

### PRAYER CHAIN FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN

A Kairos weekend will be held on Feb. 25-28, 2023, at the Aliceville Federal Prison for Women. Kairos is an international Christian ministry for incarcerated women to learn about and share the love of Christ. The participants (current inmates) are selected by an application process through the prison with the chaplain. Lay people and preachers give talks and meditations over the weekend based on the themes of forgiveness, prayer and the love of Christ..

There are no gifts or snacks for the weekend. However, there is a prayer chain and prayer vigil which involves Christians from all over the state and world. The prayer chain is a tangible reminder that these women are being lifted up in prayer.

How you can help: There is a slip of construction paper in your church bulletin today. If you would pray for the women (at your convenience), please take the strip of paper and put your FIRST name only and any words of encouragement or scripture you would like to add to the strip of paper. When the offering is collected you can put the strip in the offering plate or place it in a basket at the back of the church. The strips of paper will be made into a prayer "chain" and hung up during the weekend. Jan Porter from Trinity will be one of the leaders for the weekend.

### TRINITY CHOIR REHEARSALS TO RESUME

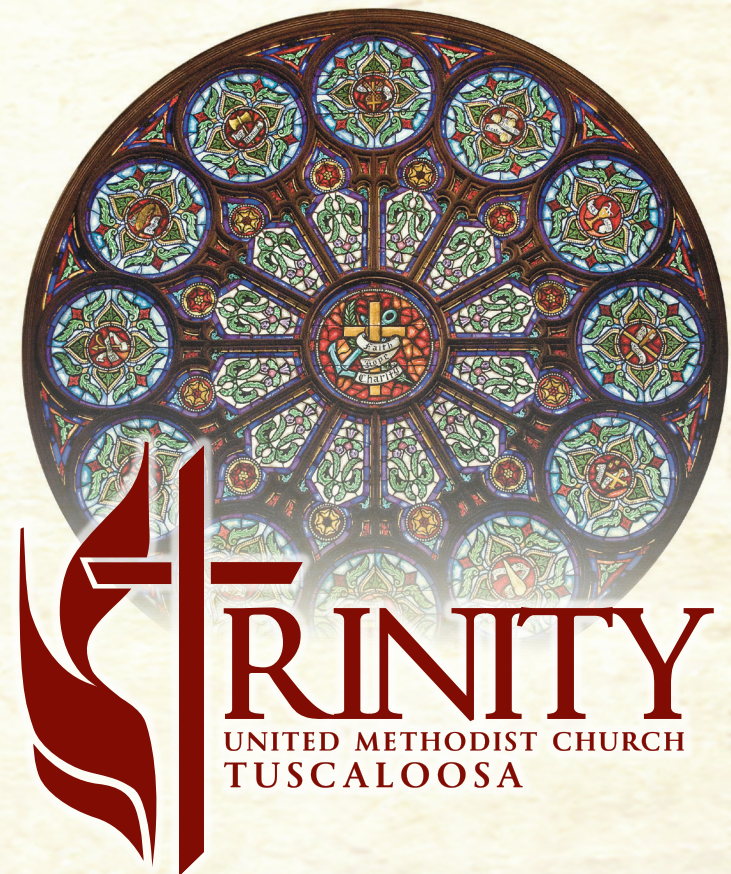
The Trinity Choir will resume regular rehearsals Wednesday, January 18, at 6 pm in the sanctuary.

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*Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 15, 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.*

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 15, 2023  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRELUDE**

Myles Jordan

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Penny Ford

*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**

Rev. Savannah Gross

In the beginning when God created,

**A wind swept over the waters,**

**A Spirit called forth creation.**

God said "Let there be!"

**Let there be light for all to see,**

**Let there be water for all to splash in,**

**Let there be life in the midst of death**

**Yes, let there be life beyond death.**

God invites us to respond, rejoicing!

**Let us worship and remember God's goodness!**

**\*HYMN**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

#103

**\*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**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

#396 (vss. 1 and 4)

**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.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

#94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE**

#883 Revised

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others

by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God!

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 3:13-17

**SERMON**

*It Begins with a Blessing*

Rev. Penny Ford

**REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM**

*You are invited to come forward and receive the sign of the cross  
in water on your forehead or hand. You may take a shell if you wish.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

#140

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Myles Jordan

**TRINITY WOMEN**

All women are invited to a night of painting fun on Friday, January 20, at 6 pm. We'll meet at Canvas and Crafts Studio, 2008 Paul W. Bryant Drive, Suite A, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. Snacks will be provided. Cost is \$25 per person, to be paid the night we meet. Please email Rev. Penny Ford to let us know you'll be coming: revpennyford@gmail.com

Also mark your calendar for a **TRINITY WOMEN'S RETREAT, March 3-5, 2023**, in Mentone, AL. We'll stay at the Mentone Inn, within walking distance of shops and restaurants. Private or double rooms are approximately \$140/night. For registration information, email revpennyford@gmail.com