

## A GRATEFUL HEART

*is the theme of our 2024 Stewardship Campaign*

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

**October 22:** Dr. Jackson Harris 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.

## MEMORIALS

Trinity received gifts in memory of

**Martha Strickland**

from

Londa Bearden

Beth Goodall

Phillip and Sheila Madison

Michael and Melanie O'Rear

Sydney Sparkes

Dean and Laura Townsley

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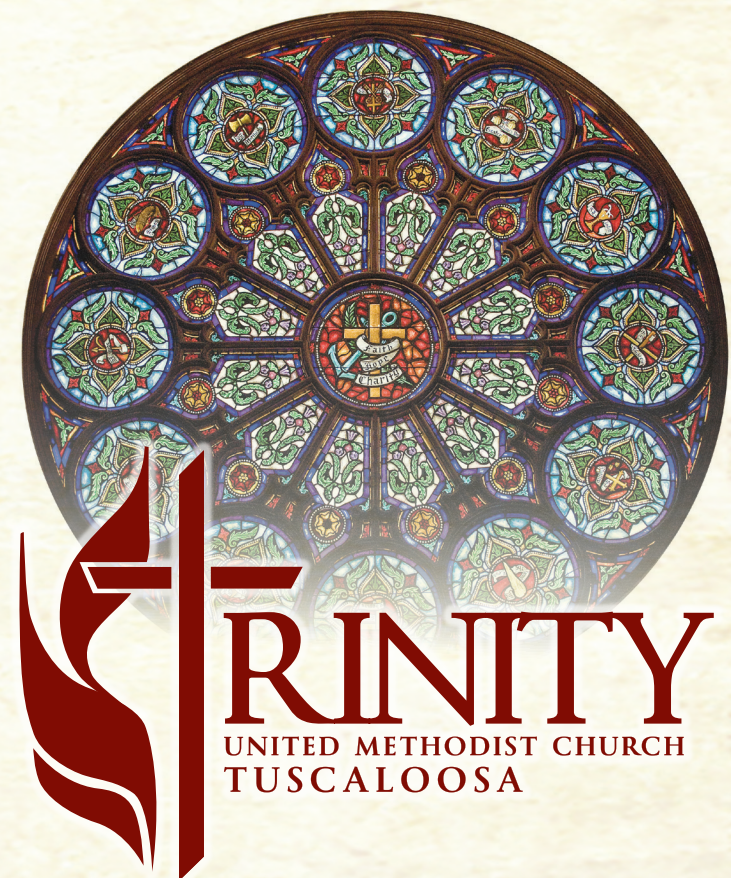
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**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
**October 1, 2023**

***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.*



**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 1, 2023  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRELUDE**

Anthony Zamora

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Savannah Gross

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The whole world is in God's hands.

**Everything that lives and breathes.**

**Everything that simply is. Everything.**

From the farthest spaces, to the inmost places,

**God is with us and we are with God.**

On this World Communion Sunday we gather around God's table

**and join with Christians from all over the world!**

Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition

**We are brothers and sisters through Christ!**

For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism

**We are One in God's Spirit!**

Let us worship God together.

**\*HYMN**

*Christ for the World We Sing*

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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**

*One Bread, One Body*

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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.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT (for children of all ages!)**

Jessica Wyatt

*Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Church,  
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**

*Give Thanks to the Lord*

Mark Patterson

**SCRIPTURE**

**DEVOTIONAL**

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**

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Anthony Zamora

**TODAY: Church officers nominations meeting, 3 pm, Funset-Sunset Room.**

**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).

***Kickoff Stewardship Dinner***  
**CHURCH NIGHT AT OLIVE GARDEN!**  
**6 pm, Sunday, October 8**

We've reserved a big room to just visit together as we kick off our stewardship campaign. No speaker or program, just a chance to be together and relax during this crazy fall semester. Dutch treat.

**Sunday, October 15:**

**College students** meet at Penny's house at for a casual catered dinner, 6 pm.  
**Youth** road trip to Birmingham-Southern. Ask Clay for details.

**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).