

# Prayer Needs

Please complete and place in the offering plate.  
March 17, 2024

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Would you like a phone contact? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # and best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

# Be About Praying One For Another

Please keep this with you to remind you to pray for  
Trinity's Missionaries.

«IndividualLabelName»  
«Address1»  
«Address2»

www.trinityepc.com

Visit our website for information about upcoming events, online giving  
and find the link to our streaming platform.

# Announcements

**Serving Today in the Nursery and Children's Church**  
Infants: Diana Groom & Natalie Monjarrez  
Toddlers: Dell Lowe & Clara Lowe  
Preschool: Kathleen Curl & Ali Autumn Lowe  
Elementary: Tommy Dyer & Patsy Allen

**Serving Next Sunday, March 24 in the Nursery and Children's Church**  
Infants: Jean Lewallen & Chris Rumensky  
Toddlers: Leigh Ann Ortega, Ashley Rogers & Matthew Jordan  
Preschool: Diane Creveling & Jennifer Myrick  
Elementary: Ross Hill & Cheri Jordan  
Tweens: Emilee Kirby & Mikayla John

**Today's Ministry Minute - Corey Fowler - Director of Children's Ministry**  
Cell - 513-277-1432 Email - coreyfowler@trinityepc.com

**No Women's Breakfast in April**  
Make plans to join us in May on Saturday, May 4. For more information, contact Amy Pennington at 843-616-2550.

**Congregational Prayer - Sunday, March 24 - 5:00pm**  
Come join us as we gather together as a congregation to pray.

**Maundy Thursday Dinner - Thursday, March 28 - 6:30pm - TKA Gym**  
Our Maundy Thursday Dinner is always a special time to gather as a church to reflect on the events leading up to Easter Sunday. Reservations are required and can be made by filling out the tear off inside the bulletin, online at [www.trinityepc.com](http://www.trinityepc.com) or by calling/emailing the church office at 843-665-8022/[tpcepc@aol.com](mailto:tpcepc@aol.com). Childcare provided for 5K and younger. Deadline to make reservations is Monday, March 25

**Presbytery - April 25, 26 & 27**  
Trinity will be hosting Presbytery on April 25, 26 & 27. Volunteers are still needed. If you are available and can help, please contact Kay Brown (843-758-7213) or Ellen Guffey (843-618-3174).

SAVE

6/10 - 6/13  
5:30 - 8:00

DATE

VBS  
2024

THE

BREAKER  
ROCK BEACH  
ROMANS 12:2



# Getting Ready For Easter!

Week 2: The Power of an Invitation

- John 1:14-51**
- What Led To John's Disciples Becoming Disciples of Jesus?
- 1. John's \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord.
  - 2. John's \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus rather than \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. John \_\_\_\_\_ sharing the truth about Jesus.
  - 4. John's \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord over the long haul.

- Take Away Truths:
- 1. Those who \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ others to follow Jesus.
  - 2. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ in your life makes your invitation to others \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. You don't have to defend Jesus against others' \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.  
Just \_\_\_\_\_ them to come and experience Jesus for themselves.
  - 4. We have to maintain a powerful \_\_\_\_\_ of what people can  
\_\_\_\_\_ if Jesus gets a hold of them.

# Announcements



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday, March 16**  
**TKA Cafeteria - 8am**

Sign up in the narthex or online at [www.trinityepc.com](http://www.trinityepc.com) or contact  
**Bryan Leach at 843-509-6042,**  
**Scott Smith at 843-319-1528 or**  
**John Benton 843-617-1075.**



Save The Date - Ladies Tea  
Saturday, May 11 - TKA Gym  
Mark your calendars now and plan to  
join us for this special event.

# Information

**Children** - A comfortable room with sound from the service is available off the Narthex for nursing mothers and mothers with crying infants. A nursery is also available in the G Building for the length of the service for children ages 0-3. If you are needed in the nursery during the worship service, you will receive a text.

**Sermons** - Our sermons are available for free online in streaming form or as a podcast. Go to our website, [www.trinityepc.com](http://www.trinityepc.com), and click on the "Media" tab on the front page. You can subscribe to our podcast from there or listen to the sermons online from your computer.

# Welcome to Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian

## Our Vision

The Vision of Trinity is to be a dynamic fellowship that loves Jesus Christ and which unites cultures and generations through the presence of the Holy Spirit and the power of the Gospel to love and transform individuals, families, and communities.

## Our Mission

The Mission of Trinity is to make disciple-makers who are committed to gathering for the teaching of the Word, prayer, worship, and fellowship, and then scattering for ministry, service, and proclaiming the Gospel from Western Florence to the ends of the earth.

# The Celebration of the People of God

March 17, 2024

10:30am

Preparation For Worship

God Is On The Move  
God Is Able

Welcome

Ministry Minute

Corey Fowler

Worship Through Prayer

Worship Through Giving

Give as you exit: A giving box is located in the narthex.  
Give online: [www.trinityepc.com/giving](http://www.trinityepc.com/giving)  
Give by mail: TEPC, 1021 S. Ebenezer Rd., Florence, SC 29501.

Worship Through Praise

Jesus At The Center  
Build My Life

Worship Through The Word

"Get Ready For Easter!"

Week 2: The Power of an Invitation

Rev. Matt Walton

Worship Through Response

Benediction



Thursday, March 28

6:30pm - TKA Gym

Childcare for 5K & under.

Reservations needed.

Deadline to sign up is Monday, March 25.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults\_\_\_\_\_

# of Children (1st -6th Gr.) \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare (5K & under). Names & ages.

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Drop in offering box in narthex.



Rev. Matt Walton, Pastor

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Florence, SC 29501

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1021 S. Ebenezer Rd., Florence, SC 29501

## Office hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Friday - 8:00am - 12:30pm

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# SPRING FLING

APRIL 13, 2024

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



**We need your  
help!**

**Set-Up/Clean-Up**

**Face Painting**

**Leading Games**

**Serving Food**

**SIGN UP TODAY  
IN THE  
NARTHEX!**



If you would like to place a lily in the sanctuary Easter Sunday, please fill out this form and place it in the offering box or bring it to the church office along with payment (checks made payable to TPC) for each lily you order.

The cost for a lily is **\$8.50**.

Your order needs to be turned in **by Monday, March 25**.

You can take your lilies home after the Easter service.

# of lilies ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by: cash check  
(circle one)

**Please print:**

Given by:

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Given in honor of:

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## Going Deeper - March 17, 2024

### Get Ready For Easter!

#### Week 2: The Power of an Invitation

##### **Monday:**

Read Colossians 1:9-12. Let's start this week by looking back at the list of names the Holy Spirit laid on your heart to begin praying for. We talked about the importance of covering them in prayer, especially that the Holy Spirit would lift the Enemy's veil off of their heart so that they can understand the Gospel. This week we have been talking about the power of an invitation to follow Jesus. Let's take another 10 minutes, like we did last week and sit quietly before the Lord. Try not to move or speak or do anything but sit still and listen. Here's what I want you to pray about/meditate on: Lord, what creative ideas would you like to give me to invite the people on my list to come to one of our Easter services? Listen to what He says, write it down, and then put that plan into motion. You never know what the Lord might be up to! That may be as simple as inviting them to coffee to catch up on life in hopes to move the discussion into spiritual things or just inviting them to attend a worship opportunity over the Easter Season. Regardless, take your list and start planning to invite those on it to encounter Jesus.

##### **Tuesday:**

Read John 1:35-51. Watch how this narrative plays out. John is a passionate follower of the Lord, although for much of that time he didn't realize that that Lord was Jesus. At Jesus' baptism, John began to point all who would listen towards Jesus, including those disciples who had been following him. A couple of those disciples decide that they will follow Jesus wherever He is going and accept His invitation of 'come and see' what He's up to. One of them, Andrew, immediately goes and gets Peter and invites him to follow Jesus too. Later, Jesus finds Philip and after a short encounter with Him Philip goes and finds Nathaniel. A beautiful picture unfolds for us: those who follow Jesus will invite others to follow Jesus. The first mark of the reality of our discipleship is our willingness to obey whatever Jesus says to do. But a close second is our willingness to invite others to follow Jesus as well. If we have no desire to invite others to follow Jesus then we are probably not following Him very closely ourselves.

##### **Wednesday:**

Read 1 John 2:3-11. Jesus' work in your life makes your invitation to others appealing. Think about the way things work in our culture right now. People latch on to ideas, products and movements by word of mouth. Influencers sell products on Instagram and Tik Tok simply by sharing their personal experience with the product. We judge the quality of a product on Amazon by how many five star reviews it gets, whether they are real or not! It's the same with Jesus. People are less motivated to know what is true as they are about what works for their lives. If they perceive something will dramatically impact their lives they'll dive in with both feet. All our marketing is geared towards this. This is why our experience with Jesus is critical. If people don't perceive we have been transformed by Jesus they won't respond to our invitation to try Jesus. Our experience drives everything! But a word of warning; if your lifestyle seems incongruent with your invitation your invitation will be ignored. Don't expect your waiter to visit your church if you treat them so poorly they don't even want to visit your table. If you've been at war with your neighbor over the branches of your apple tree crossing the property line don't expect them to take a church invite seriously. The basic assumption of the unchurched is that the people at your church are going to be just like you. Keep that in mind. Let's be frank: If you live like the Devil, why would anyone accept your invitation to come to your church?

##### **Thursday:**

Read John 1:43-51, Acts 4:29-31. Fear is a real hinderance to inviting others to follow Jesus. No doubt. And one of the frequent fears that I hear people express is that they would not know how to handle someone's objections to Christ or the Gospel if the person they invited pushed back on the invitation. I want to release you from that fear. You don't have to defend Jesus against others' objections to Him! Perhaps the Lord has given you the experience and knowledge to do that and if so, take them on! But for most of us that's not the case. I encourage you, just invite them to come and experience Jesus for themselves. Jesus is big enough to handle people's objections to His claims. Just stay focused on inviting them to take whatever the next step to following Him looks like in that person's life. Jesus will take care of the rest! Owning our faith to such a point that we can speak to some of the objections people have is important but we cannot be discouraged from inviting others to follow Jesus for fear that we don't have all the answers. Philip didn't have all the answers when he invited Nathaniel. Yet Philip had just enough experience with Jesus to know that He had all the answers that Nathaniel would ever need...so he invited Nathaniel to meet Him. And we should follow that example.

##### **Friday:**

Read John 1:37-42. We have to maintain a powerful vision of what people can become if Jesus gets a hold of them. Isn't it ironic that Andrew was the first disciple to follow Jesus yet it was Peter whom he invited that became the most influential of the disciples? If you only knew the information found in chapter one of John it would be reasonable to assume that Andrew would be the one to rise to prominence in Jesus' ministry. Yet it was Peter who became the vocal leader of the Twelve. It was Peter that was the first-hand witness to many of the things that Andrew never got to see. It was Peter who walked on water and Peter who first proclaimed that Jesus was the Son of God. Later, Peter would become one of the pillars that the early church was built upon. Never underestimate what someone can become once they start following Jesus! Keep the vision of Peter in front of you as you invite others to follow Jesus. Believe that God may very well desire to use them even more powerfully than He is using you right now! Then go and invite folks in light of that vision! Who knows what might come of it!