen Manuel (niece of Audrey Rayfield), Ann and Cal Theiss (parents of Katharine Alley), Debra Reedy (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser).

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### **Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults**

#### **BIBLE STUDY CLASS**

**Online**

**9:00 – 10:15 am**

"The Book that Breathes New Life" with Reverends John & Rebecca Shillingburg.

To join via Zoom: [bit.ly/3GEIvhJ](https://bit.ly/3GEIvhJ)

Meeting ID: 893 8670 5888

Passcode: 327128

## This Week at ERUCC

### HOW TO BE ANTI-RACIST

**Movie Discussion:** *Whose Streets?*

**TONIGHT**

**7:00 pm**

Watch the movie in advance at home and then engage in the conversation held on Zoom on February 20th. If you do not have access to streaming services, call the church office to make arrangements to see the films.

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### FEBRUARY ERUCC BOOK GROUP

*Contact Pam Shepp for more information*

*When No One is Watching* by Alyssa Cole

**February 22**

Read book synopses in the February edition of the Trinity Chimes at [bit.ly/FebChimes](https://bit.ly/FebChimes).

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## Upcoming at ERUCC

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The ERUCC youth have several exciting opportunities to participate in mission trips and other service-related projects this summer. Participating in these trips can be expensive and we would love your support! Please join us (and tell your friends and family!) for an all you can eat pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, March 6, 2022 from 8:00 to 10:30 am in the ERUCC Community Room. The youth will be serving pancakes with toppings, bacon, sausage, and beverages.

The prices are \$7.00 for adults/youth and \$4.00 for children 8 and under (children 2 and under are free). All funds raised will help defray costs associated with the youth programs planned for this summer. The ERUCC youth thank you for your continued support!

**Sunday, March 6**

**8:00 – 10:30 am**

**ERUCC Youth Group**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT**

**Pancake  
Breakfast**

Special toppings bar, sausage, bacon and beverages included!



**SUNDAY, MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM TO 10:30 AM**  
**ERUCC COMMUNITY ROOM**



**JOIN US FOR GOOD FOOD AND GOOD COMPANY!**  
**PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIPS & PROJECTS.**



## COMMUNITY VACCINE CLINICS

**Wednesdays February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

ERUCC is collaborating with The Community Vaccine Coalition to help get more people vaccinated against COVID-19. It's free, safe, and no ID or insurance is required.

If you are able to volunteer on any of these Wednesdays to extend our hospitality as a greeter between 1:45 pm and 4:00 pm, please contact Tyler in the church office at [erucc@erucc.org](mailto:erucc@erucc.org) or 301.662.2762.

**2:00 – 4:00 pm**



Scan to pre-register for a vaccine at the February 23 clinic



Scan to pre-register for a vaccine at the March 2 clinic



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## SOLAR ENERGY AT ERUCC

**Sunday, March 13**

**7:00 pm**

As we discern our plans for replacing the roof of the main sanctuary in 2023, we are consider this option of adding solar panels as well. Solar panels would be a significant action we could take as a Creation Justice church to demonstrate our covenant to be good stewards of God's creation and our resources. There is much to consider and your input is invaluable. Please join the Property Committee for more information and a conversation about the possibilities of harnessing energy from the sun.

To join via Zoom: [bit.ly/eruccproperty](https://bit.ly/eruccproperty) Meeting ID: 842 2471 9533 Passcode: 306203

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## FRANKLINTON CENTER WORK TRIP

**March 18 – 21**



Please let Pastor Daniel know if you are interested in going on the work trip to The Franklinton Center at Bricks, a conference, retreat, and educational facility in eastern North Carolina with a focus on justice advocacy and leadership development. Franklinton Center is an historic center of transformation where issues affecting the marginalized, the oppressed, and the poor are addressed. The Center is related to the United Church of Christ. As with all church buildings, the more work a volunteer group can provide to maintain facilities, the more funds that are available for programs and meeting the direct needs of people.

The March work trip is open to adults and youth (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades) and costs \$80 per person (includes housing and meals). The trip is subsidized by budgeted funds for mission trips.

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## MARCH ERUCC BOOK GROUP

*Contact Pam Shepp for more information*

*How the Word is Passed* by Clint Smith

**March 22**

Read book synopses in the February edition of the Trinity Chimes at [bit.ly/FebChimes](https://bit.ly/FebChimes).

## Weekly Education Opportunities for Adults

### **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Daniel**

*Liz Coffey Room*

11:00 – Noon Through March 1 **What My Grandmothers Told Me**

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place? And what can Jesus's grandmothers-of-the-faith teach us? By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is.

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY with Esther Ziegler**

*Trinity Chapel*

*Freeing Jesus* by Diana Butler Bass. The subtitle of the book is “Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence” and Dr. Butler Bass presents a chapter on each of those titles and descriptors used for Jesus. Participants will be expected to read about 30 to 50 pages of the book each week but the print is fairly large and generously spaced.

The planned schedule is:

February 23	Chapter 3: Savior
March 2	No class - Ash Wednesday
March 9	Chapter 4: Lord
March 16	Chapter 5: Way
March 23	Chapter 6: Presence

### **THURSDAY EVENING STUDY with Richard Leslie**

*North Room*

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Text: Richard Horsley, *Covenant Economics*.

To join via Zoom: [bit.ly/3szJMTf](https://bit.ly/3szJMTf) Meeting ID: 832 3432 9329 Passcode: 135141

*Covenant Love, Liberation Theology, and Social Justice (2000BCE-2000AD)*

We have meandered through 5 books of the Hebrew Bible, following the strands of Covenant. Part I is behind us but not forgotten. Part 2 will begin on Thursday eve, January 6, at 7:00pm. You can watch from your living room, using Zoom. We will spend these Thursdays searching the Prophets for the way in which Covenant was/or was not lived-out in the land of Canaan. Please grab a cup of coffee or tea or your favorite drink, and your most comfortable chair and be with us. Everyone is invited and welcome to learn with us.

Richard Leslie, [jalrl@comcast.net](mailto:jalrl@comcast.net)

## Lent 2022 at ERUCC

### Full to the Brim



Full to the Brim is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It's an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed. Read more about Lent in the February edition of the Trinity Chimes. Lenten devotionals are available at the back of the sanctuary.

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – March 2

#### Noon in Trinity Chapel

A Time of Fellowship and lunch will follow the service

#### 7:30 pm in Main Sanctuary

Services will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

### MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13

Noon – 12:15 pm

Service of Prayer in Trinity Chapel

#### Lunch and Bible Study Reflection

12:15 – 1:00 pm

*Theme: For the Beauty of the Earth*

Read more about our mid-week Lenten services in the February edition of the Trinity Chimes.

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### SOUP LUNCHEONS – LENT 2022

Each week during the season of Lent, a group gathers for prayer followed by a simple soup and bread lunch, and some reflection. We are still looking for some people willing to make soup for the following weeks:

March 9, March 23, March 30, April 6, April 13

If you are unable to attend, you can still make some soup that we can freeze and heat up. Your gift of cooking is much appreciated. Please let Pastor Daniel know if you can provide this gift.

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### FEBRUARY COINS FOR A CAUSE



The Coins for a Cause collection will be shared with Frederick Health Hospice ([frederickhealthhospice.org](http://frederickhealthhospice.org)) which provides “compassionate support to terminally ill patients and their families, and to those who were grieving. Hospice is not about how you die; it is about how you live.” Donations can be placed in the collection jars at the back of the sanctuary next to the collection plates.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 20, 2022

Luke 6:27-38

### Love Your Enemies

Dear God,

Today, I pray for my enemies.

I do not pray that they will change their ways.

(Although I secretly believe that they should.)

I do not pray that they become more like me.

(Although that is a mighty temptation.)

I do not pray, even, that they cease to exist.

(Although I may, in my heart of hearts, desire this.)

Instead my prayer for my enemies looks a lot like a prayer for myself.

Help me Holy One, to stop drinking poison, hoping it will hurt another.

Help me instead to be more like you.

Truthful. Powerful. Compassionate.

Remind me today and every day

That my prayer for my enemies makes

Me - not them - more faithful. Stronger. Whole-er.

Today I pray for my enemies, which is really a prayer that I, myself,

grow every day more and more into Your Divine Image,

the Image in which I am created and meant to be.

Amen.



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