

THANK YOU!
FROM THE STAFF

Thank you for the generous Christmas gifts! We appreciate your thoughtfulness during this season and throughout the year.

NEXT WEEK

January 1 New Year's Service with Dr. Clay Nelson, guest preacher. *There will be no Sunday School or Children's Nursery.* However, we *will* have Children's Church. We welcome wiggly kids and crying babies in worship as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

JANUARY 8

EPIPHANY AND "UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS"

Immediately following the 10:30 am service on January 8, we will be taking down our Christmas decorations. If you can stay and help, we will appreciate it! Tasks include:

- Taking down the wreaths and greenery and putting them in the storage containers located on the back pew
- Taking the batteries out of the window candles and packing the candles
- Taking ornaments off the tree
- Taking wreaths and bins upstairs to the storage room (good knees needed!)

We will have professionals repack the trees next week. Thank you for your help!

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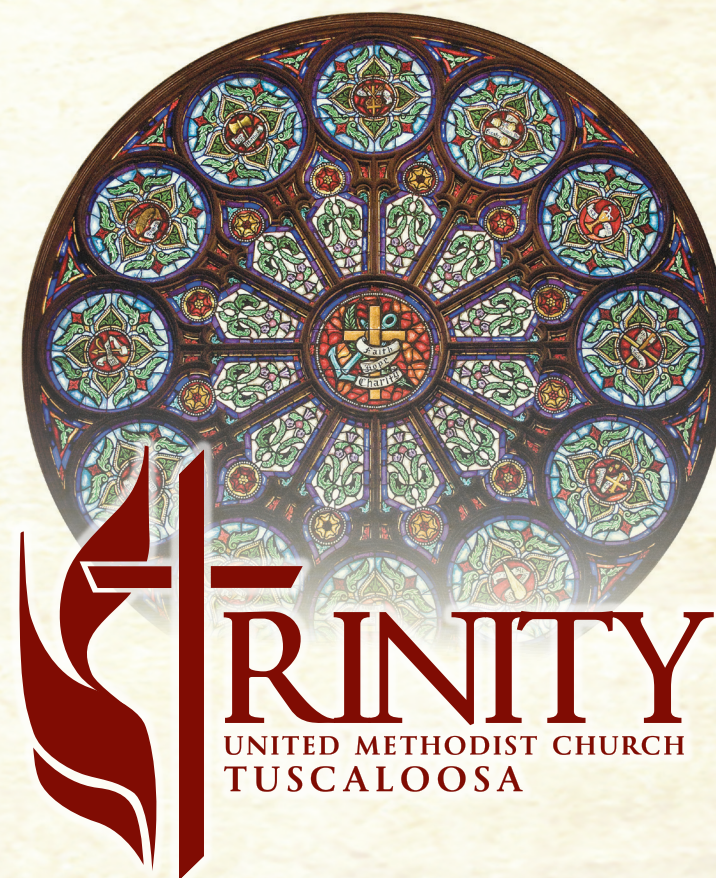
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Christmas Day
December 25, 2022

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
CHRISTMAS DAY: DECEMBER 25, 2022
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRELUDE

Rev. Dr. Kay Mutert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*This morning we'll have a family friendly "Christmas Bingo" game.
As you worship today, listen for key words. When you have a "Bingo,"
yell out "HALLELUJAH!" and claim your prize.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Today is the day! Christmas is here!

Unto us a child is born!

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Christ is born! Hallelujah! Amen.

***HYMN**

Joy to the World

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***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.*

CHRISTMAS HYMNS BY REQUEST

Rev. Dr. Kay Mutert

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / BLESSING OF THE TOYS Rev. Penny Ford

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.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

***HYMN**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rev. Dr. Kay Mutert

GREETINGS!

FROM REV. SAVANNAH GROSS

Hi everyone! My name is Savvy, and I can't wait to meet you soon.
Just to tell you a little bit about me...

I grew up in north Alabama. I spent my time split between Decatur, my hometown, and my dad's and grandparents' farmland. My home church was Methodist, a little country church where we sang sweet hymns a bit off-key. In high school, I loved marching band and the drama program. Personally, I thought we did a rather fabulous rendition of *Greased Lightening* for the school play.

Then I attended Emory University in Atlanta, where I double majored in Neuroscience and Religion. Lots and lots of good books. Over the summers, I worked at Cracker Barrel and then studied abroad in India.

After graduation, I joined AmeriCorps (which is a bit like the Peace Corps, but for the States). It was an adventurous year of flood relief, home construction, and trail work. I can only describe the spirit of AmeriCorps with the following anecdote: While we were in Louisiana, the higher-ups told us that should we happen to stumble across an alligator during our line of work, we should run in zigzags. Please make of that what you will.

After AmeriCorps, I attended Divinity school at the University of Chicago where I earned my seminary degree. The Windy City is indeed windy. And the pizza has more layers than cake.

Then my class graduated early into the pandemic, and I moved home to Alabama where I interned as a hospital chaplain for a year. Those days were filled with COVID and prayer. Since then, I've been a local pastor in the Tuscaloosa area.

What else? Hmmm, I like Bruce Springsteen music, fountain pens, and *Avatar: The Last Airbender*.

See you soon!

Grace and Peace,
Savvy

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!