



ASTOUNDING
GLORY

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

For 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.



Hymn 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.

We 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.

There is much information about the church in this bulletin and our website: www.erucc.org.

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February 27, 2022	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	10:30 a.m.
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*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**

Something drew us together this morning

Something we can't name but which we experience in worship

Some holy mystery we call God

Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus

Some indescribable hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit

**May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts and fears
and prepare us to love the world.**

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**

**O God, you are beyond words and description,
your love is beyond knowledge and explanation.**

Make our hearts ready to receive you.

**Change us, we pray, that our lives may reflect the glory of your
transfiguration.**

We rejoice in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen

***Opening Hymn** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

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***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Peter, James, and John went up on the side of a mountain with Jesus
and experienced glory. But then Peter wanted to stay.

“It's good for us to be here. Let's get comfortable.”

We are also often tempted to keep the experience of the Divine to ourselves, to enjoy the company of the saints instead of going back down the mountain to continue the work of the Kingdom of God. God knows this temptation of our hearts, so let us confess and pray for forgiveness.

**God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves.
Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege.
Keep expecting more of us as your disciples.
Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

***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** *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

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The Scripture

Exodus 34:29-35

OT page 81

Luke 9:28-36

NT page 69

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 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

--D. Hakes
Senior Choir

***Prayer of Dedication**

Bless these gifts, we pray.

**May they represent just the beginning of our journey
to show forth your glory to the world. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn** *Be Now My Vision*

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***Benediction**

May God now send us back down the mountain of our worship.

We have been changed.

We can't be silent anymore.

We have seen the Light of the World.

Go and share the radiance of love!

***Sevenfold Amen**

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Postlude (*please be seated*)

“The Indescribable Radiance of Love”: Service Prayers for Transfiguration Sunday, was written by the Rev. Dr. David Bahr.

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The flowers on the altar are placed to provide happiness to those who deal with chronic physical and emotional pain by Darryl Glick and Mark Ulrich.

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.

Attendance Last Sunday: 12 at 8:30 a.m. 97 at 10:30 a.m. and 94 online.

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Today: February 27, 2022

Liturgist: Jim Weitz
Deacons: Betsy Selby, Andrew Beadle
Elder: Marc Kline
Greeters: Rob Peters, Felicia Bishop
Sue Pinner
Welcome: Pat Condo
Sound: Kelly Esslinger, Ethan Kline
Jeff Baker
Chimers: *Saturday:* Dick Williams
Sunday: Tricia Coffey

Next Week: March 6, 2022

Rev. Esther Ziegler
Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick
Laura Rhoderick
Sandy Gray, Danielle Carbone
Anne Hoffman
Ave Barr
Jeff, Schaeberle, Larry Martin
Jack Day
Nancy Doll
Robin and David Cooney

FELLOWSHIP

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

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.

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, Thursday Thoughts, or Trinity Chimes, please send to erucc@erucc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week: First Sunday in Lent: Even in the Desert

Even in the desert, Jesus expands our definitions of a full life. It's not the life the Tempter presents: a life defined by excess power, control, or reign. Jesus sees beyond this facade and says, even in the midst of fasting, "One does not live by bread alone" (Luke 4: 1-13). Excess is not abundance, but there is more. There is a fuller life we are called to live. Even in the midst of struggle, oppressive forces, hardship, and grief—God's promises spill over, like the bounty of the first fruits from the ground. Even in the desert, you are called to the riverside to be washed by grace. (Deuteronomy 26: 1-11)

We will be sharing in Holy Communion this morning and baptizing Iris Zsofia Kershner, daughter of Benjamin and Grace Kershner.

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, 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).

FEBRUARY COINS FOR A CAUSE



The Coins for a Cause collection will be shared with Frederick Health Hospice (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.

Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Online

9:00 – 10:20 am

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

To join via Zoom: bit.ly/3GEIvhJ Meeting ID: 893 8670 5888 Passcode: 327128

Next Sunday morning, March 6, the Online Bible Study will begin a six-week study of the Prologue in Genesis (chapters 1-11). In these texts, a small, unimportant wandering people of the Ancient Near East made an astounding claim: their God, who had no visible image to be worshipped, created the entire world ... simply by speaking. Join us for a look at how that claim has shaped us today.

LET’S TALK

9:30 – 10:15 am

Returns on March 13 for **Creation Justice Month!** Let’s talk about ways we can care for the earth through personal choices in how we eat, shop, dispose of waste, and care for our landscapes. Join us in exploring ways to live more sustainably.

Upcoming at ERUCC

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 6

8:00 – 10:30 am

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!

ERUCC Youth Group
ALL YOU CAN EAT

Pancake Breakfast

Special toppings bar, sausage, bacon and beverages included!



SUNDAY, MARCH 6th, 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.



CHIMES GROUP

Thursday, March 10

11:00 am

All are welcome to come to the Community Room to hear our speaker, Sandra Dalton, Clerk of the District Court.

TUESDAY'S WITH TED**Tuesday, March 8****6:00 – 7:00 pm**

Join a group on Zoom hosted by Pastor Daniel to listen to and discuss the TED Talk by **Gregory Williams: Becoming the best version of yourself.**

This talk examines how individuals can, through the technique of choosing role models, utilize these models in their personal lives and for their professional work. The talk will cover how one can choose role models and begin to follow those models as appropriate. Additionally, we will briefly examine how the company, Apple, can be studied and followed as role models for any of us in the categories of Health, Education, Social Impact, and Professional Impact.

To join via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3erWnj1> Meeting ID: 923 9891 8264 Passcode: 313735

GREEN TEAM – SHARING SUNDAY**Sunday, March 13**

Do you have books, puzzles, games and clothes that you no longer use but are still in good condition? Bring them in to swap, trade or give away during Fellowship in the Community Room after the service! You can drop items off during Let's Talk at 9:30 am, when we will share ways to reuse and recycle.

SPIRITUAL WALK**Sunday, March 13****2:00 – 3:30 pm**

Join us for a walk in Wormans Mill. Marj Berkheimer helped us plan a beautiful route along Tuscarora Creek and through wetlands and woods. Many birds and other wild creatures create a joyful spiritual atmosphere here. In addition, we will walk past the ruins of the Mill Pond House. Jennie Russell, our ERUCC historian will come along to fill us in on the story behind the ruins. The trail is paved and accessible. **2250 Bear Den Rd** (condo parking lot)

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 Meeting ID: 842 2471 9533 Passcode: 306203

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.

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.

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

COMMUNITY VACCINE CLINICS

Wednesdays – March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **Community Room** **2:00 – 4:00 pm**

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. Please help share the word of these clinics!



Scan to pre-register
for the March 2

UPCOMING SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Sunday, March 6: Mortgage Assistance

Donations are used to fund ERUCC's mortgages with the Fisher Fund and FCB Bank, a division of ACNB Bank, payments on which are about \$153,000 per year.

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

11:00 – Noon

March 8 – April 12

Lent in Plain Sight

God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice.

In this devotion for the season of Lent, Jill J. Duffield draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. In each object, readers will find meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' final days. Each week, readers encounter a new object to consider through Scripture, prayer, and reflection. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Lent in Plain Sight reminds Christians to open ourselves to the kingdom of God.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY with Esther Ziegler

Trinity Chapel

7:00 pm

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:

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

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

Each week during the season of Lent, a group gathers for prayer followed by a simple soup and bread lunch, and some reflection. Read more about our mid-week Lenten services in the February edition of the Trinity Chimes.

TRANSFIGURATION

February 27, 2022

Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

Astounding Glory Seminary Sunday Church Vocations Sunday

Too many young pastors arrive at their first call ill-equipped to handle the complexity of parish leadership in the twenty-first century. For the past decade, the Next Generation Leadership Initiative (NGLI) has been changing that dynamic for the better, with a program of support and education for committed and transformative ministers under the age of 35.

According to their webpage, the vision of the NGLI is: Transforming younger local church pastors → Transforming churches → Transforming lives.

NGLI seeks to honor and challenge younger clergy who demonstrate significant potential, who have accepted the high calling to parish ministry, who view parish ministry as a career path, and are willing to make a long-term commitment to service in congregational settings of the United Church of Christ.

A transformational leader is one who, among other attributes, manifests the capacity to:

- Live a faith that shows love of God, trust in Jesus, and openness to the Holy Spirit
- Practice self-reflection
- Embody a contagious faith and hopeful confidence in sharing the good news of the Gospel with believers and non-believers
- Develop an entrepreneurial spirit
- Exhibit a commitment to continuous improvement in their personal and professional life, welcoming feedback and integrating awareness and insights
- Participate in a network of mutual care and learning with colleagues
- Articulate a personal vision/mission/core values statement for their life
- Engage with the congregation to develop a vision/mission/core values statement that will shape the congregation's life and vocation
- Create an environment in which effective engagement with peoples of diverse ethnicities and cultures is encouraged

Do you know, or are you yourself, a young pastor who could benefit from NGLI? Now is the time for both congregation and pastor to begin the discernment process on this vital ministry. Find out more at www.pbucc.org.



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