

NOVEMBER

November 26: Hanging of the Greens! Help us transform the sanctuary as we learn about the symbols and stories of Christmas.

DECEMBER

December 15 (Friday): Little Elves Workshop/Parents' Night Out, 5:30-7 pm, for children ages 0-5th grade. Christmas crafts and movies, pizza and a visit from a very special guest! Kids will also try on their costumes and practice for the Children's Nativity the following Sunday. Registration is required. Email Jessica Wyatt at childrenscoordinator@trinityumc.org.

December 17: *Messiah*, George Frideric Handel. Performed by Prentice Concert Chorale and conducted by Music Director Leslie Poss. A \$20 donation per adult and \$5 per student is requested. Seating is not reserved.

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!

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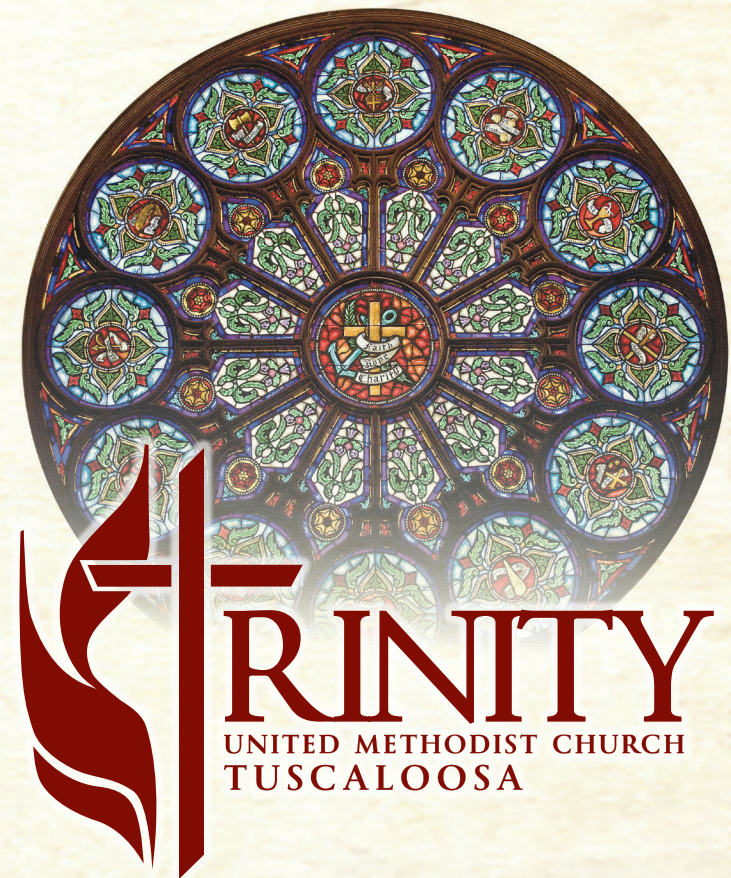
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***Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023***

***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-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 12, 2023
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRELUDE Anthony Zamora

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Penny Ford

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Savannah Gross
The wind blows; the world changes; the way is uncertain. Yet the Lord steps out into our world -- God's world -- to instill visions, dreams and hopes in us. What is your prayer?

We pray for security and God terrifies us with freedom. We pray for a temple that withstands all storms, and God gives us tents that move. We want answers, and God raises our anxiety levels with human pain and cries.

The wind blows; the world changes; the way is uncertain . . . but God's presence is ever with us.

Amen. Emanu-El, God with us. Let our worship service be a response to this gift.

***HYMN** *Blessed Assurance* #369

***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 Anthony Zamora, 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.

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** 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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ANTHEM *For the Autumn Sky* Ruth Elaine Schram

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON *What ARE You Waiting For?* Rev. Vicki Cater

***CLOSING HYMN** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* #716

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Anthony Zamora

Immediately following the service, we will have a brief Charge Conference meeting to elect church officers for 2024.

WELCOME, REV. VICKI CATER

Today our guest preacher is Rev. Vicki Cater, District Superintendent of the Southwest and Northwest Districts of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church. She has been a full-time elder in the North Alabama Conference since 2006 and has been in Pastoral ministry since 1993. She and her husband, Bill Cater, celebrated 39 years of marriage in July and have 5 children and 13 grandchildren. Rev. Cater attended Mississippi University for Women (where men have been admitted since 1982) and then went on the Candler School of Theology in Atlanta for the Master of Divinity degree.

HONORS

Dorothy Ray Scarbrough, RNC, BSN, MSN, was inducted into the 11th Alabama Nursing Hall of Fame on November 9 at the Bryant Conference Center in Tuscaloosa. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition, Dot!

MISSIONS MOMENT

It's time! Please bring items for the Adult Protective Services program at DHR large such as X-large pajamas, slippers and gripper socks for men and women; unscented hand lotion; hand soap; and toothpaste and toothbrushes.

And for the Tuscaloosa One Place Christmas for children program, bring toys for any age, and jackets and hoodies for adolescents and teenagers.

The ADS items will be gift wrapped in bags and the TOP items will be used to fill in bundles for families. Wrapping paper and tape are always welcome. All items must be new and will be needed the first week of December. Items can be left around the Christmas tree in the back corner of the sanctuary or in a bag by the Educational Wing doors.