

NEXT WEEK

January 8 “Un-Hanging of the Greens”: Epiphany Service, 10:30 am. Immediately following the service, 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!

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!

THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF

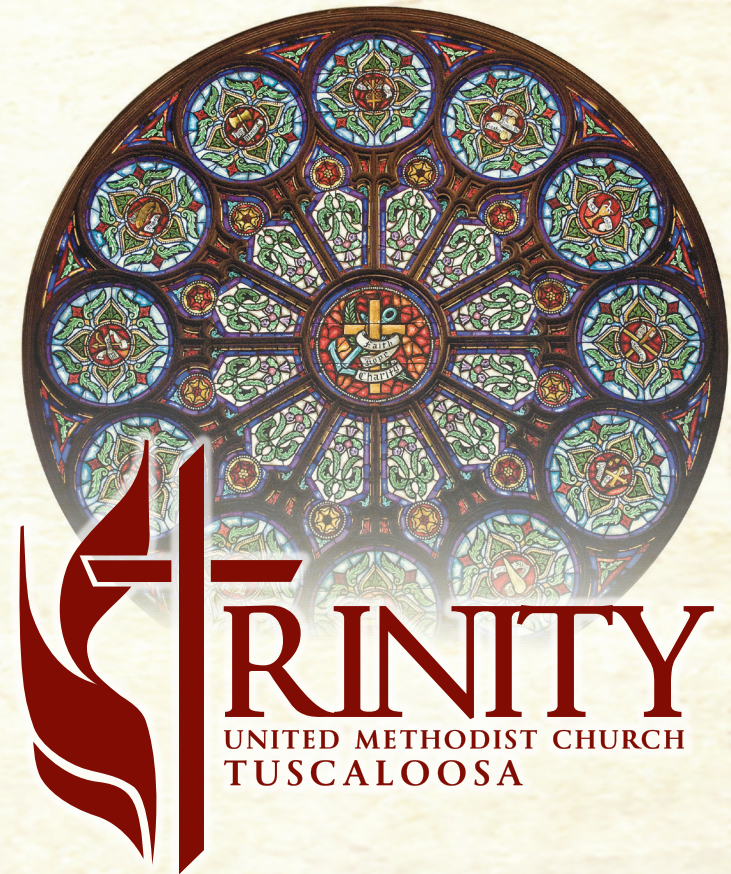
Thank you for the generous Christmas gifts! We appreciate your thoughtfulness during this season and throughout the year. .

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*New Year's Day
January 1, 2023*

***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
NEW YEAR'S DAY: JANUARY 1, 2023
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRELUDE Myles Jordan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Scott Grimsley
*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.*

WELCOME, REV. SAVANNAH GROSS Lane McLelland

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Savannah Gross
God of all times and seasons, on this threshold of a new year, we turn and
return again to you.
**The year spreads before us with possibilities and challenges,
joys and concerns.**
There is beauty all around: in the smiles of children, in the love offered
between friends, in the beauty of the earth.
But there are also challenges already surfacing.
In the midst of the good and the bad, hear our prayer for this New Year.
May you help us to love a bit more deeply,
See the beauty around us more clearly,
Listen more earnestly, Speak more honestly.
May we be troubled by injustice and be moved to act.
May we be led by compassion and be moved to serve.
May we be a courageous and bold witness for you.
**May we be a living example of your gracious love, not only in word
but in deed.**
And may we daily give thanks for the others in our lives who make this
world a better place.
For the promise in this New Year, we give you thanks.

***HYMN** *There's a Song in the Air* 249

***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.*

CALL TO PRAYER *What Child Is This* 219

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.

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SCRIPTURE Leviticus 25:39-43; Luke 4:16-19

SERMON *The Year of the Lord's Favor* Dr. Clay Nelson

***CLOSING HYMN** *Angels We Have Heard on High* 251

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

GUEST PREACHER: CLAY NELSON

Today our guest preacher is **Dr. Clay Nelson**, Trinity's Youth Director. Clay and his wife Cassandra have a five-year-old daughter, Renn, and a five-month-old daughter, Nelda. He is also the director of Moundville Archaeological Park. Besides working with Trinity's youth, his passions include archaeology, reading, and taking afternoon naps. Clay can be reached at 205-520-3974 or clayed12@gmail.com.