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# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 2025 + 11:00 am Worship

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*As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation and preparation for worship.*

*+ Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in bold.*

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Have Mercy, Lord*

J. S. Bach

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebekah LeMon

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In this season of Lent, we make our way to the cross.

**All: We trace the steps that led Christ there, seeing the power of human suspicion, fear, and betrayal.**

One: We make our way to the cross.

**All: We bring to God our brokenness and need.**

One: We make our way to the cross.

**All: We open our hearts to the divine love that made us, knows us, and forgives us.**

One: Beloved of God, let us worship together.

## +OPENING HYMN

*#415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

RESTORATION

## +CALL TO CONFESSION

Lucy Strong

## +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Ever-loving God, in this season of Lent, we must be honest with you and with ourselves about the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone. We hold fast to your steadfast mercy—a mercy so wide that it gives us the courage to humble ourselves and repent. Forgive us for seeing our own needs while closing our eyes to the needs of others. Forgive us for making choices that bring others pain. Forgive us for loving things more than people, for wanting to be right more than we want to be together. Forgive us for giving away our identity as beloved followers of Christ to those who do not love us. Receive us again, O Lord. Show us again that you are a Lord of compassion and justice, a Lord who knows us and loves us and is still making broken things new.**

*(silence for personal prayers of confession)*

## +ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, the Lord sees us and knows us. The Lord sees us and loves us. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## +CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

FOUNDATION

**Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

*(may be found as stanza 2 of Hymn #463)*

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRAMENT

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

THE QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

Alden Campbell Abels, daughter of Isoline & Nelson Abels

James Edward Anthony II, son of Hayden & John Anthony

Emma Byerly Lechleiter, daughter of Priscilla & Taylor

Lechleiter.

## +WELCOME

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.**

## + CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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**O loving God, unto thy care we give again this child of thine, baptized and blessed with faithful prayer and sealed with love's victorious sign.**

## RESPONSIVE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 139:1-6, 11-18

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

**All: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.**

One: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**All: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

One: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

**All: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

One: Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

**All: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

One: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

**All: In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

One: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

**All: I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 3:13-17

(pew Bible, NT p. 3)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon

*Being Beloved*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Emily Beaver

**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.**

## CALL TO GIVE

## OFFERTORY

Johannes Brahms

*Schaffe in mir, Gott*

Translation: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

## +DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

## +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## +CLOSING HYMN

*#435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## +CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

*Rigaudon*

André Campra

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP

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### LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon  
*Senior Pastor*

Rev. Lucy Strong  
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Mission & Engagement*

Rev. Emily Beaver  
*Associate Pastor for  
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Julia Cleaveland  
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Paige Keller  
*Elder*

Brice Williams  
*Elder*

### MUSICIANS

The Chancel Choir of Trinity Church  
Norman Mackenzie, *Organist and  
Director of Music and Arts*

### FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Mrs. Lindsey Hopkins III and family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lindsey Hopkins III and Dorothy and Lindsey Hopkins, Jr. This morning's arrangement was created by the Trinity Presbyterian Flower Guild.

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## WELCOME

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Welcome to Trinity. We are glad you are here.

### Children and Worship

Children are always welcome in worship at Trinity! There are activity bags and children's books available at each entrance for children to use during worship, and there are children's Bibles in each pew. If you would prefer to have childcare, it is available for children from birth through pre-K in the following rooms:

Infants and One-Year-Olds ..... D102

Two-Year-Olds – Pre-K (4 year olds) ..... D106

### Prayer Requests

If you are going through a difficult time, we would like to know how best to support you. To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, or if you need pastoral care after hours, reach out to any pastor at the addresses on the back of the bulletin or call 404-237-6491.

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