

WELCOME TO TRINITY! We're glad you are with us this morning!

WHERE ARE THE 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 (back of the Sanctuary). There is also a family rest room on the main level in the area behind the choir loft (front of the Sanctuary).

IS THE CHURCH ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES?

The elevator in the education wing accesses all levels of the church - the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, and all the Sunday School rooms. Accessible parking spaces are in the alley behind the church, nearest to the elevators.

Wheelchair-accessible seating is available in the front and scattered throughout the sanctuary.

Listening devices are available to anyone with a hearing impairment. Devices are in the narthex or you may ask any usher to find one for you.

WHERE IS THE NURSERY?

Each Sunday morning during Sunday School and Worship, children from newborn to age 4 find a nurturing, safe, friendly environment in our nursery. It is located near the elevator on the education level. Exit the front of the sanctuary on the left side and go down the stairs. After the children's moment, we offer children's church for kids K - 2nd grade. You are welcome to have your children participate, or keep them with you in worship!

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT TRINITY UMC?

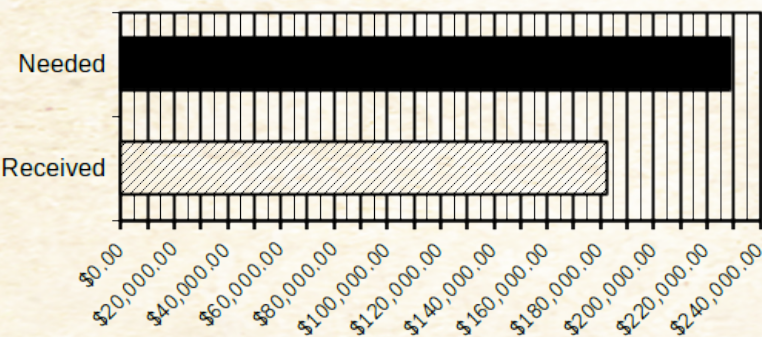
In the pews you will find a brochure with information about groups and ministries, along with contact information. You will also find a guest card. If you will fill out the guest card and put it in the offering plate, we will be in touch soon!

Trinity appreciates your support.

Thank you for keeping up to date with your pledged giving.

Congregational Giving

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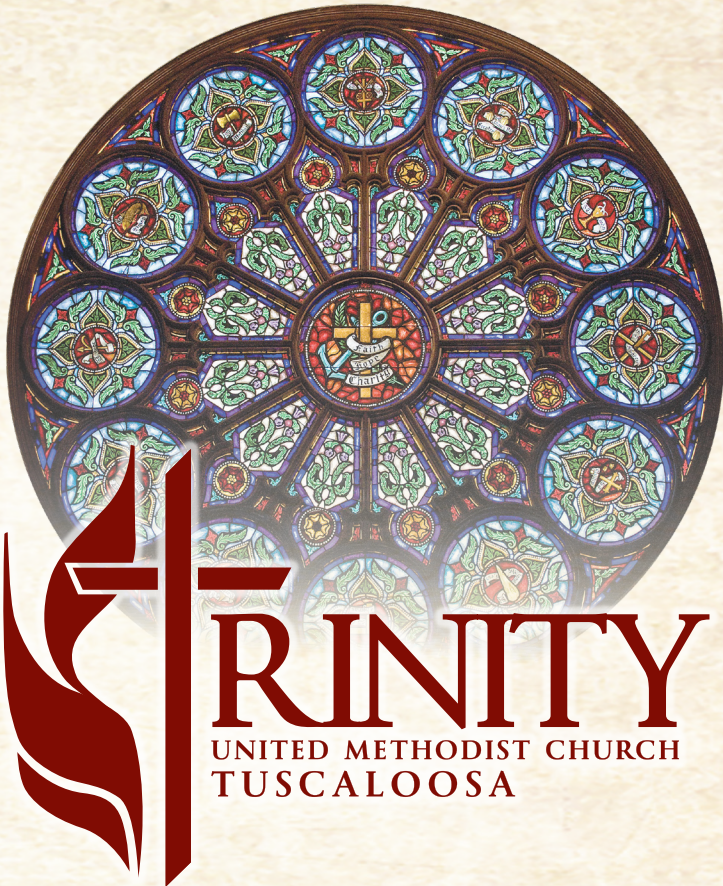


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Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 3:00 pm



Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019

Trinity United Methodist Church
is a congregation united by the love of Christ.

*Because we are rooted in and guided by the grace of God,
we share the love of Christ in our community and in our world.*

*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.*

*Because we cherish our multigenerational congregation,
we are caring and nurturing of all ages.*

*Because we value traditional worship,
we feel familiar and welcoming.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 15, 2019 - Worship Service 10:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Debbie Lane

In the pew you will find a Welcome Guest card. If you are a guest, please fill one out and place it in the offering plate so we can get to know you!

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Reader: Debbie Lane; Candlelighters: Henry and Martha Atkinson

The Advent Wreath has four candles symbolizing the four Sundays before Christmas. Each Sunday we light another candle in anticipation of Jesus, who is the light of the world.

The first candle of Advent is the candle of PEACE.

May the peace of Christ come into our troubled world.

The second candle of Advent is the candle of HOPE.

We place our hope in Christ Jesus, who give us courage to face the future.

The third candle of Advent is the candle of JOY.

We look for the deep joy of the season, trusting that Jesus will be born anew.

Thanks be to God who surprises us with hope, peace and joy.

* OPENING HYMN *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* #224

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER #895

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.

A CHILDREN'S NATIVITY: *A Celebration of the Birth of Jesus*

Christmas Songs

Children

Away in a Manger (Handbells)

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Hush! There's a Baby

Gathering of the Animals

Any children who are guests are invited to be part of the Nativity. Meet our Children's Director at the side door to get a costume and join the other children at the manger. All youth helpers may exit now, too.

* HYMN *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* #251

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

An Angel Announces the Birth of Christ

Children's Nativity

(See bulletin insert for list of participants)

* HYMN *Silent Night* #239

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,
Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY Tune: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-in-One.
Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart,
As we glory in your Presence, giving from a grateful heart.

*SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE The Apostles' Creed #881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the
life everlasting. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35:1-10

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Highway of Hope* Rev. Penny Ford

* CLOSING HYMN *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #230

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

Special thanks to all youth shepherds, nursery staff, friends, guests, volunteers
and other animals who have joined us in this celebration of Christ's birth today!

TODAY

TUMC Christmas Party, 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

The whole congregation is invited to a snack supper with a special visit from a
friend from the North Pole! You don't need to bring anything but your camera!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

We will take a break from our Wednesday night activities and resume
January 15. Sunday School and Worship continue as usual.

NEXT WEEK

The Christmas Calm, December 22, 10:30 am

Come catch your breath as we sing, pray and worship together.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Tuesday, December 24, at 5 pm.

MISSIONS

Sharing the Love of Christ: New Socks for the New Year

Trinity will be joining with the YMCA to help provide new socks for homeless
individuals in our community. Please bring pairs of new socks in adult and
children's sizes, and place them on the Sock Tree in the Narthex between
December 1-31. There will also be a box under the tree for
packages of socks.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Trinity thanks the following donors for
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