

TRINITY HELPS THOSE IN NEED

Thank you to all who brought items or contributed to help children and elderly people in need. Items were distributed by Tuscaloosa One Place and DHR. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ during the 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.

MEMORIALS

Trinity received gifts in memory of

Rusty Ward

from

Phillip and Sheila Madison

and from

Donna Ward and family

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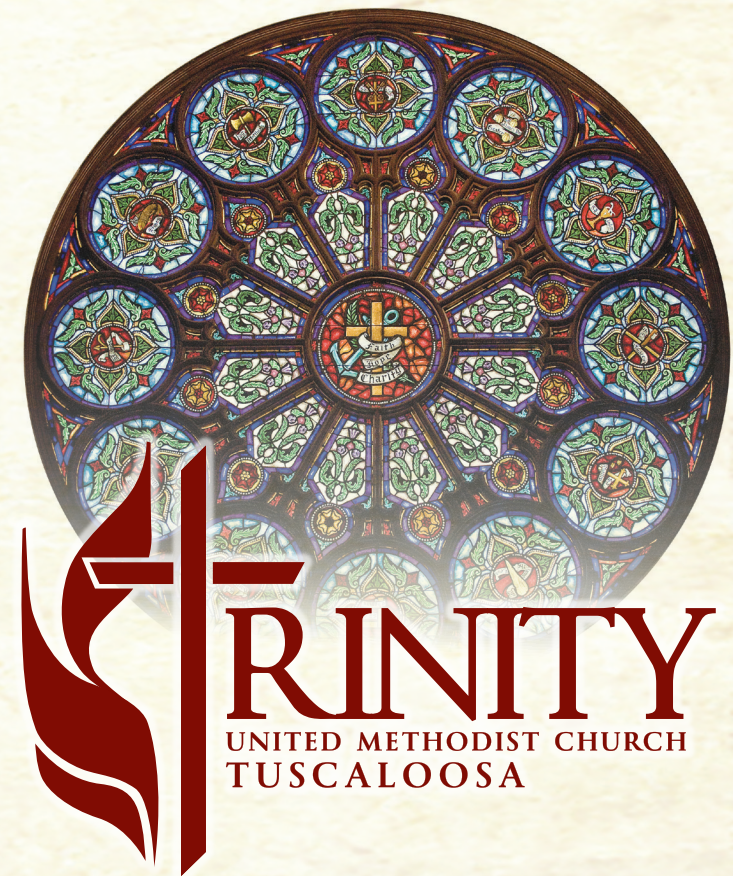
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*Epiphany
January 7, 2024*

***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
EPIPHANY
JANUARY 7, 2024

PRELUDE

Anthony Zamora

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. Penny Ford

We remember the Magi who looked up and followed the star of Christ.

We pray for those wandering in the darkness.

We remember the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh given to the Child.

We pray that we too would be generous with our gifts and eager to serve.

We remember the power of King Herod to affect the lives of those around him.

We pray for governing authorities, that all leaders would work for the good of all people.

We remember the baby Jesus, the very embodiment of hope, light and grace.

We pray that Christ will draw us ever closer so that we might share Christ's hope and light in this world.

***HYMN**

We Three Kings

#254

***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

Dr. Kevin Chance

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

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

How Late Is Too Late?

Rev. Penny Ford

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (COMMUNION)

#13

*Everyone is welcome at the table! This includes children, youth, adults and
people of any denomination or no denomination. May we know the grace
and love of Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup.*

***CLOSING HYMN**

Sing We Now of Christmas

#237

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Anthony Zamora

TODAY:

“UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS”

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 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.