

COME SING WITH US!

The Sanctuary Choir has resumed rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We invite you to join us as we start preparing for the Lent and Easter seasons and help us make a joyful noise! No experience is required. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Kevin Chance at k.t.chance@gmail.com.

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.

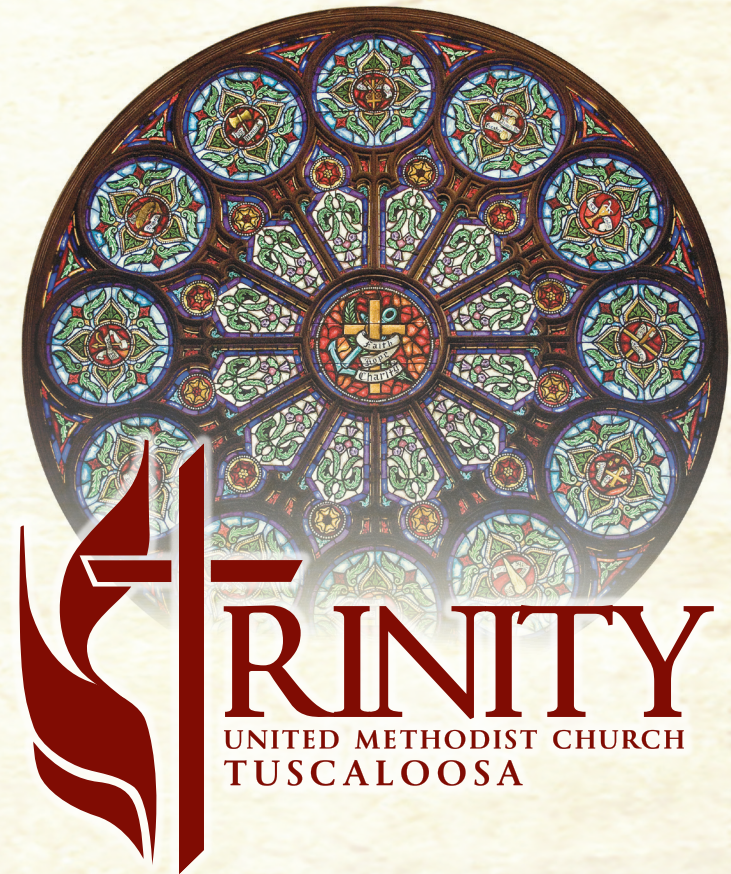
How you can help: If you would like to participate, strips of construction paper and a basket are on the table as you exit the sanctuary. If you will pray for the women (at your convenience), please take the strip of paper and put your **FIRST** name only and any words of encouragement or scripture you would like to add to the strip of paper. When the offering is collected you can put the strip in the 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.

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*Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 22, 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.*

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 22, 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
God of Hope, we come into your presence this morning
with confidence that you will meet us where we are.
Where there is sadness, bring joy;
Where there is tiredness, bring refreshment;
Where there is despair, bring a renewed sense of hope.
Let this place be a sanctuary, a safe haven for all,
a home for holy inspiration, songs and prayers
a place of service and love.
A time for new beginnings and second chances.
We pray this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

***HYMN** *Jesus Calls Us* #398

BAPTISM OF LUKE MARCUS WOODHAM (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.*

CALL TO PRAYER *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* #206 (v. 1)

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

***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!

ANTHEM *Who at My Door Is Standing* K. Lee Scott

SCRIPTURE John 11:17-44

SERMON *Hope for Houseplants* Rev. Savannah Gross

***CLOSING HYMN** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* #344

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Myles Jordan

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Finance Sunday, January 29, 4 pm
Ad Council Sunday, February 5, 9:30 am (during Sunday School)

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendar for a TRINITY WOMEN'S RETREAT, March 3-5, 2023, in Mentone, AL (6139 AL Highway 117, Mentone, AL 35984). We'll stay at the Mentone Inn, which is within walking distance of shops and restaurants. Private or double rooms are approximately \$140/night (church groups get a 10% discount). There are 12 rooms, each with a private bathroom, and breakfast is included in the price. **YOU CAN BOOK YOUR RESERVATION NOW** on a first come, first serve basis. Call Cynthia Stinson at 256-634-4836 and tell her you're with the Trinity group March 3-5, 2023. You can book one or two nights.

We do not have a specific theme, program or speaker. We mainly wanted to relax and get to know each other. If there is interest, we can book someone to lead us through a painting project (like we do at Canvas and Crafts). There is also a glass blowing ornament place in downtown Mentone. If enough people are interested in painting or glassblowing, we'll research prices and availability. We're all looking forward to being with one another!