

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!

BIBLE STUDY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

College students are invited to join our Bible Study group with Rev. Penny. The group meets at 7:30-8:30 on Thursdays in Penny’s office.

TRINITY SERVICE PROJECT

We are collecting nonperishable items for college students 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 treats, 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 church office.

CHILDREN’S DIRECTOR

We’re sad to share that Jessica Wyatt has resigned as our Children’s Director. She has been so wonderful with our children, and we are grateful for all she has done! The SPR Committee is actively seeking a new Children’s Director. Ja’Kaylah Blackmon will lead Children’s Sunday School and Children’s Church in the interim.

GIFT

Joyce and Lamar Faulkner of Milton, FL, recently presented us with an antique light fixture from the original Trinity UMC building. Joyce inherited the fixture from her mother, Ouita Johnson Allen. Her maternal grandparents, George and Ethel Rayfield Johnson, were founding members of Trinity. Our sincere thanks go to the Faulkners for this significant and historical gift.

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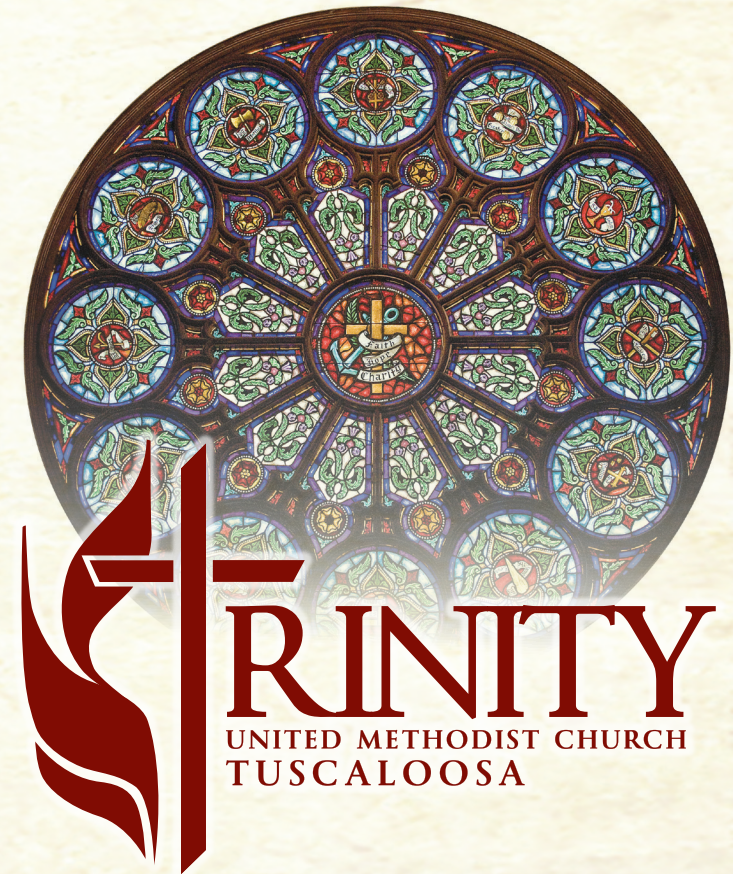
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*Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024*

*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
PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 24, 2024

PRELUDE Anthony Zamora

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Scott Grimsley
*Children: During the Welcome and Announcements,
please go to the back of the sanctuary to choose a palm
and join us in our Palm Sunday procession.*

PALM SUNDAY SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:6-11

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

Christ comes with joy and hope.

Christ comes to set us free from fear.

Hosanna!

Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven. Amen.

***PROCESSION OF THE PALMS** *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* #277

***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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #298

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!)

*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.

***AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS 8:35, 37-29** UMH 887

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?

**No! In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.
We are sure that neither death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
Will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

ANTHEM *How Great Thou Art/Majesty* Joel Raney

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:43-48; Matthew 26:14-25

SERMON *Foolish Love . . . Is Risky* Rev. Penny Ford

***CLOSING HYMN** *Were You There?* #288

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Anthony Zamora

TODAY

A baby shower for Brooke and Ross O'Rear will be held at the church today
at 2 pm in the Church Parlor.

COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES

An Introduction to Christian Spiritual Practices

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

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

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 6 pm: On the night of Jesus' crucifixion, we join Jesus on his journey
to the cross. Through music and scripture, we experience a dramatic retelling of
the passion of Christ. Join us for this powerful service.

TRINITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us Saturday, March 30, at 10 am for our Egg Hunt (ages 0-5th grade) and our
annual Egg Toss for all ages! The kids will start inside coloring Easter bags while
the Bunny and friends hide the eggs. Then at about 10:15, we'll let the children
loose! Please feel free to invite other families and friends. YOU can help by
bringing plastic eggs filled with candy, toys or stickers to the church and leaving
them in the green bucket by the elevator. Or if you're willing to stuff plastic eggs,
we can provide the eggs and candy. Let Penny know.

EASTER SUNDAY

Hallelujah, Christ is risen! There is not enough darkness in the universe to extinguish
the light and love of Jesus Christ! On Sunday, March 31, bring flowers from your
yard to help decorate our flower cross as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ!
(We'll have extra flowers!). This is a fun activity for families, and a wonderful time
to take a family Easter picture. We are also baptizing Lilly Blake Gann and
welcoming her and her father, Blake, into the Trinity family. Come celebrate with us
at 10:30 am in the sanctuary. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!