

A GRATEFUL HEART

is the theme of our 2024 Stewardship 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.

MISSIONS MOMENT

Don't put up your tree yet, but Christmas is coming! Trinity will once again collect items for Tuscaloosa's One Place's children's Christmas gift project and for DHR's Adult Protective Service project. So, start thinking of toys and clothing for children (jackets for adolescents are a special need); and adult large and X-large pajamas, non-skid slippers and socks, Vaseline, and unscented lotions for seniors. Sales will start soon, and we can take advantage of them.

MEMORIALS

Trinity received gifts in memory of

Martha Strickland

from

Glen and Margaret Ann Pate

and in memory of

Myrtle S. Rice

from

Charles and Mary Hilburn

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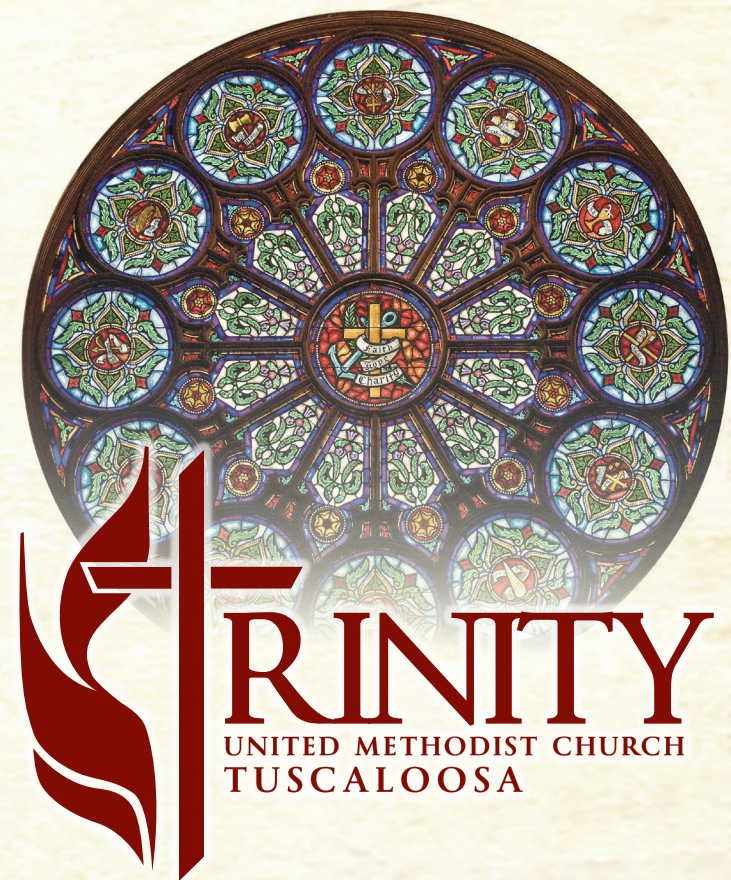
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*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 2023*

***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.*

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 15, 2023
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

PRELUDE

Anthony Zamora

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Penny Ford

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of all creation,

Thank you for the wondrous things you have made.

Thank you for the universe full of galaxies and stars and planets.

Thank you for the earth full of plants and animals and people.

Thank you for making each one of us.

Thank you for loving each one of us.

Thank you for Your Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters,

who transforms the world and breathes in our souls.

We love You, God Most High,

We lift our voices in praise and worship!

***HYMN**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#140

***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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

#526

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**

#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

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. Amen.

ANTHEM

Little Innocent Lamb

arr. Mark Haye

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:1-3; Acts 2:42-47

SERMON

Accept No Substitutes

Rev. Savannah Gross

***CLOSING HYMN**

Now Thank We All Our God

#102

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Anthony Zamora

TODAY:

COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Join us for a relaxing evening and dinner at Penny's house at 6 pm. The address is 1401 Liberty Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL 35406. We'll have a good meal and good conversation, and interested people can play pickleball, pool, darts and laser tag, or just sit around and visit. If the weather is cool-ish, we might even make S'mores. Bring your friends! Just let Penny know how many to expect by texting 205-515-7229 or emailing revpennyford@gmail.com.

YOUTH ROAD TRIP!

Our youth are going to a United Youth event at Birmingham-Southern College! This will be a gathering of youth from all over the Conference for a night of games, food, music, fun and learning. Our group will leave the church at 3:45 pm on Sunday and return to the church at about 8 pm.

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: The Starbucks Sunday School group will meet Sundays at 9:30 am in the Funset/Sunset room (the small kitchen at Trinity) for coffee, muffins and fellowship. (Starbucks is way too crowded these days!) Young parents, singles, couples, students, and guests are all welcome to drop in!