

COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES

An Introduction to Christian Spiritual Practices

Tuesdays, 12-1 pm. Free lunch provided. All are welcome!

February 20 at Grace Presbyterian, hosted by The House Tuscaloosa, with Rev. Anderson Graves, teacher.

February 27 at Trinity United Methodist with Rev. Joe Scrivner, teacher.

March 5 at Bailey Tabernacle CME with Rev. Penny Ford, teacher.

March 12 at Grace Presbyterian with Rev. Gary Edge, teacher.

March 19 at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with Rev. Caroline Kelly, teacher.

March 26 at Brown Memorial Presbyterian with Rev. Lori Maxey, teacher.

If you can help host, decorate or make soup on February 27, please contact Penny.

LENTEN FOCUS

Our theme during this Lenten season is “Foolish Love,” since Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and will end on Easter Sunday, March 31, 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!

MISSIONS

On February 25, we will begin collecting nonperishable items for college students, both in the Reach program and in our congregation, to be distributed during “Success” week (formerly called “Dead Week”) in April. Snacks or food items requested are individual chip bags, granola bars, candy bars, gummies, Little Debbie cakes/brownies, honey buns, microwave popcorn, bottled water, Capri Suns, sodas and cookies. We will supplement the bags closer to time with fresh fruit. We expect to make about 60 bags, and you can bring the items to the sanctuary or church office.

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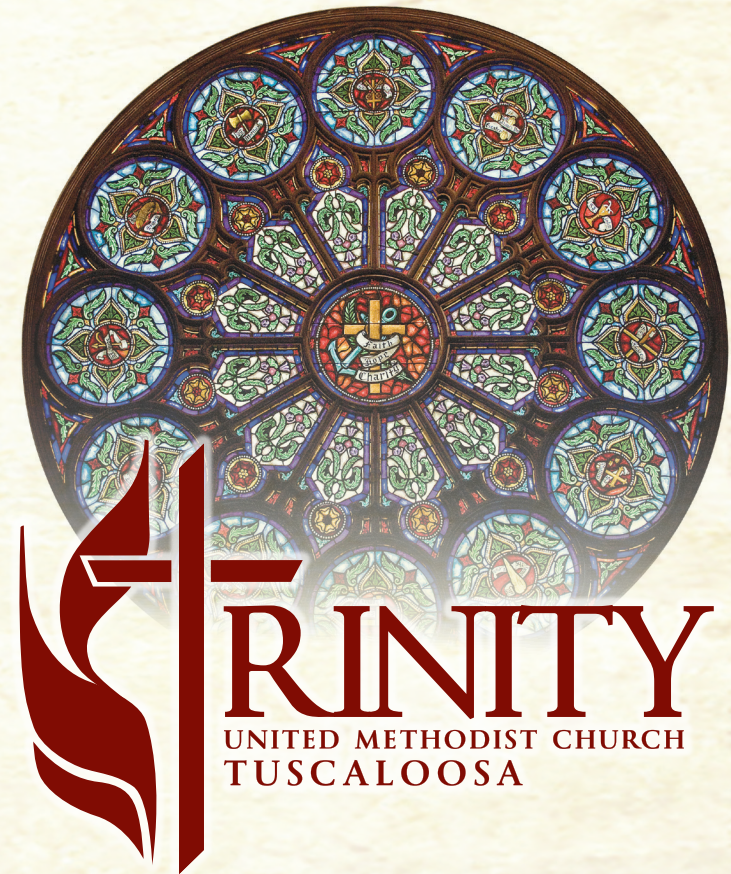
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*First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024*

*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
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 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**

Return to God with all your heart, mind, and soul.

We turn our hearts to you, O God.

Return to this season called Lent -
a season of fasting and prayer,
reflection and introspection.

We turn our thoughts to you, O God.

Return to yourself, and to the treasure
that is Christ living within you.

We turn our souls to you, O God.

Turning and returning,
with heart, mind, and soul wide open,

Let us worship the God of love!

***HYMN**

This Is My Father's World

#144

***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.*

FAREWELL, REV. SAVANNAH GROSS

Lane McLelland

CALL TO PRAYER

Spirit Song

#347

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

***DOXOLOGY**

#95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***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

Dust I Am

Mark Miller

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:12-15

SERMON

The Most Unwanted Friend

Rev. Savannah Gross

***CLOSING HYMN**

Trust and Obey

#467

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Anthony Zamora

TODAY:

FAREWELL, REV. SAVANNAH GROSS

We are so grateful for Rev. Savannah Gross and all she has done for Trinity as our Associate Pastor. She has shared her many gifts with us in leading church services, providing outreach to college students and young adults, delivering pastoral care, and so much more. At the end of this month, Savvy will begin her new role as pastor for St. Luke United Methodist Church. Please join us in thanking her with a reception in the church parlor immediately after the worship service today.

OH BOY, IT'S A BOY!

Our Trinity family will be having a baby shower or "Diaper Sprinkle" for Katherine and Vaughn Gambrell on Sunday, February 25, at 9:30 am in the church parlor. Diapers of any brand and size are their only request. Because this shower is close to the breakfast hour and during Sunday School, we are providing a hot breakfast buffet, as well as childcare across the hall in the Sunday School Room and Nursery. We hope everyone will join us that morning, including the gentlemen of the church, for breakfast and a time of joy and congratulations. We look forward to seeing you with diapers and love to share with the Gambrells on the 25th!

SAVE THESE DATES IN MARCH

A baby shower for Brooke and Ross O'Rear will be held at the church on Sunday, March 24, at 2 pm.

Trinity's annual Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 30.