

## 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!

## 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.

## MEMORIAL

Trinity received a donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund  
in memory of  
**Martha Strickland**  
from  
**Wimbreth Chism**

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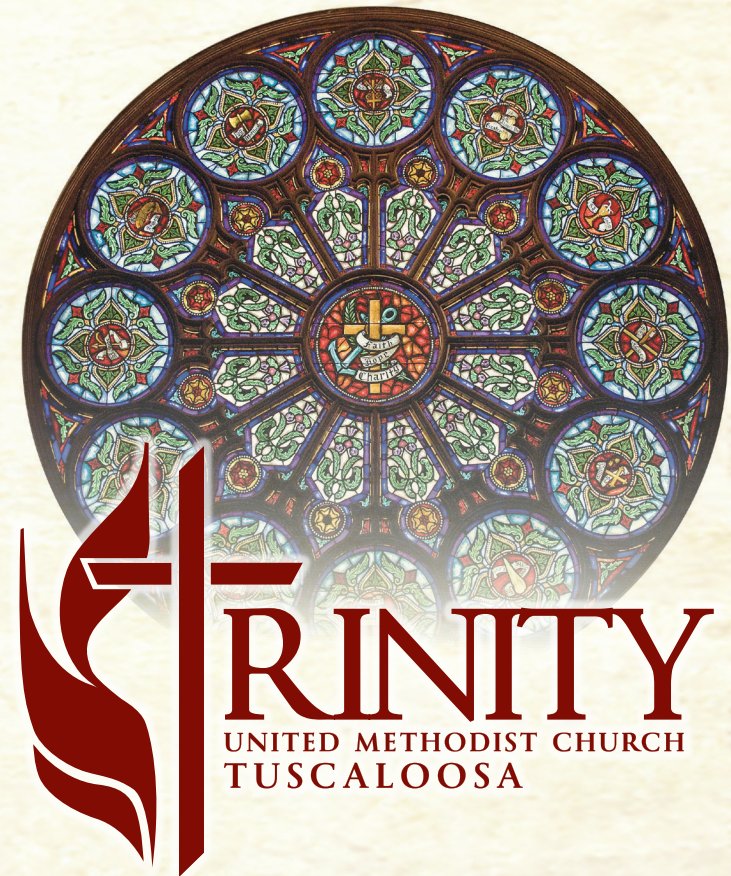
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***Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost  
October 22, 2023***

***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.*

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**OCTOBER 22, 2023**  
**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRELUDE** Anthony Zamora

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Penny Ford

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gracious God, You call us to let go of the things we cling to.

**We step out in faith, trusting in Your love and provision.**

You give us courage to step out boldly,

**And plant our small seeds generously, without fear.**

Use our gifts to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine,

**so that, through us, your kingdom might come**

**and your will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven. Amen**

**\*HYMN** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #89

**\*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** Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior #351

**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** *I Will Serve the Lord All My Days* Don Besig

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

**SERMON** *The Double Negative* Dr. Jackson Harris

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *O, How I Love Jesus* #170

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Anthony Zamora

*Next Week:*

**A GRATEFUL HEART**

***Church-Wide Potluck and Fall Festival***

**October 29:** Join us next week for our 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.

**November 5:** All Saints Day. We will celebrate the saints who have gone before us in this powerful service of remembrance.

**November 12:** We welcome guest preacher Rev. Vicki Cater, District Superintendent of the Southwest District. Immediately following the service, we will have a brief Charge Conference meeting to elect officers for 2024.

**GUEST PREACHER**

Please welcome our guest preacher, **Dr. Jackson Harris**. Dr. Harris grew up in Eufaula, AL, where he was a member of First United Methodist Church. He is now a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and has attended services here since 2012, when he came to The University of Alabama as an undergraduate student. He is currently the Director of Community and Civic Engagement in UA's Division of Community Affairs.