

TRINITY HELPS THOSE IN NEED

Thank you to all who brought items or contributed to help children and elderly people in need. Items will be distributed through Tuscaloosa One Place and DHR. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ this Christmas season!

THANK YOU FROM THE TRINITY STAFF

Thank you for the generous Christmas gifts! We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness during this season and throughout the year.

MEMORIAL

Trinity received a gift in memory of

Martha Sue Strickland

from

Bennett and Amy Bearden

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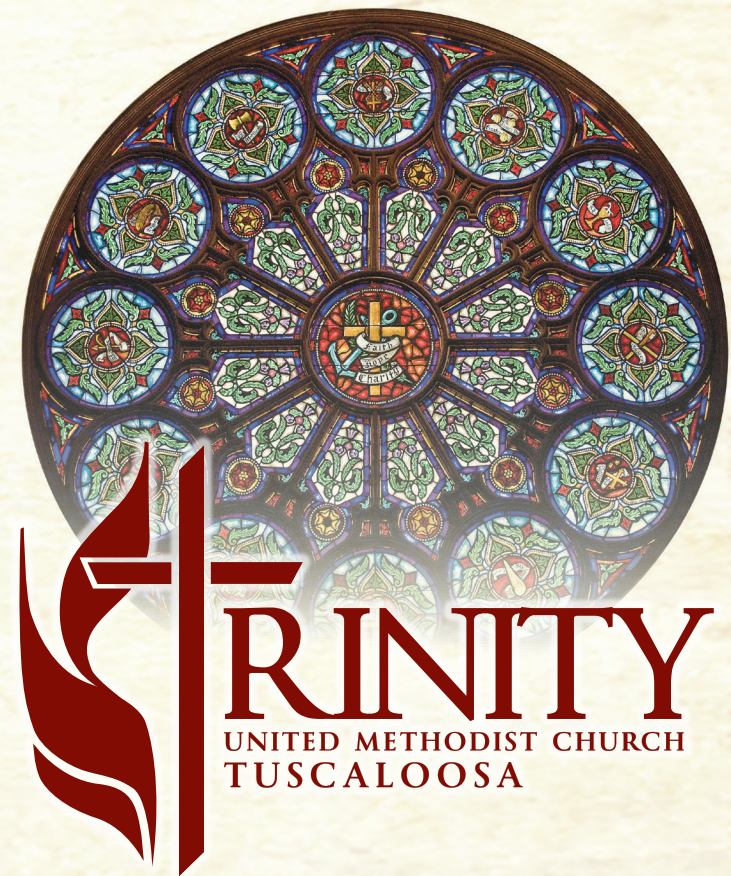
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*New Year's Eve
December 31, 2023*

***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.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
NEW YEAR'S EVE: DECEMBER 31, 2023
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRELUDE

Dr. Kevin Chance

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you are a visitor, please fill out a Visitor Card found
in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Savannah Gross

God of all times and seasons, on this threshold of a new year, we turn
and return again to you.

**The year spreads before us with possibilities and challenges,
joys and concerns.**

There is beauty all around: in the smiles of children, in the love offered
between friends, in the beauty of the earth.

But there are also challenges already surfacing.

In the midst of the good and the bad, hear our prayer for this New Year.

May you help us to love a bit more deeply,

See the beauty around us more clearly,

Listen more earnestly, Speak more honestly.

May we be troubled by injustice and be moved to act.

May we be led by compassion and be moved to serve.

May we be a courageous and bold witness for you.

**May we be a living example of your gracious love, not only in
word but in deed.**

And may we daily give thanks for the others in our lives who make this
world a better place.

For the promise in this New Year, we give you thanks.

***HYMN**

There's a Song in the Air

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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

What Child Is This

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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.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN (of all ages!)

Jessica Wyatt

*Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Church after the
Children's Message, or they may stay in the sanctuary with a parent.*

OFFERTORY

Dr. Kevin Chance

***DOXOLOGY** (To the tune of *Infant Holy*)

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to Christ the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, Glory to the Three-in-One.

Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart,
As we glory in your Presence, Giving from a grateful heart.

***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. Savannah Gross

***CLOSING HYMN**

Angels We Have Heard on High

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dr. Kevin Chance

NEXT WEEK

January 7, 10:30 am: "Un-Hanging of the Greens" Epiphany Service.

Immediately following the service, we will be taking down our Christmas
decorations. If you can stay and help, we will appreciate it! Tasks include:

- Taking down the wreaths and greenery and putting them in the storage
containers located on the back pew
- Taking the batteries out of the window candles and packing the candles
- Taking ornaments off the tree
- Taking wreaths and bins upstairs to the storage room (good knees
needed!)

We will have professionals repack the trees next week. Thank you for all of
your help!

YOUTH LOCK-IN

January 13-14: Youth Lock-In. Lock-in begins Saturday at 6 pm and lasts
through the end of Sunday worship service. Food will be provided, but bring
your favorite snacks to share. Also bring sleeping bags, an extra change of
clothes and whatever you think will make an all-nighter in the church more
comfortable.