

PREPARING FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

The Christian season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which is a time of reflection and repentance. Our Ash Wednesday Service will be on Wednesday, February 14, at 6 pm in the sanctuary.

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!

LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES

Trinity will join with some other local churches for a Lenten Luncheon series, February 20-March 26 from noon until 1. The event takes place at different local churches each week. We’ll have a full schedule soon. Trinity will host the lunch on February 27 with soups and sandwiches. We need 6-7 volunteers to make/bring soup for 8 people (It can be any kind of soup. One vegetarian soup would be good.), and Trinity will provide meat and bread for sandwiches, along with drinks. Please let Penny know if you can help.

FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

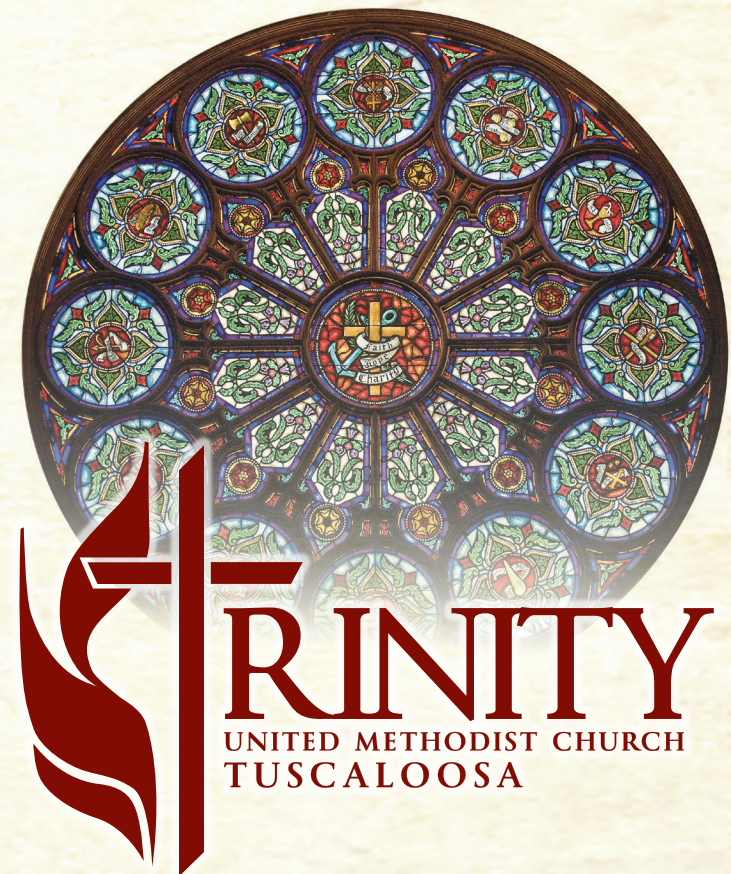
Trinity supplies Communion bags to homebound members once a month on Communion Sundays. If you’re interested in helping assemble or deliver Communion bags, please meet in the church library after the worship service on Communion Sundays, or contact Sandy Wilson at Sandrawilson@comcast.com. Also, if you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

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*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 4, 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
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 4, 2024

PRELUDE Anthony Zamora

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Savannah Gross

*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**

God has brought us here today.

We've shown up, saying yes to God's call!

We come with our gifts, our pain, our hopes and fears.

God, you see us in all our humanity and love us completely.

You see our anxiety and call us to do your work anyway.

God is working to bring healing and light!

God is lifting up the lowly and filling up the hungry!

Will you be a part of God's saving work?

Yes! Even when we are afraid, we say yes to God!

Then let us worship together with confidence and hope.

***HYMN** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #103

***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 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* #349

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** #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.

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ANTHEM *Hope in Me* Terre Johnson

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:29-39

SERMON *Do It Anyway (Cause Haters Gonna Hate)* 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** *On Eagle's Wings* #143

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Anthony Zamora

TODAY: 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.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Sunday, February 11: College students are invited to watch the Superbowl together on at the home of Bill and Sonya Griffin, 20 Audubon Place, Tuscaloosa, 35401. Text Bill and Sonja at 443-783-9598 with any questions.

There is parking in the back of the house, on 7th Street. 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.

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. Join us on the 11th!