

**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 to 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 guest cards. If you will fill out a guest card and put it in the offering plate, we will be in touch soon.

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**Trinity appreciates your support.**

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

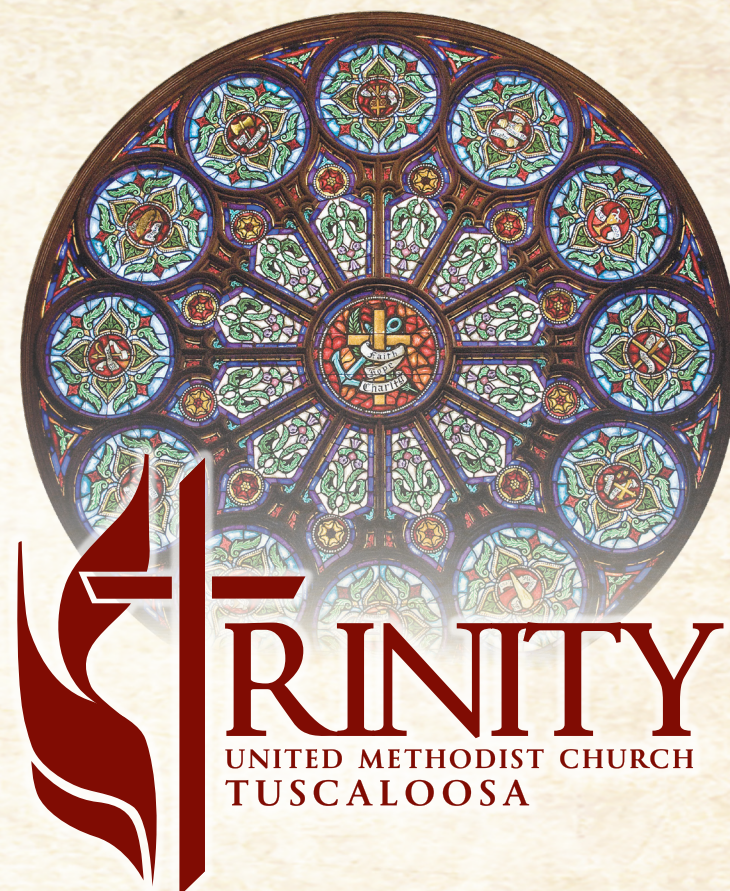
Thanks to generous giving, Trinity was able to cover its expenses and ended 2019 in the black! The Finance Committee is also happy to announce that the budget is balanced for 2020! We greatly appreciate your attentiveness to the church's needs and are confident that if the congregation is similarly generous in 2020, we will be able to cover planned expenses and maybe even expand the scope of church programs and missions outreach and tackle additional maintenance projects.

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



***First Sunday in Lent  
March 1, 2020***

***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.*



# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 1, 2020

Worship Service 10:30 am

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelly Johns

*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!*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, out of your busy lives to a quiet time and place.

**Our souls thirst for some peace and quiet.**

Come, feast at the table of the Lord who will restore your souls.

**We need strength for the journey.**

Come and find the quiet center. Come, be at peace.

**Praise God who offers us grace and strength.**

## \* OPENING HYMN

*O Worship the King*

#73

## \* GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## DRAWING CLOSE TO GOD

Kelly Johns

## CALL TO PRAYER *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #298 (vs. 1)

## 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.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*All children are welcome for the Children's Moment. Parents, please accompany those age 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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \* 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

Matthew 17:14-21

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

**Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*Finding Focus*

Rev. Penny Ford

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (COMMUNION)

#9

*Everyone is welcome at the table! This includes children, youth, adults and people of any denomination or no denomination. May we know the grace and love of Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup.*

## \* CLOSING HYMN *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see  
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,  
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain;  
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,  
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

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## TODAY

**Elevate:** The college group will have our first student meeting today to figure out what people need and want. We're going to Veracruz on 15th Street for lunch IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHURCH just to meet and talk. If you need a ride, meet by the sanctuary entrance door. We hope you'll join us!

--Kasey and Bryant

**Missions Committee Meeting:** Sunday, March 1, 4 pm.

**Trustees Committee Meeting:** Sunday, March 1, 5 pm.

## BEGINNING THIS WEEK

**Community Lenten Lunches:** Tuesdays from noon-1 pm. Trinity hosts on March 3. Speaker is Dr. Joseph Scrivner.

**Prayerful Yoga:** Beginning March 4, Wednesdays, 6:15-7 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. All ages welcome! There is no fee.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

**Children and Youth, 5:30-7 pm.** Includes snack supper.

**Children** enjoy activities, games and devotionals each week.

**Our youth group is active and growing!** Join Arielle on Wednesday nights as the youth talk about trusting in God.

**Women's Bible Study, 5:45 pm-7 pm.** Join the Wednesday night Women's Bible Study as we read *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs. Questions? Contact Morgan Harrison at 251-767-0678.

**Choir, 5:30-6:30 pm.** All ages and abilities welcome! Dr. Kevin Chance, Director.

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## SAVE THE DATE

**Youth Discovery Weekend March 27-29:** A retreat for middle school Youth! Contact the church office for more information.

**I Love Trinity Workday:** March 28, 8 am-noon.

**Youth Easter Egg Hunt at Penny's:** Wednesday, April 1, 5:30 pm.

**Trinity Yard Sale:** Details to come. Saturday, April 4.

## HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday:** Sunday, April 5.

**Interactive Family Passover Meal:** Wednesday, April 8, 5:45 pm. Join us as we experience the Exodus story through food and activities.

**Good Friday Service:** Friday, April 10, 6 pm, in the Sanctuary.

**Trinity Easter Egg Hunt and Church Family Cookout!** Saturday, April 11.

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday, April 12.

