

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!

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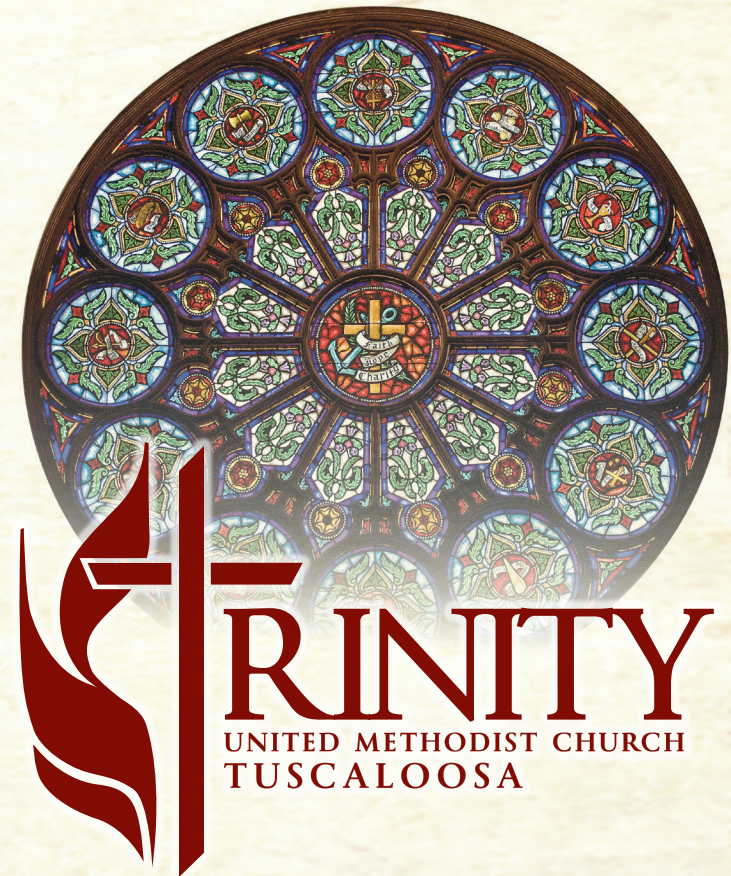
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*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023*

*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.*

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

PRELUDE

Anthony Zamora

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Penny Ford

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.

***HYMN**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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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

Dr. Kevin Chance, piano

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.

CELEBRATION OF OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Jessica Wyatt

*Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Church after the
Celebration, 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.

**universal

ANTHEM

Look at the World

John Rutter

SCRIPTURE

John 8: 2-11

SERMON

Letting the Letter Go

Rev. Savannah Gross

***CLOSING HYMN**

Majesty

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Anthony Zamora

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 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).

OCTOBER IS A MONTH OF SHARING!

Saturday, October 7: Fall Family Fun at Griffin Farms! \$10 per person includes a hay ride, animal barn, zip lines, a small rock wall and so much more! Meet your church friends there at 10 am, or come when you can. Griffin Farms website: <http://www.griffinfarmal.com/pumpkin-patch.html>

Sunday, October 8: Outdoor Service with guest musicians Holland Hopson and friends. Bring a lawn chair or drive in to join our worship service outdoors on the front lawn (weather permitting). Also, join us for our evening Kickoff Stewardship Dinner off-site. Details to come.

A GRATEFUL HEART

is the theme of our 2024 Stewardship Campaign

October 15: Rev. Savannah Gross kicks off our campaign.

October 22: Dr. Jackson Harrison will be our guest preacher.

October 29: Stewardship Celebration with a Pot Luck and Fall Festival immediately following the service. It's a big Sunday to celebrate what God is doing through Trinity!

During our service, Melanie O'Rear shares what makes her heart grateful after a difficult year. Members offer their financial pledges for 2024. Afterwards, everyone is invited to a potluck lunch (please bring any side dish or dessert to share!). After lunch, kids and families will enjoy our Fall Festival outdoors (weather permitting) with games and bouncy houses.