

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Penny Ford

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

Jeff & Linda Patterson

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The past two weeks we lit the candles of HOPE and PEACE. Today we add the candle of JOY.

As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship -

We bring the burdens of the week.

We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

We bring out voices, our offerings, and our questions.

We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

We come in joy, loved as we are, invited to dive deeper into the mystery of faith.

Let us worship God together, trusting in God's goodness and grace.

Let us worship God with joy!

* OPENING HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

#220

* GREETING ONEANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO PRAYER

The Friendly Beasts

#227

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 NATIVITY: *A play about the birth of Christ*

NATIVITY CAST (ages 4-11):

Breana Cook- Angel

Shaun Cook- King

Gracie Elliott- Angel

Jamieson Ford- King

Vivian Jarrell- Shepherd

Katelyn Johns- Shepherd

Colin Reeves- King

Maddie Reeves- Mary

George Rodgers- Star

Aidan Townsley- King Herod

Nathaniel Townsley- Joseph

Auggie Watkins- Shepherd

Narrator: Laura Hopson

WELCOMING THE ANIMALS AROUND THE MANAGER (You're welcome to take pictures)

ANIMALS AT THE MANAGER (ages 0-3):

Jacob Elliott- Lion

Max Finney- Donkey

Charlotte Grimsley- Bird

Ava Lynne Harrison- Owl

Maximus Harrison- Monkey

India Jarrell- Cow

Eli Johns- Wolf

Katie Lee Page- Monkey

Levi Tidwell- Donkey

Jay Verhine- Skunk

CONGREGATIONAL SONG WITH THE CHILDREN

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven a far, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

CHILDRENS CHURCH

All the children are invited to a Happy Birthday Jesus Party during Children's Church.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Please See Insert for our Advent Doxology

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-14

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

SERMON

Rev. Penny Ford

CLOSING HYMN

There's a Song in the Air

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

** Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERING

Congregational Giving for 11/27/16: \$ 2,155.75
YTD Giving Received as of 11/27/16: \$167,302.40
YTD Giving Budgeted as of 11/27/16: \$187,532.20

Congregational Giving for 12/04/16: \$ 6,949.75
YTD Giving Received as of 12/04/16: \$174,252.15
YTD Giving Budgeted as of 12/04/16: \$191,439.12

FUN TIME!

Tuesday, December 12

At 11:30am

Bring a covered dish to share!

FINANCE MEETING

Tuesday, December 20

At 5:30pm

SPR MEETING

Tuesday, December 13

At 5:45pm

HOLIDAY CHURCH HOURS

During the holiday season the church office will be closed
Wednesday, December 21 - Monday, December 26.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas Party on December 14 at 5:30pm. There will be a snack supper and a visit from Santa. For all ages!
Anyone is welcome to bring a snack food, desert, or drink!

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

11:30 am - December 12 FUN TIME! - Bonne Morris - Bring a cover dish!

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

WEDNESDAY

- *5:30pm- Christmas Party
- * Nursery Available