

SAVOR THE SEASON WITH TRINITY

December 18 "Twas the week before Christmas . . ." Service for all still stirring.

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

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

December 25 Casual, interactive, family-friendly service with lots of Christmas music. There will be no Sunday School or nursery.

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

January 8 Epiphany Service at 10:30 am.

2023 PLEDGES: FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thank you for your financial support of Trinity United Methodist Church. We appreciate the members and friends who have pledged their continued support for the upcoming year. We are short a few pledge cards from new and regular givers. Please consider making a commitment to the church by turning in an "estimate of giving" card, which can be amended by you at any time during the year. Knowing your financial intentions for Trinity makes it easier for our church to budget and plan for our needs and ministries in 2023. It is not too late to pledge your support for next year. There are "estimate of giving" cards available in the pews, and they can be placed in the offertory plates or mailed to the church office. Thank you for your faithful giving.

COLLECTING TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS

We are collecting toys and clothes for Tuscaloosa One Place's Christmas initiative. Please bring an unwrapped toy or clothing (especially jackets/coats!) for a child of any age, stocking stuffers or wrapping paper so parents can wrap presents themselves. Items for older children are always needed. Monetary donations are also welcome.

We are also collecting items for elderly people with need through DHR. Please bring pajamas and house shoes (L and XL), non-skid socks, unscented lotion and soap, Vaseline, toothbrush/toothpaste (no denture items) by December 9.

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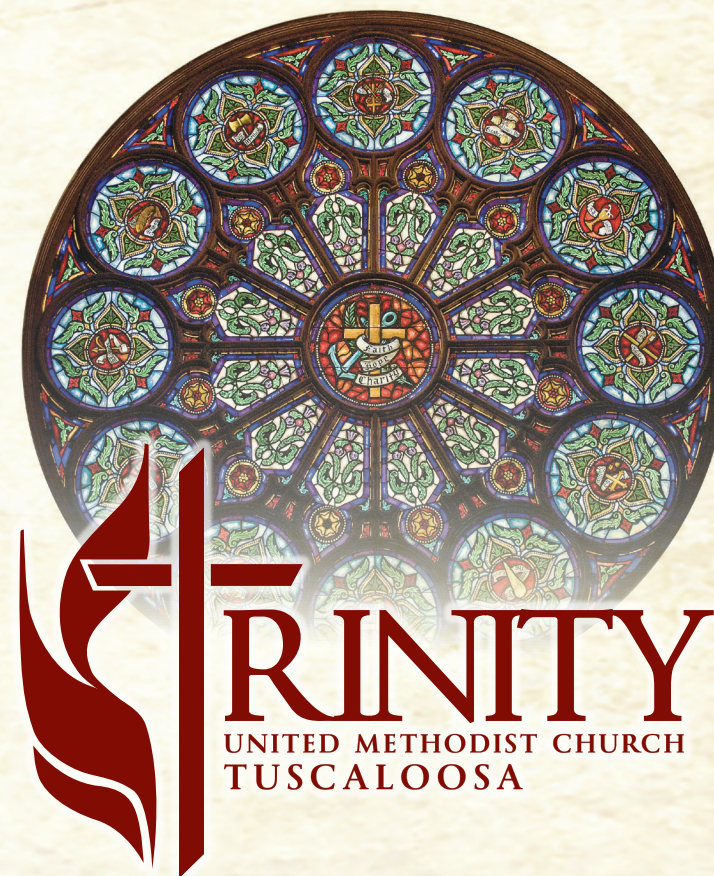
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*A Festival of Seven Lessons and Carols
December 4, 2022*

*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
A FESTIVAL OF SEVEN LESSONS AND CAROLS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

PRELUDE Myles Jordan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Penny Ford

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE** The Townsleys
Last week we lit the candle of hope. Today we light the candle of peace.

We long for the Prince of Peace to make his home in this world.

To bring peace to the afflicted and hope to the despairing.

To deliver us from the grip of all that is evil.

May we find Christ's peace in our hearts,

and be bearers of Christ's peace in our world.

***HYMN** *Once in Royal David's City* #250

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15,17-19
God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

CAROL *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Jamey Ray
Trinity Choir

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 9:2,6-7
The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

CAROL *Candle Carol* K. Lee Scott
Trinity Choir

Advent candle, softly glowing; warmth and light diffusing 'round;
Symbol of our Savior's presence, Love from heav'n to earth come down.
Shedding glory, wondrous story of Christ Jesus' humble birth,
He from starry realms of heaven Deigned to visit us on earth.
In this blessed, glorious season, time of beauty, joy, and peace,
Time of mercy, time of sharing, in our hearts our light increase.
Kindle loving, kindle sharing, pierce our gloomy, selfish night.
Lift our eyes on high to see you, Jesus Christ, true Light of light.
Advent candle, softly glowing, shining, glimmering on our sight;
Symbol of our Savior's presence, Jesus Christ, true Light of light.

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4a,6-9
The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all of God's creation.

CAROL *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #230

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*At this time, children ages 4 through 2nd grade may follow
Mrs. Cassandra to Children's Church, or they may stay in worship
with a parent. Nursery is available for newborns through age 3.*

OFFERTORY *Hallelu* Stephen Paulus
Trinity Choir

***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.

FOURTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35,38
The angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son, whose kingdom shall never end.

CAROL *Far Away in a Manger* Kevin Keil
Trinity Choir

FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7
Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

CAROL *Silent Night* arr. Nancy Faber
Dr. Diane Schultz, flute; Luke Turner, cello; Dr. Kevin Chance, piano

CAROL *Still* Kathleen Basi
Trinity Choir
Dr. Diane Schultz, flute, and Luke Turner, cello

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16
The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger.

CAROL *Wexford Carol* Elaine Hagenberg
Trinity Choir

SEVENTH LESSON John 1:1-14
John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

CAROL *All Praise to Thee* Elaine Hagenberg
Trinity Choir

***CAROL** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* #240

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Myles Jordan

NEXT WEEK

December 11 Children's Nativity! It's a morning of holy chaos as we begin worship in the sanctuary with the Children's Nativity. All children are welcome; costumes provided. Afterwards we'll move outdoors with live nativity animals, Advent crafts and refreshments.

December 11, 5 pm Piano Carols by Candlelight with Dr. Kevin Chance.