

What's Happening at Trinity

March 1 **PostScripts** Deadline — April Issue
 March 1 Sew 'N Sews Mondays (weekly)
 March 1 Weekday School Creative Movement
 March 1 Worship Committee
 March 2 Sew 'N Sews Tuesdays (weekly)
 March 2 Weekday School Creative Movement
 March 2 COM—Peacemaking
 March 2 COM—South Mecklenburg Cluster
 March 2 Staff Meeting (weekly)
 March 2 Al-Anon (weekly)
 March 3 Wednesday Morning Devotions (weekly)
 March 3 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (weekly)
 March 3 Wednesday Class (weekly)
 March 3 Wednesday Evenings at Trinity (weekly)
 Prayer Service, Supper, Bible Study
 March 3 Adult Choir (weekly)
 March 4 Thursday Class (weekly)
 March 4 Bridge (weekly)
 March 4 Weight Watchers (weekly)
 March 5 Co-Dependents Anonymous (weekly)
 March 6 Wedding
 March 7 Gilchrist Lecture
 March 7 WOW (weekly)
 March 7 Girl Scout Troop
 March 7 Children's Choir (weekly)
 March 7 Youth Group (weekly)
 March 8 Men's Breakfast
 March 8 Weekday School Music Classes
 March 8 Study Group I
 March 8 Weekday School Committee
 March 9 Weekday School Music Classes
 March 9 Weekday School PoppySeed Theatre
 March 9 Trinity Book Club
 March 10 Weekday School Play Spanish Classes
 March 10 Room in the Inn
 March 10 Charlotte Latin Alumnae
 March 10 Buildings and Grounds Committee
 March 10 Christian Education Committee
 March 11 Shepherd's Center
 March 11 Girl Scouts
 March 14 American Red Cross Blood Drive
 March 14 Baptism
 March 14 RAIN Team
 March 15 Weekday School My Gym Classes
 March 16 Shepherd's Center
 March 16 Weekday School My Gym Classes
 March 16 PrimeTimers
 March 16 Investment Club
 March 17 Weekday School Parent Support Team
 March 17 Room in the Inn
 March 17 American Needlepoint Guild
 March 18 Weekday School Parent Support Team
 March 18 Weekday School Chapel
 March 18 Stewardship and Finance Committee
 March 19 Weekday School Chapel
 March 20 Youth Silent Auction Preview Night
 March 20 American Assoc. of University Women

March 21 Youth BBQ and Silent Auction
 March 21 Girl Scout Troop
 March 21 Stated Session
 March 22 Mecklenburg Historical Association
 March 23 Weekday School PoppySeed Theatre
 March 24 Weekday School Play Spanish Classes
 March 24 Room in the Inn
 March 24 Embroiderers' Guild
 March 25 Girl Scouts
 March 27 Trinity Habitat Siding Crew
 March 28 Palm Sunday
 March 29 Weekday School Teacher Appreciation Week
 March 29 Weekday School Creative Movement
 March 29 Weekday School Staff Meeting
 March 30 Weekday School Creative Movement

Births

Charles Burris (Buck) Mathis Son of Jeff and Blair Mathis Grandson of Lewis and Claudia Reid	December 17
Kayla Caroline and Brady Austin Peters Twins of Rob and Adrienne Peters Grandchildren of John and Judith Parker	February 10

New Member

Sarah Carson Mullis 2308 Kenmore Avenue Charlotte, NC 28204-3328 704-608-8201	February 7
Chris Reynolds Wheeler 3603 Wheaton Place, N. Charlotte, NC 28211-3427 704-608-1881	February 7

Congratulations

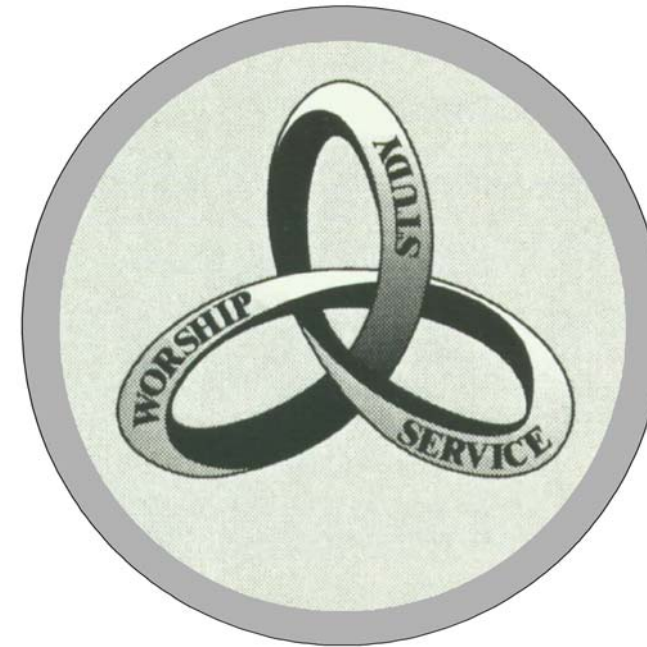
Carol Pierson Reception as candidate for ministry in the PCUSA by the Presbytery of Charlotte	February 13
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Church Triumphant

Juanita Owen Morris Evelyn Coffman Mother of Becky Coffman	September 11 January 13
Reverend Charles Edward Sharp Brother of Eutha Hobson	January 14
Sonya Martin Sister of Bruce Voorheis	January 30

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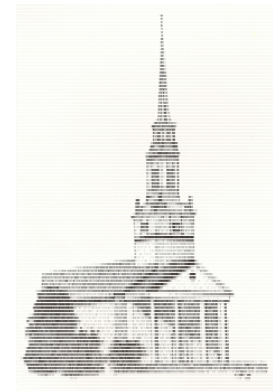
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Worship at Trinity

Sundays: 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
Wednesdays: 7:45 a.m. - Devotions



THE STAFF OF TRINITY

The Reverend Dr. Adelia Kelso, Senior Pastor
 The Reverend Baron A. Mullis, Associate Pastor
 The Reverend DC Horne, Minister of Congregational Life
 Jane Bostian Arant, Minister of Music
 The Reverend Dr. Douglas Oldenburg, Consulting Theologian
 Becky Purnell, Office Manager
 Cheryl Jernigan, Financial Secretary
 Dave Arrowsmith, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds
 Juanita Gooding, Housekeeper
 Nancy Pate, Weekday School Director
 Anne Daniels, Weekday School Administrative Assistant

TRINITY SESSION

The Reverend Dr. Adelia Kelso, Moderator
 The Reverend Baron A. Mullis, Associate Pastor
 President of the Corporation, Lynette Neel
 Julia VanHuss, Clerk

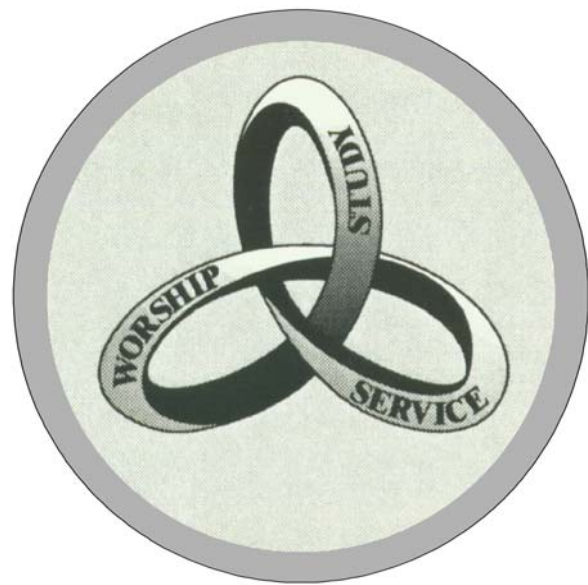
Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
Doug Bradley	Brian Field	Phil Blount
Mildred Davenport	Suzanne Hair	Doug Etheridge
Noël Humphreys	Melanie Hood	May Johnston
Katherine Lambert	Rick Hutchins	Ammie Jordan
Lynette Neel	Earl Porter	Marsha Nardone
Reta R. Phifer	Peggy Savas	Jeff O'Keefe
Susanne Reid	Matt Smith	Dick Opdyke
Ron Twitty	Gary Sugg	Cookie Parnell

SESSION ADMINISTRATIVE ROSTER FOR 2010

CLERK	Lynette Neel
COMMITTEE	CHAIR
Buildings and Grounds	Doug Bradley
Christian Education	Reta Phifer
Congregational Care	Peggy Savas
Congregational Life	Earl Porter
Events	Suzanne Hair
Membership	Doug Etheridge
Mission and Outreach	Gary Sugg
Personnel	Brian Field
Stewardship and Finance	Matt Smith
Weekday School	Melanie Hood
Worship	Ron Twitty
Youth	Katherine Lambert

Publication Deadlines
Sunday Bulletin/Church Notes: Wednesdays at Noon
Newsletter - PostScripts and Website - 1st day of each month

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.



PastScripts

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Beneath the Spire...

In the midst of the recent snow, ice and freezing rain, the story of Noah's ark has come back to me several times. Perhaps it's because Scott and I have stood looking out the window, wondering when we could go out and play. I wondered if the animals, encapsulated in the ark, might have felt the same way ... or perhaps Noah and his family did!

In his sermon "A Sprig of Hope," Frederick Buechner says this about the tale of Noah:

"It tells about the ark ... which somehow managed to ride out the storm. God knows the ark is not much --- if anybody knows it is not much, God knows --- and the old joke seems true that if it were not for the storm without, you could never stand the stench within. But the ark was enough, is enough. Because the ark is wherever human beings come together as human beings in such a way that the differences between them stop being barriers --- the way, if people meet at the wedding, say, of someone they both love, all the differences of age between them, all the real and imagined differences of color, of wealth, of education, no longer divide them but become for each a source of strength and delight, and although they may go right on looking at each other as very odd fish indeed, it becomes an oddness to gladden the heart, and there is no shyness any more, no awkwardness or fear of each other. Sometimes even in a church we can look into each other's faces and see that, beneath the differences, we are all of us outward bound on a voyage for parts unknown."

I found that helpful, especially as I think about Trinity as an ark --- a place to live and learn and hope in Jesus Christ. That's the way I feel. I hope you do too.

Love,
Dedie

and drama with PoppySeed Theatre. PoppySeed Theatre is taught by a well-known and respected early childhood professional, Karen Jones, who combines music and role-playing to help children learn self-expression while letting their imaginations run wild.

HEARTSTRINGS MUSIC: Donna Wallace has been teaching music to the Toddlers through Fours for the past four years. She sees the children once a month and meets with the classes individually. She exposes the children to instruments, rhythm and sound patterns which aid in development.

MORRISON LIBRARIANS: For the past five years librarians from the Morrison Library have been providing story time to our two year-olds through TK. They bring the stories to life with puppets and songs and allow for interaction from the children. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage a child's imagination while helping with verbal development!



As you can see, there are many opportunities beyond the classroom for the children at Trinity's Weekday School to grow and learn physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. This level of enrichment is not common in other weekday school programs and really helps Trinity provide a unique, quality experience for children. The staff and Parent Support Team of Trinity's Weekday School really help the school shine by creating such wonderful opportunities for our children!

Room in the Inn

The Room in the Inn ministry needs gently used DVDs of recent movies to show to our guests on the nights we host. If you have any comedy, drama or action movies that you have finished watching, we would love to give them a "second showing"! Just drop them off in the workroom at your convenience and we will do the rest. Thank you!

It's never too late to help! The winter months are some of the hardest for Charlotte's homeless population. Trinity has once again opened its doors, through the Room in the Inn program, to aid in providing shelter to those most vulnerable in our midst. We need your help to make this a success!! You can help in any of the following areas: overnight host, transportation volunteer, contribute to a nutritious lunch or breakfast, take linens to the laundry following an overnight stay and/or make a contribution to the financial support of the ministry.

Our remaining nights to host are:

March 10, 17 and 24

Please consider your interests and contact our site coordinators or team leaders:

Site Coordinators:

Debbie McLaney (December and February): 704-442-9633 or dhmclaney@aol.com

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Richard Williams: 704-542-6150 or rwilliams@medalistcapital.com – transportation

Betty Lynn Lambert: 704-542-0633 or bettylynn1973@bellsouth.net – overnight hosts

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Susanne Reid: 704-844-2885 or susanne.reid@providenceday.org – lunches

Nancy Williams: 704-542-6150 or nancywilliams@carolina.rr.com – breakfasts

Julia VanHuss: 704-366-2504 or julivanhuss@mac.com – breakfasts

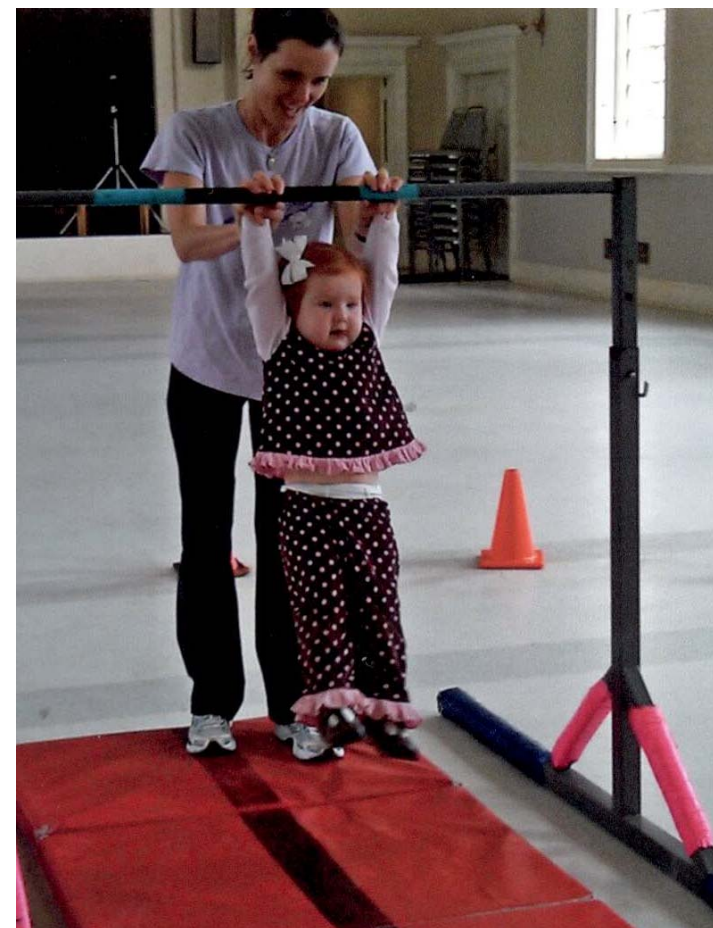
Look for the display boards in the Cloister and Narthex for additional information throughout the Room in the Inn season!



There are so many fun, seasonal activities going on at Trinity's Weekday School that we sometimes forget to mention all of the fun things that happen year-round! In addition to the quality classroom experience offered, we are very lucky to have many enrichment classes for the children to participate in throughout the school year.

MY GYM: For six years, the Toddlers and Two's classes have participated in My Gym activities in the Fellowship Hall. My Gym is a children's fitness center franchise specializing in teaching gross motor skills like rolling, climbing, and balancing. Once a month a My Gym instructor comes out to Trinity with their equipment and works with each class individually. The kids love it and it helps them get their wiggles out!

CREATIVE MOVEMENT: Much like My Gym



for the younger children, Creative Movement is taught to the three, four, and five year-olds. Claudette Miller, the mother of three former Weekday School students, uses her knowledge of kinesiology to instruct the children in controlled body movement, balance, and listening skills.

CHAPEL: A new addition to the enrichment for the Three, Four, and TK classes is Chapel. The Reverend DC Horne has very willingly made a commitment to the Weekday School to hold Chapel for these youngsters. During a typical Chapel session, DC will give the children a lesson based on a story from the Bible that exemplifies a particular Christian value and will say a prayer with the children. DC also does a special service on the Christmas Story for children in the Sanctuary during Christmas. The Weekday School feels so blessed to have such strong support from DC!



PLAY SPANISH: Offered only to the oldest children, the Fours and TK classes, Play Spanish teaches children basic words, phrases, and songs in Spanish. The Spanish instructors visit the children twice a month and spend 30 minutes with each class in their classroom.

POPPYSEED THEATRE: The TK class has the unique opportunity for enrichment through music

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Youth BBQ & Silent Auction

The Youth BBQ luncheon and Silent Auction are rapidly approaching. Mark your calendars for Sunday, **March 21** to support the 2010 Youth Mission Trip to Chicago, IL.

We are in need of items for the Silent Auction. There will be a number of returning favorites on the auction table and hopefully a number of new, creative items to consider. To whet your whistle, one new item is the Bobcats Experience courtesy of Doug Etheridge which includes 2 tickets, dinner at the front court, back court at the half and an after game tour of the arena and adult beverages.

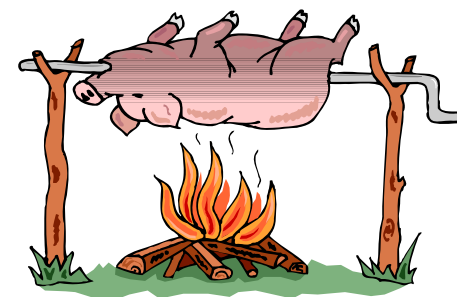
Here are some other creative ideas to get your juices flowing on what you could donate – these are “borrowed” from one of our sister congregations who host a very successful auction.

- Panthers tickets
- Vacation homes
- Host a dinner for 2, 4, more at your home
- Quail Hollow Tournament tickets (specific day passes)
- Frequent Flier Miles
- Jewelry Making Party
- Golf Outing at local club

If you'd like to donate an item, please contact Katherine Lambert at 704-517-2199 or klambert@hngirlscouts.org.

New this year – Preview Night

Join us the night before, March 20, for an evening with friends preview night. A five dollar entry fee gives you a sneak peek at all the items, an opportunity for first bids and a drink ticket. Additional wine/beer will be available for purchase. This kid-free evening is a great chance for fellowship and a terrific opportunity to bring friends to join us! **More details coming soon.**



On February 14 the following were commissioned as acolytes: Eve Forester Davis, Victor James Davis, William Douglas Etheridge, III, Virginia Gregg Horne and Eli Joseph Nutter. We are thankful for their commitment and service to Trinity.

TRINITY BOOK CLUB



Our next meeting is Tuesday, **March 9, 2010** at 7:00 p.m. at The Hotel Charlotte. We will be discussing *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. This novel is also the current selection for "All Presbytery Reads". Here is what the Presbytery of Charlotte website says, "Set in the rural South of the 1960's, THE HELP is a startling portrayal of the intertwined lives of women on opposite sides of the racial divide. Test what you read against your own experience and thinking... and consider what parallels exist today." If you are interested, here is the link for Presbytery's discussion questions <http://www.presbyofcharlotte.org/portals/722/Program%20Areas/Mission%20&%20Justice/OIC/Help-DiscussionQuestions.pdf>.

Future reading selections:

- April 13 (Hotel Charlotte)
Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout
- May 11 (Brixx at Foxcroft)
Travels with Charley in Search of America by John Steinbeck



Easter Lilies

The Flower Committee, a subcommittee of the Worship Committee, invites you to contribute a lily to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. To do so, please return the form below or one from the pew at church along with your contribution no later than **March 22**.

In memory of:

In honor of:

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Worship 101

Origins of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Customs

Historians of the ancient Middle East tell us that for centuries before the Israelites moved into the land of Canaan, herdsman there kept a tradition of slaughtering the first lamb born in the new spring flock and sprinkling its blood on their tent pegs and over the door flap of the tent. They did this in the hope of ensuring that the rest of the flock would be born healthy, and that a robust flock would survive to reproduce the following year. Householders in that region also learned how to capture wild yeast spores from the air into a batter made of freshly ground grain, water, and honey to make a leavening agent similar to the sourdough “starter” that many people keep in their kitchens today. Because the vitality and sanitation of the leavening would be compromised over time, they used the last of it several weeks before the first grain crop would be harvested in spring. And so, the household ate unleavened bread for a time, until the new crop yielded grain that could be used to catch fresh spores and ensure a fresh supply of leavening for the coming year. Over many generations, these two activities of peoples bound to the rhythms of agricultural life came to be symbolic of the mighty acts of God in the Exodus of his people from captivity in Egypt, the event recalled in the celebration of Passover.

Although the gospel accounts differ slightly in the specific calendar of what we now call Holy Week, Jesus and his disciples were in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. His arrival on the day now called Palm Sunday is recounted in words that are rich with symbolism. The people shouted *Hosanna!*, a transliteration of the Hebrew phrase meaning, “Save us, we pray.” (Psalm 118:25) This acclamation was part of the liturgy for Succoth (an autumn harvest festival), when people shouted it as they waved bundles of branches that included myrtle, willow and palm. These bundled branches were themselves called *hosannas*. *Hosanna* came to be used with any prayer expressing longing for the Messiah. Holy Week provides a climactic conclusion to Lent, as the church recalls on a daily basis the events of the final days of the life of Jesus and his crucifixion and burial. Maundy Thursday is so called because of the commandment Jesus gave his followers (from the Latin *maundatum*, meaning mandate), to love each other as he has loved them. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum* (Three Days) because of their pivotal significance in the experience of Jesus and his disciples.

The Hebrew word for Passover, *Pesach*, was translated into Greek as *Pasch*. One of the names given to Jesus is Paschal Lamb, and in some churches the Baptismal or Resurrection Candle is called the Paschal Candle. The church did not keep the Greek name for Christian Passover, but adopted the name *Easter*. The Venerable Bede (8th century) attributed the new name to a Northern European goddess of fertility, *Oester*, but some historians of the church doubt the validity of this. (Our words *estrogen* and *egg* derive from this same name.) Some believe that the German word for resurrection, *Uerstand*, is the origin of the word *Easter*. Others believe that the symbolism of the East as the direction from which the sun rises is the source of the name Easter.

Almost from the beginning Christians celebrated the resurrection on Sunday, rather than on the Jewish Sabbath. At first this Christian Passover was celebrated on the same date as the Jewish Passover. But Passover can occur on any day of the week, and many Christians wanted Pasch/Easter to be celebrated on Sunday. At the Council of Nicaea (325 C. E.) the celebration was fixed to be on the next Sunday following the Jewish Passover (therefore, on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox). In addition to the Sunday celebration of the Christ’s resurrection, the night before Easter (the *Easter Vigil*) came to be the central occasion for Baptism. The continued use of Exodus language and imagery in the liturgy of Baptism still reminds us of the close relationship of the theology of Christian Baptism to God’s saving presence with the Israelites in the Exodus, and the understanding of Baptism as a dying to old life and rising to new life intensifies its theological connection to the resurrection.

Holy Week Services at Trinity

The dramatic events of Holy Week, decisive for the lives of those who followed Jesus and for their descendents in the faith, are recounted vividly by the writers of the four Gospels. Worship during Holy Week, beginning March 28, gives us the opportunity to experience the rich ways that our actions in worship reflect the drama and meaning of those events.



PALM SUNDAY, March 28

11:00 a.m.

And those who went before and those who followed cried out, “Hosanna! Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord!”
(Mark 11:9)

Our Palm Sunday worship this year will include a procession that all are invited to join. All who are able will gather in the Narthex (and the front portico) to receive palm branches. The congregation will follow the crucifer and acolytes down the center aisle to take their places in the pews during the processional hymn, “All Glory, Laud, and Honor.”

If there is rain, those who can manage the stairs are asked to gather in the Undercroft rather than outside.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 1

7:30 p.m., Communion

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you ...
(John 13:34)



“Maundy” Thursday takes its name from the Latin *mandatum* (commandment), given by Jesus to his followers as they ate the “last supper” together. As we celebrate the Lord’s Supper we commemorate not only the new commandment, but his body and blood, given for us.



GOOD FRIDAY, April 2

12 noon

So they took Jesus ... and crucified him.
(John 19:17-18)

Our worship at noon on Good Friday will include hymns, readings, scripture and music for meditation.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 14

11:00 a.m., Communion

The Trinity Choir will be joined by instrumentalists for anthems by Bairstow and Handel.

