

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016

COMING UP....
FINANCE MEETING
Monday, November 28
At 5:30pm

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melanie O'Rear

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Rusty & Donna Ward

The Advent Wreath is a circle which symbolizes God's never-ending love. The candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. Each week will light an additional candle in anticipation of the birth of Christ, when we will light the Christ candle in the center.

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of HOPE.

Hope is our assurance that God will finish what God has started.

Hope is our confidence that God is faithful and will always be with us.

The kingdom of God is drawing near.

Jesus Christ is coming!

May we open our hearts with hope, expecting Christ to be born anew in our lives and this world.

* OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

#196

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO PRAYER

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

#229

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Please See Insert for our Advent Doxology

SCRIPTURE READING

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

SERMON

"The Long View"

Rev. Penny Ford

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (COMMUNION)

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Everyone is welcome at the table! This includes children, adults, and people of any (or no) denomination. May we know the grace and love of Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup. After receiving communion you are invited to come forward and get a chrism on to hang on the tree.

CLOSING HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

#230

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

** Please stand as you are able.*

POINETTIAS

Please see the bulletin insert to order Christmas Poinsettias in memory or honor of a loved one. Tomorrow is the last day turn in your Poinsettia orders. They will be placed in the sanctuary on December 4. Please be sure to indicate whether it is in memory or honor when filling out the order form and include your check with the order.

TRINITY SPONSORS TUSCALOOSA ONE PLACE KIDS

All the kids being sponsored through Trinity UMC Christmas tree have been taken! We are excited that our church will be able to help so many children this Christmas. However, there are still people with needs. If you would like to assist in this Christmas project, you are invited to bring new blankets and/or boxes of diapers (any size). These items will be given to other families who have need this Christmas.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY- REHEARSAL BEGIN!

It's time for the kids to begin rehearsals for our Children's Nativity for December 11! This is always a highlight for the Christmas season. The older children will sing and do a short skit/play, and our infants/toddlers will be animals around the altar. We would love for your child to participate!

If you have an infant, please contact Kelly Johns kellyrjohns@gmail.com for more information. We have a few extra costumes for infants/toddlers (and any type of animal is fine!)

If you have a child aged 4 and up, here is the rehearsal schedule. The kids will be divided into two rehearsal groups: children ages 4-6 and children 7 and up in another.

Schedule:

WEDNESDAY Nov. 30: age 4-6 from 6-6:30; 7 & up from 6:30-7

SUNDAY Dec. 4: age 4-6 from 9:30-10; 7 & up from 10-10:30 (extra rehearsal before dress rehearsal)

WEDNESDAY Dec. 7: age 4-6 from 6-6:30; 7 & up from 6:30-7 (dress rehearsal)

OFFERING

Congregational Giving for 11/13/16: \$ 3,283.58

YTD Giving Received as of 11/13/16: \$163,077.65

YTD Giving Budgeted as of 11/13/16: \$179,718.36

Congregational Giving for 11/20/16: \$ 2,069.00

YTD Giving Received as of 11/20/16: \$165,146.65

YTD Giving Budgeted as of 11/20/16: \$183,625.28

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

Rev. Penny will be on vacation December 1-7.

If you have any pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Kay Mutert at 205-292-2688

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. 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
- * 10:30 am - Worship in the Sanctuary
- 3-5:00 pm - Cub Scout Pack 6 - Contact Dean Townsley - dean@townsley.com

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 p.m. - Children's Activities
- * 5:30 pm - Mommy & Me - Sunset/Funset Room - Contact Carey Grimsley-205-454-8448
- * 6:00 pm - Choir with Dr. Kevin Chance - k.t.chance@gmail.com
- 8:15 pm - ELEVATE College Bible Study - Meets in Quirkeys

* Nursery Available