

### COMING SOON

Our theme during Lent will be “Foolish Love,” since Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14 and ends on Easter, which is the day before April Fool’s Day. In our worship series, we’ll look at the “foolish” acts of love that Jesus calls us to as his followers -- a foolish love that forgives, risks, breaks the rules, loves extravagantly and more. Join us!

### FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Trinity supplies Communion bags to homebound members once a month on Communion Sundays. If you’re interested in helping assemble or deliver Communion bags, please meet in the church library after the worship service on Communion Sundays, or contact Sandy Wilson at [Sandrawilson@comcast.com](mailto:Sandrawilson@comcast.com). Also, if you know of anyone who needs a Communion bag, please let us know.

### THANK YOU FROM THE TRINITY STAFF

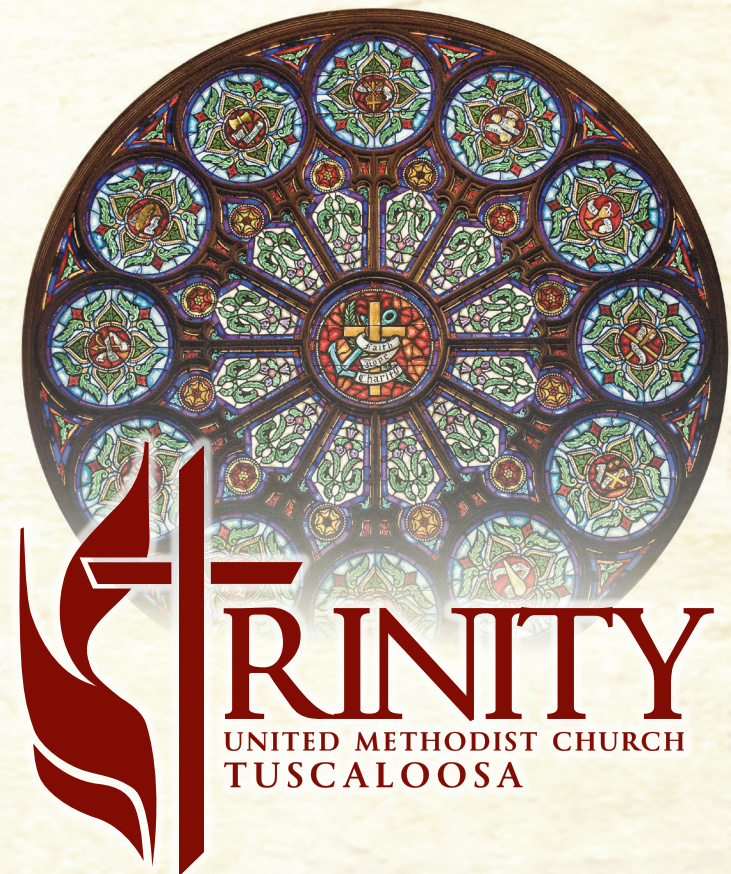
Thank you for the generous Christmas gifts! We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness during this season and throughout the year.

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*Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 28, 2024*

*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  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 28, 2024**

**PRELUDE** Anthony Zamora

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Penny Ford

*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**

Christ Jesus, we hear your invitation: "Follow me."

**And we want to follow, but we also want to stay where we are.**

We want to receive what you offer, but we also want to cling to what we already have.

**And so we are stuck.**

Jesus, grant us courage like the fishermen to cast aside the nets that bind us.

**Give us courage to follow you into true freedom and newness of life.**

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #127

**\*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** *Help Us Accept Each Other* #560, v. 1

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE /LORD'S PRAYER** Rev. Savannah Gross

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**

**\*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.

**\*\*universal**

**ANTHEM** *Many Gifts, One Spirit* Allen Pote

**SCRIPTURE** Mark 1:14-20

**SERMON** *Who Are You Fishing For?* Rev. Penny Ford

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Be Thou My Vision* #451

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Anthony Zamora

**COLLEGE STUDENTS**

**Sunday, February 11:** College students are invited to watch the Superbowl together on at the home of Bill and Sonya Griffin. Drop in as you'd like. There will be a nacho bar and a sundae bar. You're welcome to bring friends, too. As always, it will be an informal, laid-back gathering. We'll provide more information closer to the event.

**YOUNG ADULTS**

**Sunday, February 11:** Trinity has young professional single people and couples, recently out of college and in that "in-between" spot, who'd like to connect with other young professionals. We had such fun at lunch last week that we're going to do it again after church on Sunday, February 11, at Olive Garden. Come join us next month!

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Sunday, February 4, 4 pm:** The Finance Committee will meet in the Sunroom-Funroom.

**AD COUNCIL MEETING**

**Sunday, February 11, 4 pm:** The Ad Council will meet in the Sunroom-Funroom.