

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY**  
**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017**

CLOSING HYMN

*The First Noel* (vs. 1, 4, 5)

#245

BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able*

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After worship THIS SUNDAY, please stay for an extra 30 minutes and help us UN Decorate the sanctuary as we put away all the Christmas decorations. Denise Moody will lead the charge!

TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday, January 11 at 5:30pm

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

ALL Wednesday night activities will resume on January 11, including Children's Ministry, Mommy & Me, Choir, nursery and our inclusive series.

NEW THIS JANUARY: Trinity will offer a 4 week series of Wednesday night programs to act on our newly adopted identity statement for the church which includes: *Because we embrace our ever changing community, we are open and respectful of what makes you who you are, and glad you are part of our church family.*

On January 11, the Crossroads Center from The University of Alabama (UA) along with Lane McLelland will do an introductory Practicing Inclusive Engagement (P.I.E.) workshop. Then, on January 18 and 25 there will be a 2-part series of information sessions led by Kirk Walter and Lizzie Smith Emerson from UA's Safe Zone Office, specifically focusing on the identities and experiences of the LGBTQA+ community. On February 1, UA's Crossroads will return to lead a skill-building session designed to help us continue to foster an inclusive and welcoming environment at Trinity. Please join us!

LOOKING FOR A SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP?

Join our new discussion class who is studying the book Search the Scriptures which alternates between Acts, which is about the establishment of the Church, and Exodus, which is the foundation narrative for Judaism. Check out the schedule-

January 8 - Acts 8:5-25 (Study 13) Philip Preaches in Samaria  
January 15 - Acts 8:26-40 (Study 14) Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch  
January 22 - Exodus 6:10-7:25 (Study 4) Moses Visits Pharaoh  
January 29 - Acts 9:1-19a (Study 15) Conversion of Saul  
February 5 - Acts 9:19b-31 (Study 16) Saul Teaches in Damascus and Jerusalem  
February 12 - Exodus 8 (Study 5) Frogs, Gnats, and Flies  
February 19 - Acts 9:32-42 (Study 17) Philip Heals Aeneas and Raises Dorcas  
February 26 - Exodus 9 (Study 6) Dead Livestock, Festering Boils, and Hail  
March 5 - Acts 9:43-10:33 (Study 18) The Mission of Peter to the Gentiles  
March 12 or 19 - Acts 10:34-48 (Study 19) The Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit  
March 26 - Exodus 10 and 11 (Study 7) Locusts, Darkness, and Death for Egypt's Firstborn  
April 2 - Exodus 12:1-36 (Study 8) Passover, Part 1  
April 9 - Exodus 12:37-13:22 (Study 9) Passover, Part 2  
April 16 - no class, Easter Sunday

The class meets upstairs near the sanctuary in "The Upper Room." For more information contact Lara at [lara@townsley.com](mailto:lara@townsley.com)

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today is Epiphany- the day we celebrate manifestation of Jesus to to kings and gentiles. We recall the story of the Magi and the star of Bethlehem

We remember the Magi who looked up and followed the star of Christ

We pray for those wandering in the darkness.

We remember the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh given to the Child

We pray that we too would be generous with our gifts and eager to serve.

We remember the power of King Herod to affect the lives of those around him.

We pray for governing authorities at all levels- local, state and national

We remember the baby Jesus, the very embodiment of hope, light and grace.

We pray that Christ will draw us ever closer by the light of faith,  
that we might reflect Christ's hope and light.

\* OPENING HYMN

*We Three Kings*

#254

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO PRAYER

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

#216

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not

into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom

the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*All children are welcome for the Children's moment! Parents, please accompany kids 3 and under.*

*Children ages 4-2nd grade are invited to go to Children's Church. They are also welcome to stay in the sanctuary if they wish*

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY (to the tune of The First Noel)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*Praise God, all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,*

*Born is the King of Israel.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"And Herod Trembled"

Rev. Penny Ford

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

## WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Our congregation includes people of all backgrounds and perspectives. We gather together with a common love for God and all God's people. We're glad you are with us this morning!

Our pastor is Reverend Penny Ford, who can be reached through the church office Monday through Thursday (759-4206) or at [revpennyford@gmail.com](mailto:revpennyford@gmail.com). You can also join us on FACEBOOK at "Trinity UMC Tuscaloosa, AL."

**NURSERY:** Our children's ministry is growing! Each Sunday morning during Sunday School and Worship we have two nurseries available for children ages 0-3. It is staffed by 3-4 caring, qualified adults. Parents are given a pager in case of emergency. Child care is also available for Wednesday evening activities and for other church events by reservation, at no charge to the parents. A nurturing, safe, friendly environment helps children experience God's love from an early age.

**REST ROOMS:** Men's and women's rest rooms are on the lower level at the bases of the steps on either side of the narthex. There is also a family rest room on the main level in the area behind the choir loft.

**HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY:** There is an elevator in the education wing that accesses all levels of the church—the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, and all the Sunday School rooms. Handicapped parking spaces are in the rear of the church.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE:** We have hearing assistance aids available located in the brown box on the table in the narthex. Or you can just ask and usher!

### Trinity UMC This Week Schedule

#### *SUNDAY*

- \* 8:45 am - Chapel Communion
- \* 9:00 am - Coffee Time -Sunset/Funset Room
- \* 9:30 am - Sunday School for all ages!
- \* 10:00 am - Choir with Dr. Kevin Chance - [k.t.chance@gmail.com](mailto:k.t.chance@gmail.com)
- \* 10:30 am - Worship in the Sanctuary

#### *MONDAY*

6:30 - 8:30 pm - Turning Point/ Domestic Violence Survivors Contact Wanda Lockett - 205-758-0808

#### *TUESDAY*

11:30 am - United Methodist Women - Explorers (meets the first Tuesday only of each month)- Sunset/Funset Room

6:30 pm - Women's Group of Alcoholics Anonymous - Room 212

#### *WEDNESDAY*

- \* 5:30 - 7:00 pm - Children's Activities (pizza will be provided for the kids)
- \* 5:30 - 7:00 pm - Mommy & Me - Contact Carey Grimsley- 205-454-8448
- \* 5:30 - 6:30 pm Choir with Dr. Kevin Chance - [k.t.chance@gmail.com](mailto:k.t.chance@gmail.com)
- \* 5:30 - 7:00 pm Workshop on Practicing Inclusive Engagement (P.I.E) with Lane McLelland & UA Crossowrds
- 8:15 pm - ELEVATE College Bible Study - Meets in Quirkey's

\* Nursery Available

### THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift! I can not tell you how much I appreciate each of one of you. I am thankful to be among such kind and loving people and proud to serve as your pastor. Thank you for your kindness towards me and Jamieson this season and all year around. May your new year be filled with love, grace and peace.

Love, Penny