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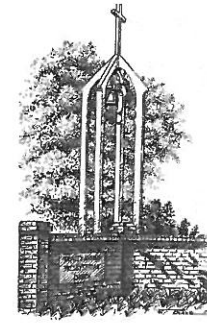
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# ON TAP

*Trusting God, Living in Christ, Loving All!*

## *Come Worship With Us!*

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### **Holy Week Services**

**Palm Sunday, March 29th:** 9:00 worship in the chapel, 11:00 worship in the sanctuary  
**Maundy Thursday, April 2nd:** 7:00pm worship in the sanctuary  
**Good Friday, April 3rd:** 12:00 noon worship in the chapel  
**Easter Sunday, April 5th:** 9:00 and 11:00 worship services in the sanctuary

### **Wednesday Nights at Church**

Wednesdays Night Lights have ended for the program year,  
but look for Ministry Team Night on the first Wednesday  
of every month for dinner and fellowship.

Newsletter items should be sent to [jburney@trinityave.org](mailto:jburney@trinityave.org). Please submit items for the May Newsletter by April 15th.

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Dear Friends,

This week I have shared with you that, after seven blessed years of ministry among and alongside you, I have sensed God's call leading me elsewhere, most imminently to retrace some of the steps of my sabbatical and deeper immerse myself in the Christian communities of Iona, in Scotland, and Church of the Saviour, in Washington, DC.

In these final weeks of my ministry here, I have been recalling words spoken to me in my first weeks. Many of you tell me you still remember the charge my dad delivered at my installation service. He told a story from my childhood, of a time he'd looked across the living room to see me lying on my stomach, stretched across the floor, chin propped up on my hands, a strangely pensive expression on my four-year-old face. "What are you thinking about?" he asked me, expecting that the answer would have something to do with the children's programming on the television in the background or the snack awaiting me in the kitchen. And, in his telling, the response that came back carried all the earnestness of a small child: "Daddy, I'm just thinking how good God's been to me."

At the time of my installation, you were a sea of unfamiliar faces—obviously kind-hearted, more than a little generous to call this brand-new seminary graduate "pastor," but largely unknown to me. Dad had me face you at that point, and, channeling the Deuteronomist speaking to the children of Israel, reminded me that I had arrived in a city I had not built, in a house full of things I did not procure, surrounded by fruit of trees I had nothing to do with planting. "All this is pure gift," he reminded me, "and you are merely an inheritor." And with hardly a nod to my newly-minted M.Div., he assured me that four-year-old theology was sufficient foundation. He told me to spend my days among you remembering, trusting in, and proclaiming the goodness of God. He told me to keep those words in my heart, to bind them on my hand and fix them on my doorposts, to talk about them coming and going, lying down and rising up.

I do not know how successfully I've lived into my father's charge these seven years, but I know that the goodness of God has been palpable for me in this place, among you whom I love. And it is especially palpable in these tender days when you have graciously received my news and generously affirmed my sense of call. My gratitude is comingled with great grief: I will miss you. Our relationship as pastor and people will now necessarily change. I will step away from the sacred spaces of worship, sacraments, weddings, funerals, and hospital visits that Katie and Graham and other faithful caregivers of this congregation will continue to reside in faithfully. But as I do, I am rejoicing in the chance to see from a different vantage point how you continue building the city, filling the house of God, and tending the trees that bear abundant fruit. So many thanks for letting me be an inheritor.

With love,  
Elizabeth

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To the congregation of TAPC:

I have had the honor to serve as a member of the Session for the last six years. My term will end in May and thus an appropriate time for me to reflect on this period at TAPC.

Seeing the much beloved Donovan and Beth Drake in services on Sunday takes us back to the start of this period as we remember their great service to this congregation. It also reminds us of the day we learned they would be accepting their new call and we would begin questioning our next steps in our journey as a church. We entered into a congregational wide mission study fueled by individual and group discernment and ably led by Bill Nickels. At the end of a hard working nine-month period, we had a very clear definition of the mission and values of this body. This mission study was the foundation the PNC used in pursuing our next Senior Pastor as well as the framework the congregation used to continue to allocate our many gifts and resources.

Following the search efforts and the call of a new Senior Pastor that Katie so thoughtfully and graciously accepted, we saw the continuation of our mission. We started to focus more attention on an outward view to the community while maintaining our strong belief in worship and caring for one another. We have seen Ministry Teams evolve, enjoyed the fruits of new members, and connected with many new people and organizations in our adjoining community.

So is this a more significant period in our journey than other periods? That is up to each of our interpretations. However, there is one thing that spans this period that makes it a very important time in our history. The service of Elizabeth Michael has played a key leadership role in all the efforts, the transitions, the growth, and the love shared by this congregation. That smile we always see, and I mean always see, is not just a facial expression. It is an open window into a heart that loves God, TAPC, and all people. It is a heart that provides fuel for a mind that is extraordinarily gifted in transforming that love into gifts for others through word and programs.

Over the next few weeks you will see many expressions of gratitude and celebration for our leader and friend. You will be exposed to much more eloquent descriptions of Elizabeth's gifts and contributions than I can provide. You also will grieve this very personal transition. One of our best gifts to Elizabeth will be to focus on how we can help her with this difficult transition. We can pay her gifts forward to the Iona Community and The Church of the Savior by supporting her transition and we can also continue her energy, passion and love for the Durham community and those in need.

Thanks to Elizabeth, and thanks to all of you for a wonderful period time for a congregation that truly trusts God, lives in Christ, and loves all.

Grace and peace,

Jim Petrea

*"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she smiles at the future"* Proverbs 31:25 NASB

CALENDAR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Dates	Communion	Counters	Acolytes	Ushers/Greeters
April 5	9 am: Chris & Cathy Perry	Jim Vanderweide-lead Gail VanderWeide Michael Garrett	TBA	April 9am Services: Tom & Nancy Carstens  May 9am Services: Clare & Sally Adkin  11am Services: Tom Berry Mary Martin Susan Ross & Tom Hadzor Jo & Danny Deckard
April 12	9am: Chris & Carol Leach 11am: Caroline Armacost Julie Burtram Mary Gunderson Leslie Lobaugh	Len Stockburger--lead Bobby Stockburger Phil Hutchings	TBA	
April 19	9am: Suzy Ward & Carol Rose	R. Blankenship—lead Chuck Lloyd Noell Tillett	TBA	
April 26	9am: Edith & Marshall Boon	Todd Barbour-lead Suzanne Freeman Randy Ray	TBA	

**Hey, are you headed off to school soon?** Did you know that you may qualify for some support from the TAPC Endowment? Yes, there are endowment funds that can be used as supplement to the cost of your education. To request support, the recipient should write a letter of request by the end of April directly to Joanne Anderson (Chair of the Endowment Committee) providing justification for the support. She can also provide you more details on what should be included in the request. If granted funds, the funds are appropriated directly to your institution. For more information regarding the endowment, contact Joanne at [jjust123me@aol.com](mailto:jjust123me@aol.com).

ANNUAL TAPC GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual TAPC golf tournament will be held on April 25th at Umstead Pines at Willowhaven. The cost will be \$95.00. This will include a round of golf, cart, practice balls and lunch at 12:00. \$40.00 of your money will go to help Habitat for Humanity and Housing for New Hope. Tee times will begin at 1:00pm. Entry blanks are on the ministry table in the Carr narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Beavers at 919-210-5889 or [jbeavers@nc.rr.com](mailto:jbeavers@nc.rr.com).

**Ministry Team Night: Wednesday, April 1st, 2015**

6pm Dinner (RSVP to church office), 7pm Meetings

*All are invited to visit or attend meetings to learn more about the church's work and witness. Because not team meets every month, please check with the team leader or church office to confirm the meeting.*

**Building and Grounds:** Maintains and ensures good stewardship of TAPC's facilities (Chair: Art Ferguson)

**Care Team:** Provide emotional, spiritual, and logistical support during seasons of illness or hardship for members. (Chair: Jean Findlay)

**Children's Ministries:** Supports the faith formation of children and those who surround them. (Chair: Julie Burtram)

**Christian Formation:** Nurtures discipleship, spiritual growth, and small groups ministries (Chair: Caroline Armacost)

**Community:** Educates around issues facing people in poverty, serves as a catalyst for building relationships across lines of division, and focuses on neighborhood engagement. (Chair: Mary Gunderson)

**Diaconate:** Elected by the congregation, provides for member care and fellowship. (Moderator: Howard Wood)

**Endowment:** Develops, administrates, and allocates the church endowment (Chair: Joanne Anderson)

**Finance:** Stewards TAPC's financial resources, prepares and oversees budget (Chair: Phil Hutchings)

**Generosity:** Broadens awareness of congregational initiatives, and strives to cultivate a church-wide culture of generosity, supporting members in identifying and using their gifts for God's service. (Chair: Mary Martin)

**Leadership Support:** Supports and resources Ministry Teams, assists with church governance. (Chair: Jim Kinney)

**Nominating:** Elected by the congregation, shepherds the annual discernment process for electing church officers. (Chair: Julie Fann)

**Outreach:** Provides avenues for local, denominational, and global mission engagement and develops relationships with community agencies and nonprofits. Oversees benevolence funding. (Chair: Susan Ross)

**Personnel:** Cares for staff, oversees personnel policies, and establishes salaries and benefits. (Chair: Mike Foley)

**Presbyterian Women:** Offers fellowship, study, and support for women. (Moderator: Sally Adkin)

**Session:** Elected by the congregation, provides spiritual leadership, discerns goals and priorities, and oversees work of congregation. (Moderator: Katie Crowe)

**Worship:** Supports TAPC's worshipping life, including sacraments and music ministries. (Chair: Bob Clarke)

**Youth Initiatives:** Evaluates and strengthens the foundation of our ministry to youth. (Chair: Sloan Nuernberger)

**Youth and Children's Ministries**

**Summer Youth Opportunities**

**Vacation Church School**

(at Camp New Hope)  
(for 2014-15 6th-12th graders as counselors)  
June 15-19

**Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference**

(for 2014-15 6th-8th graders)  
June 23-26

**Montreat Summer Youth Conference**

(for 2014-15 8th-12th graders)  
July 19-25

Registration forms are available for all of the above opportunities and should be submitted as soon as possible. If interested, please contact Tommy immediately at tgrimm@trinityave.org to secure a spot. We want everyone interested to be able to participate.

*Sam, Becky, and Abbie Nichols hosted our youth group last month. Please thank them for blessing our youth with their hospitality and friendship. (And consider asking them for tips on hosting a future youth event!)*



**Community Bible School**

June 28- July 1 at TAPC

We will be celebrating our second marking of Community Bible School this year on the evenings of June 28th-July 1st. Our theme will be the Lord's Prayer, which we will immerse ourselves in through teaching, activities, music, art, and fellowship over dinner.

Community Bible School is an intergenerational experience open to all. It is designed not only for children but for all those who are children at heart, to break bread and spend time together as a church family.

Registration information is forthcoming, but please mark your calendars to attend this beloved event. (If you have questions or would like to assist in planning/organizing this event, please contact Julie Burtram at Julie\_burtram@yahoo.com.)



**MUSIC AT TRINITY**

Trinity Choir

&

Trinity Chamber Orchestra

Present Choruses from

**THE CREATION**

by

**Franz Josef Haydn**

Laurie Siegel, soprano; Megan Gray, alto

David Wiehle, tenor; Lewis Moore, bass

Harry Jansen, Director of Music

Easter Sunday, April 5th

During the 11:am service

**MUSIC DURING HOLY WEEK**

**Maundy Thursday, April 2nd—7:00pm** service in the sanctuary  
Music by Wm Byrd, Anton Bruckner and George Frideric Handel.  
Vocal Ensemble with Megan Gray, soloist.

**Easter Sunday, April 5th**  
Music participation by the Chapel Singers, Haley Rollins, soloist,  
Monroe Wolf, violin; Debbie Pitman, cello; at the **9am service**  
in the sanctuary.



**Easter Egg Hunt!** Right after our 11am Easter service on April 5th, children are invited to celebrate with an Easter Egg hunt. Infants and parents will hunt in the church's enclosed garden.; K-2nd, the playground.; 3rd-5th grade, the bell tower courtyard. Youth wearing bunny ears will be present to help. Hop to this joyful occasion! (In case of rain, egg hunt will be held upstairs at church.)

Has the Spring weather enticed your inner gardener to emerge? If so, perhaps you could be inspired to use funds from the Joyner Memorial Garden Endowment Fund to help maintain or add some color to the Kelly Joyner Memorial. Al and Lisa Joyner established this fund to honor the memory of their beloved son, one of TAPC's outstanding young men. The memorial bench just outside the Carr Narthex entrance provides a tranquil spot for reflection. Sow seeds of faith along with zucchini or tomatoes. Speaking of gardening, there are funds available for adding vegetation to the cloister gardens. Last year's harvest in the children's garden was quite bountiful! If you've been pondering produce from a community garden, dig in! We're open to ideas from edible landscaping to burning bushes. Please contact Joanne Anderson (jjust123me@aol.com) to share your ideas or request funds. As always, contributions to these funds are welcomed!

**PRIMETIMERS** March meeting was a great experience of fellowship, food and art. After a meal at Panera Bread, the group met up with our host and fellow TAPC'er Ellen Stone at the North Carolina Museum of Art. Ellen is the Director of Development for the museum and provided a great kickoff to our tour. The exhibit that we focused on was a special four-day fundraising event entitled "Art in Bloom". It featured 45 floral designers who were asked to provide their floral interpretation of selected paintings and sculptures that reside in the museum. Although a few of the designs resembled our normal idea of floral arrangements, most were quite imaginative and some abstract in how they portrayed the different pieces of art. It was great timing that we were able to coordinate our monthly meeting with this spectacular and beneficial event. The museum will present another one of these on April 7-10 in 2016.

Please join us on April 16th at 11:00 when we welcome Amelia Seiler, Author of *The Smallest Things*. It isn't mandatory, but please read the book that can be purchased through several e-readers and at bookstores.

