

**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!

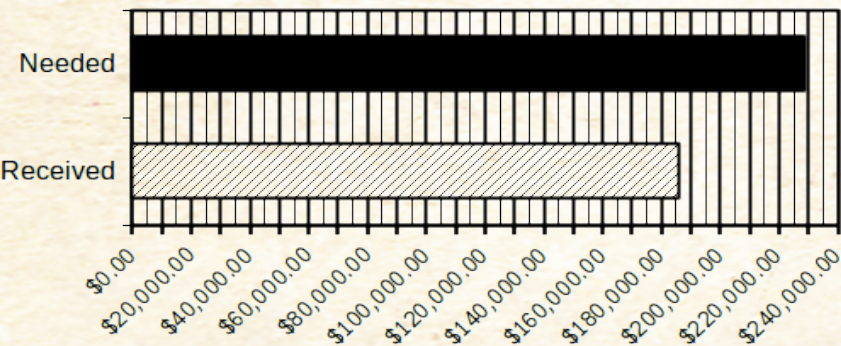
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*Thank you for keeping up to date with your pledged giving.*

**Congregational Giving**

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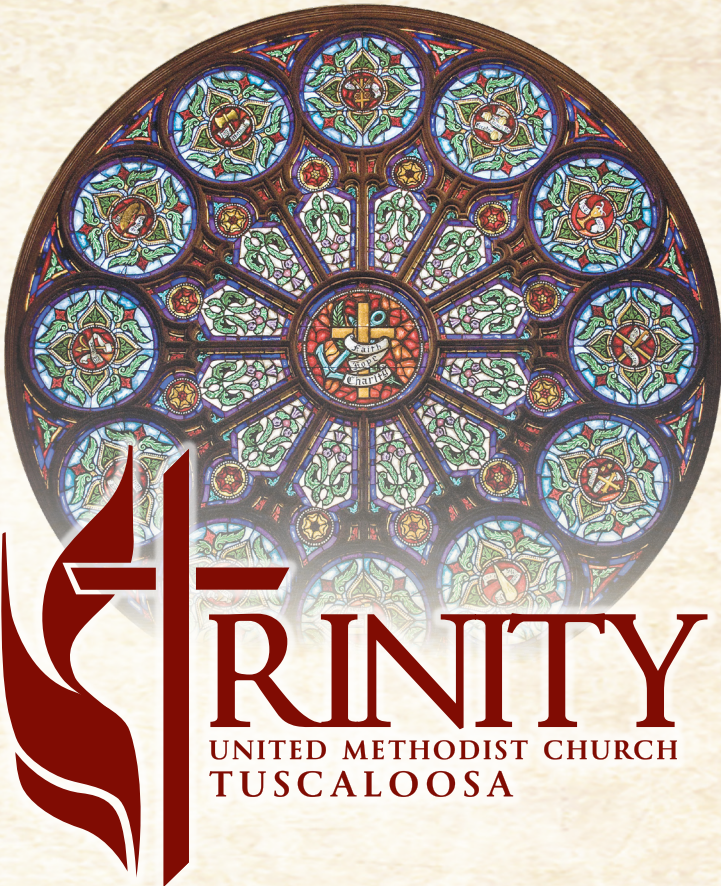


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Monday - Thursday  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm



***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

***December 22, 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.*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
December 22, 2019 - Worship Service 10:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marc Roberts

*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 CANDLE

*Reader: Marc Roberts; Candlelighters: Ric and Tricia Turner*

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

How quickly this time has come upon us!  
Christmas is just around the corner.

**We are breathless. Still so much to be done.**

Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection -  
For the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

**We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,  
And set aside time to offer quiet thanks.**

Let us worship with hope, peace, joy and love.

\* OPENING HYMN *O Come All Ye Faithful*

#234

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
CHRISTMAS MUSIC

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

#237

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!  
Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.  
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!  
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

*Away in a Manger*

#217

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

*What Child Is This*

#219

What child is this who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

*The First Noel*

#245

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

#240

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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 MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN (OF ALL AGES)

*All children are welcome for the Children's Moment! Parents, please accompany kids 3 and under to the nursery. Children ages 4 - 2nd grade are invited to go to Children's Church or stay in the sanctuary as you wish.*

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

James 5:7-20  
Matthew 1:18-25

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

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Love Returns*

Rev. Penny Ford

\* CLOSING HYMN *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

#218

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**, Tuesday, December 24, at 5 pm.  
Join us for a casual candlelight service with Holy Communion. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

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

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. Each pair of socks that you are hanging on the Sock Tree in the Narthex will remind someone in our community that we care about and for them for months to come.

MISSIONS UPDATE

The Missions Committee would like to thank each of you for your incredible generosity during this Christmas season. Because of your gifts, we were able to fill 20 bags and stockings that DHR will distribute to senior citizens in our community. A special shout-out to our wonderful youth who helped fill the bags and stockings. You also helped make the season brighter and happier for several hundred families and children served by Tuscaloosa One Place, by filling our Library with toys, clothing, wrapping paper and bows, and stocking stuffers.

What a gift it is to be able to share our blessings and the love of Christ with the people around us! What a joy it is to celebrate the season with you and our Trinity family!

FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Thanks to all who made the recent children's nativity program so very special and shining! Huge applause to our children, participating guests, music director Ashley Lewis, pianist Dr. Kevin Chance, Ross, Rev. Penny, nursery staff, parents, youth, staff, interns, incredible volunteers and our church family.

-- Lisa Dolensky

