

## TRINITY CALENDAR (CONT'D)

**January 7: Epiphany, 10:30 am!** Today we celebrate the Magi (kings) who came to see the newborn Jesus. After the service is the UN-Hanging of the Greens as the Christmas season officially (liturgically) ends.

### MISSIONS MOMENT

It's time! Please bring items for the Adult Protective Services program at DHR such as large and 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 APS 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 at TOP. 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 bin by the Educational Wing doors.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

**Taco Tuesdays:** Trinity women meet Tuesdays at 4:45 pm for tacos and fellowship. Jalapeños Mexican Grill, 1845 New Watermelon Road.

**Starbucks Sundays:** The Starbucks Sunday School group meets 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!

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

**Thursday, November 30** is the last day to order your Christmas poinsettias! See Bulletin insert.

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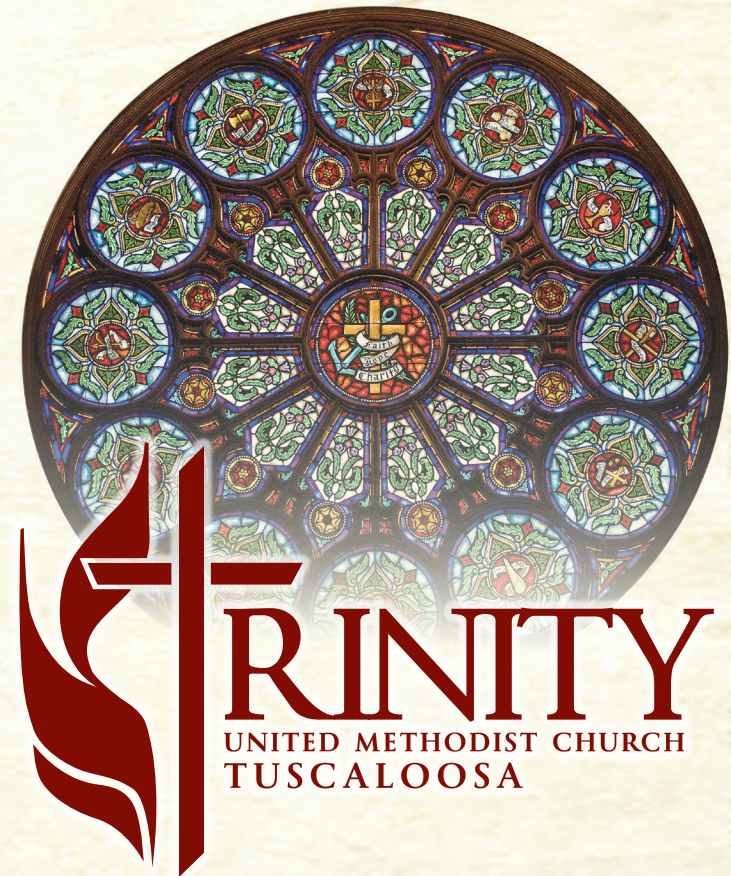
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*Christ the King Sunday  
November 26, 2023*

***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.*



**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 26, 2023**  
**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRELUDE**

Anthony Zamora

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Penny Ford

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 100)**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness!

**Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord is God!**

It is he that made us, and we are his. We are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!**

Give thanks to him, bless his name! For the Lord is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**\*HYMN**

*Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

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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**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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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!)**

*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.

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**SCRIPTURE**

**SERMON**

Rev. Penny Ford

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*What Gift Can We Bring*

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Anthony Zamora

Immediately following the service, please help us bring down our Advent/Christmas ornaments from the attic. Next week (December 3) will be our interactive Hanging of the Greens service, where we literally decorate the sanctuary as we share stories and songs about our Christian tradition.

**TRINITY CALENDAR**

**December 3, 10:30 am: Hanging of the Greens!** Join us for this interactive service where we literally decorate the sanctuary as we share stories and songs about our Christian tradition.

**December 8 (Friday), 5:30 pm: Piano Carols by Candlelight** with Dr. Kevin Chance.

**December 10, 10:30 am: Choir Cantata!** Our choir and musicians share a beautiful service of song and Scripture - the perfect way to experience the Christmas spirit!

**December 15 (Friday), 5:30-7 pm: Little Elves Workshop/Parents' Night Out** for children ages 0-5<sup>th</sup> 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 required.

**December 16 (Saturday): Christmas Caroling and Cookies, 3:30-5:30 pm.** Wear your most festive Christmas clothes as we serenade a few of our homebound members. We'll end the night with cookies and milk at Rev. Penny's house. All ages welcome!

**December 17, 10:30 am: Children's Nativity!** ALL the children are invited to be part of our live nativity! We have costumes for older kids. Parents of infants should provide any animal costume for their child. After the service, we may have live animals on the lawn!

**December 17, 3 pm: Handel's Messiah.** Presented by the Prentice Concert Chorale with chamber orchestra and soloists. Tickets are not required, but a \$20 donation per adult and \$5 per student is requested and will be used to offset orchestra costs.

**December 21 (Thursday): Blue Christmas/Longest Night Service, 6 pm.** Christmas can be a difficult time of the year for many people. On the longest night of the year, bring your doubts, tears, fears and even anger into a safe and holy space. Through songs, prayers, scripture and quiet reflection, we look for God who brings light in our darkness, hope in our difficulties, and strength for our struggles. You are not alone.

**December 24: Morning Christmas Eve Service, 10:30 am!** Christmas carols and games, holy Communion and lighting candles. Come in your Christmas pajamas or your favorite holiday clothes as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

**December 31: New Year's Morning, 10:30 am!** Today we let go of the past and embrace the future with a New Year's morning service. Rev. Savannah Gross brings a message of hope and new beginnings.

*Calendar continues on back of bulletin*