

**WELCOME TO TRINITY!**  
**WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE WITH US THIS MORNING!**

**HOW CAN I CONNECT AT TRINITY?**

We have a variety of Sunday School classes for all ages Sundays at 9:30 am. In addition, there is a Taco Tuesday Women's group, a college group called Elevate, a missions team and a great choir ready to welcome you! Please fill out the guest card found in the pew in front of you and put it in the offering plate. We will be in touch soon and can help point you in the right direction.

**WHERE ARE THE RESTROOMS?**

Men's and women's restrooms are on the lower level at the bases of the steps on either side of the narthex (back of the sanctuary). There is also a family restroom on the main level in the area behind the choir loft (front of the sanctuary).

**IS THE CHURCH ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES?**

The elevator in the education wing accesses all levels of the church - the sanctuary, the fellowship hall and all the Sunday School rooms. Accessible parking spaces are in the alley behind the church, nearest to the elevators. Wheelchair-accessible seating is available in the front and scattered throughout the sanctuary. Listening devices are available to anyone with a hearing impairment. Devices are in the narthex, or you may ask any usher to find one for you.

**WHERE IS THE NURSERY?**

Each Sunday morning during Sunday School and Worship, children from newborn to age 3 find a nurturing, safe, friendly environment in our nursery. It is located near the elevator on the education level. Exit the front of the sanctuary on the left side and go down the stairs. After the Children's Moment, we offer Children's Church for kids K-2nd grade. You are welcome to have your children participate, or keep them with you in worship!

Trinity United Methodist Church  
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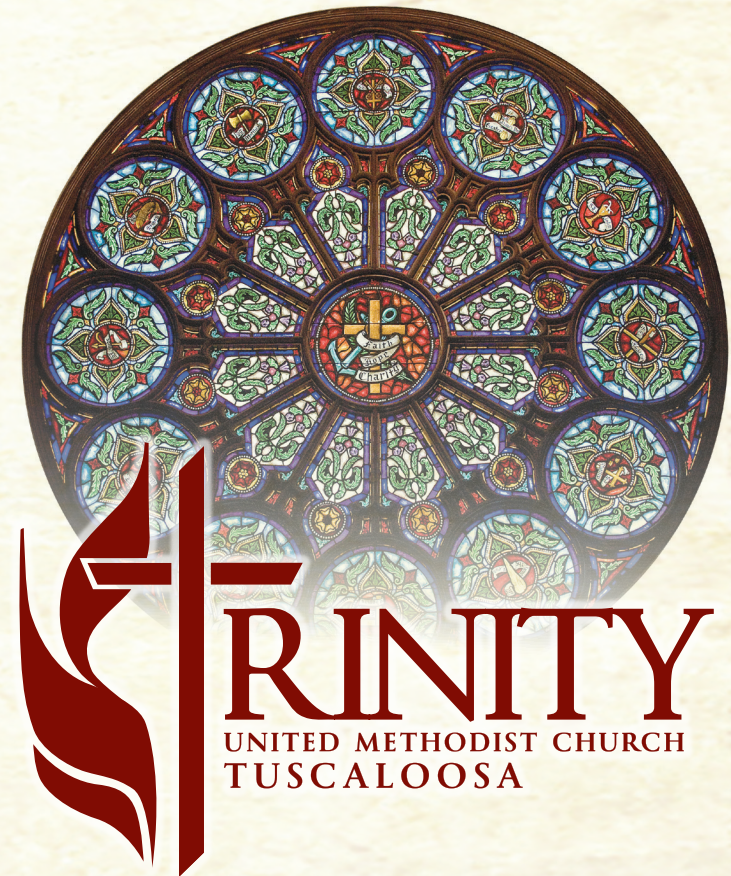
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***Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***September 3, 2023***

***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.*



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**  
**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRELUDE**

Anthony Zamora

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Savannah Gross

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, you who thirst for God.

**Come, you who hunger for grace.**

Come, you who are a stranger in a strange land.

**Come, you who are like a child at home.**

Come, for Christ welcomes you to this time and place.

**We come with open hearts and minds.**

Let us worship God together.

**\*HYMN**

*Lift High the Cross*

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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.*

**CALL TO PRAYER**

*The Gift of Love*

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**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!)**

Jessica Wyatt

*Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Church after the Children's Message, and children ages 0-3 are welcome in our Nursery. Children may also stay in the sanctuary with a parent.*

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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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**

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**

Esther 1-8

**SERMON**

*Confessions of a Beauty Queen, Part 2* Rev. Penny Ford

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (COMMUNION)**

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*Everyone is welcome at the table! This includes children, youth,  
adults and people of any denomination or no denomination.*

*May we know the grace and love of Jesus Christ  
in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Where He Leads Me*

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Anthony Zamora

**TODAY: COLLEGE STUDENTS' LUNCH**

Come connect with other college students at lunch today! We'll meet immediately after church for lunch at Veracruz Mexican Grill, 501 15<sup>th</sup> Street E.

**SEPTEMBER 10: SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF!**

Invite a friend to Sunday School on September 10. During worship, we'll celebrate our children by handing out age-appropriate Bibles and a special gift. We'll even have a little something for the youth!

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**

**Friday, September 29:** Parent's Night Out, 5:30 pm-8 pm. Crafts, games, movies and pizza for ages 0-5th grade. Registration required by September 21. Email [childrenscoordinatorTUMC@gmail.com](mailto:childrenscoordinatorTUMC@gmail.com) or call 205-826-6627. *Spaces are limited.*

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Taco Tuesdays:** Trinity women meet for tacos and fellowship, 4:45 pm on Tuesdays at Jalapeños Mexican Grill, 1845 New Watermelon Road.

**Starbucks Sundays:** Young parents, couples and singles meet at 9:30 am at the Starbucks next to Trinity (807 Paul W. Bryant Drive).

**WELCOME, NEW PIANIST ANTHONY ZAMORA**

Anthony Zamora is a masters degree student in piano performance at UA in the studio of Dr. Kevin Chance. He holds an assistantship accompanying in the voice and opera areas at UA. Welcome, Anthony!

**CONGRATULATIONS, REV. SAVANNAH GROSS**

Congratulations to Rev. Savannah Gross, who has begun serving as a hospital chaplain at Princeton Baptist Medical Center in Birmingham. She will continue to minister at Trinity one-quarter time, returning to preach once a month and to serve as needed on weekends. We are proud of her and wish her the best!