

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

Today we 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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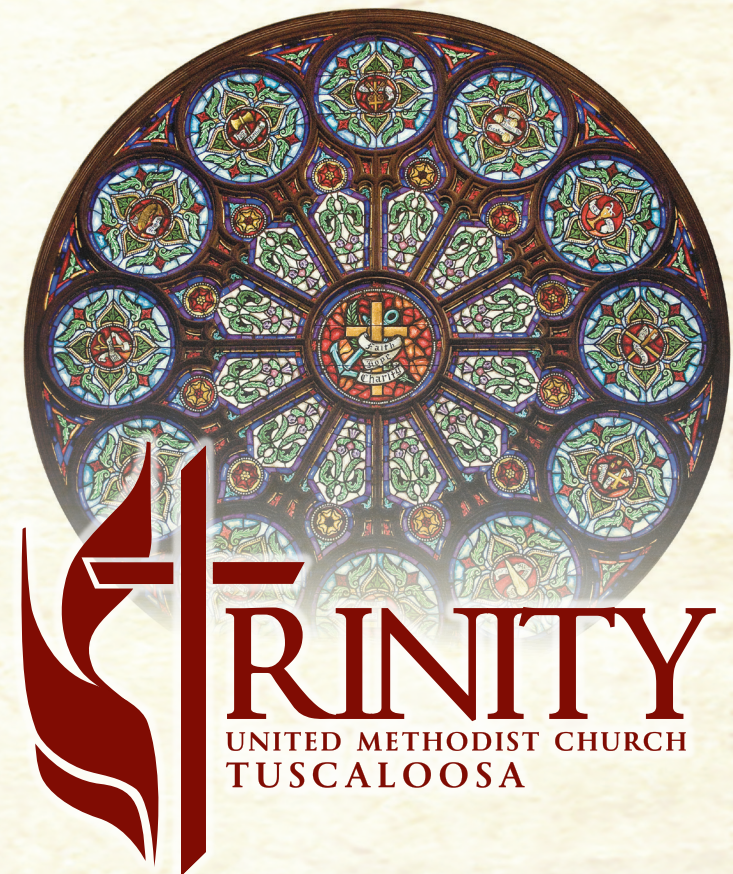
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*Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024*

***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
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

PRELUDE

Anthony Zamora

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Grimsley

*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.*

Every week, as we worship together, we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other and to God that we do not always live as we are called. In this time of confession, this time of opening our hearts, let us remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace and love. Let us pray together

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

**Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace,
hear our prayer.**

We come before you in need of healing:

The healing of our bodies and souls,

The healing of our relationships,

The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.

We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing,

Not even the restoration of the whole world.

We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world,

So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be,

As Christ calls us. Amen.

***HYMN**

Standing on the Promises

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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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

#297, v. 1

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**

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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

Who at My Door Is Standing

K. Lee Scott

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:10-17

SERMON

Foolish Love Breaks the Rules

Rev. Penny Ford

***CLOSING HYMN**

Where He Leads Me

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Anthony Zamora

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COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES

An Introduction to Christian Spiritual Practices

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

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.

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.