

As the year comes to a close, we celebrate two men who have been such a blessing to Trinity!



Will McLelland helped us through the pandemic, filming, editing and teaching us how to go online and meet virtually. Will graduated this week with a BA in Creative Media with a minor in Music. Congratulations, Will! We are thankful he will remain on staff at Trinity.

James Bowen has served as a Trinity intern since 2020. He's assisted with children and youth and has helped out however he was needed. Though he's not graduating quite yet, he is moving into an apartment in January.



We wish both men well, and pray God's blessing upon them!

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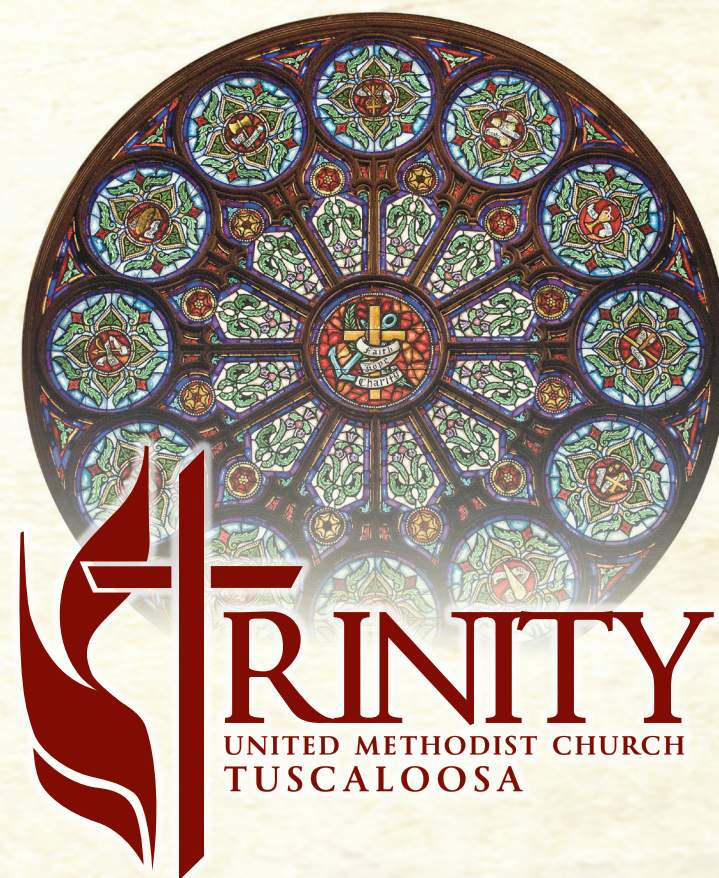
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*Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 18, 2022*

***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.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 18, 2022**  
**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRELUDE**

Myles Jordan

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*If you are a visitor, please fill out a Visitor Card found  
in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*During Advent, we wait and prepare for the coming of Christ, who is the light  
of the world. The last few weeks we lit the candles of peace, hope and joy.  
Today we light the candle of LOVE.*

We are waiting on you, God. We are still waiting.

**The darkness is deep, but look! The star is beginning to shine.**

The everlasting light is creeping closer.

**Hope is in the air. Peace is promised. Joy is on the tips of our tongues.**

Love is coming. Love divine, all loves excelling.

**We are waiting on love. And Love is waiting on us.**

Come Lord Jesus!

**Fill our hearts and the whole world with your love.**

**\*HYMN**

*O, Come All Ye Faithful*

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**BAPTISM OF JOHN PRESTON BROWN, JR., AND  
WILLIAM CARTER BROWN**

*(Please see insert)*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*You're invited to greet those around you and move about as you wish!  
Please be sensitive to the fact that some in worship may not feel  
comfortable welcoming a hug or a handshake, and adjust as needed.*

**HYMN MEDLEY**

*There's a Song in the Air*

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*(v. 1 only)*

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

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*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / 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.

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN (of all ages!)**

Cassandra Nelson

*Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Church after the  
Children's Message, or they may stay in the sanctuary with a parent.*

**OFFERTORY**

*The offering plate will be passed in the open seating areas of the sanctuary only.  
Baskets for offerings will remain available at entrances into the sanctuary.*

**\*DOXOLOGY** (To the tune of *Infant Holy*)

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

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.

*\*\*universal*

**SCRIPTURE**

**SERMON**

*'Twas the Week Before Christmas*

Rev. Penny Ford

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Myles Jordan

**POINSETTIAS**

We have been blessed by the beauty of the poinsettias for several weeks. If  
you donated one in honor or memory of a loved one, please take it home with  
you today. Thank you to Kim Roberts and family for organizing and  
transporting the poinsettias.

**TODAY**

**December 18, 5-8 pm** Youth Christmas Party at the church, 5-8 pm.

**NEXT WEEK**

**Saturday, December 24, 4:30-5:30 pm** Come-and-Go Communion in the  
sanctuary.

**December 25** On Christmas morning, we will have a casual, interactive,  
family friendly service at 10:30 am. Kids are welcome to bring a toy for the  
blessing of the toys. There will be no Sunday school or nursery for the next  
two weeks. We welcome wiggly kids and crying babies as we celebrate the  
birth of Jesus!

**January 1** New Year's Service with Dr. Clay Nelson, guest preacher.

**January 8** Epiphany Service at 10:30 am.

**THANK YOU!! TRINITY HELPS THOSE IN NEED**

Thank you to all who brought items or contributed to help children and elderly  
people in need. Items will be distributed through Tuscaloosa One Place and  
DHR. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ this Christmas season!