

COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES

An Introduction to Christian Spiritual Practices

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

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.

SAVE THESE DATES IN MARCH

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

Saturday, March 30: Trinity's annual Easter egg hunt!

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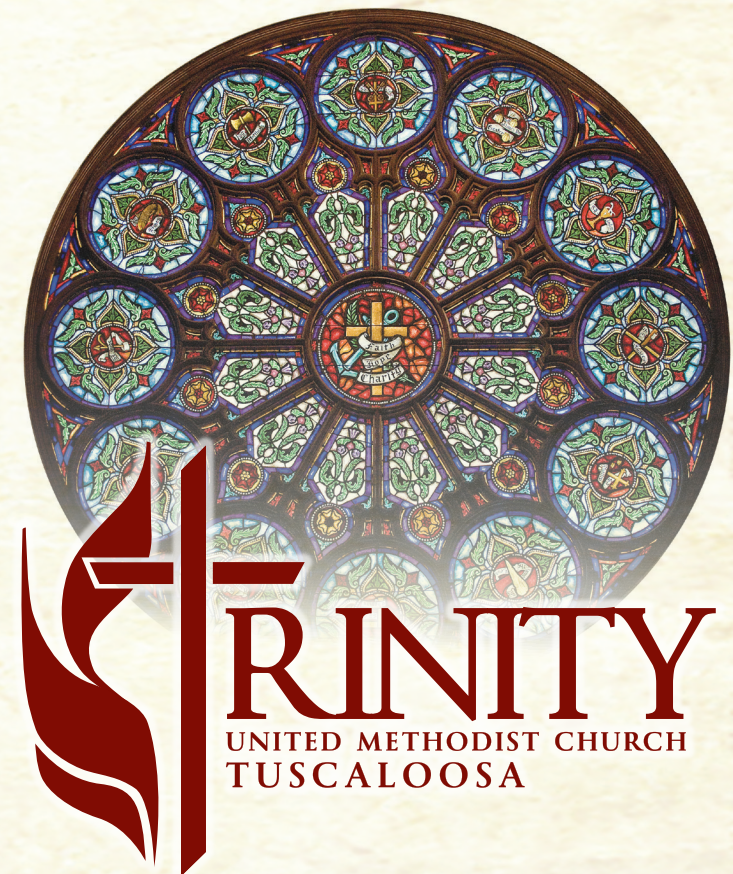
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*Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024*

***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
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
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PRELUDE

Anthony Zamora

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Debbie Lane

*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*

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Fountain of Grace, and Giver of Life:

Hear our prayer.

**There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us
From one another and from You.**

We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,

For fear of admitting our part in the separation,

For fear of being rejected when we reach out.

You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,

To a wholeness with each other and with You.

Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations

Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

Lift High the Cross

#159

***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 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

#402

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

O Cease Thy Singing, op.4, no. 4 Sergei Rachmaninoff
Jillian Ochsendorf, trombone

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:21-24, 18:21-22

SERMON

Foolish Love Forgives

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**

How Firm a Foundation

#529

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Anthony Zamora

**Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good."
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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

We are 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. Please bring the items to the sanctuary or the church office.