# **WELCOME TO TRINITY!**

We're glad you are with us this morning!

#### **HOW CAN I CONNECT AT TRINITY?**

We have a variety of Sunday School classes for all ages Sundays at 9:30 am. In addition, there is a Taco Tuesday Women's group, a college group called Elevate, a missions team and a great choir ready to welcome you! Please fill out the guest card found in the pew in front of you and put it in the offering plate. We will be in touch soon and can help point you in the right direction.

#### WHERE ARE THE RESTROOMS?

Men's and women's restrooms are on the lower level at the bases of the steps on either side of the narthex (back of the Sanctuary). There is also a family restroom on the main level in the area behind the choir loft (front of the Sanctuary).

#### IS THE CHURCH ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES?

The elevator in the Education wing accesses all levels of the church: the Sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall and all the Sunday School rooms. Accessible parking spaces are in the alley behind the church, nearest to the elevators. Listening devices are available to anyone with a hearing impairment. Devices are in the Narthex, or you may ask any usher to find one for you.

#### WHERE IS THE NURSERY?

Each Sunday morning during Sunday School and Worship, children from newborn-age 3 find a nurturing, safe, friendly environment in our nursery. It is located near the elevator on the education level. Exit the front of the Sanctuary on the left side and go down the stairs. After the Children's Moment, we offer Children's Church for kids K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade. You are welcome to have your children participate, or keep them with you in worship!

#### **CHURCH PARKING**

What do the "reserved" parking places mean? Church parking for our services and activities is always FREE, and the whole lot is available. No spaces are reserved for church functions like worship. We offer reserved spaces for weekday parking and football parking, with the proceeds going towards our budget. If you'd like to be on the waiting list for weekday or football parking please email office@trinityumc.info

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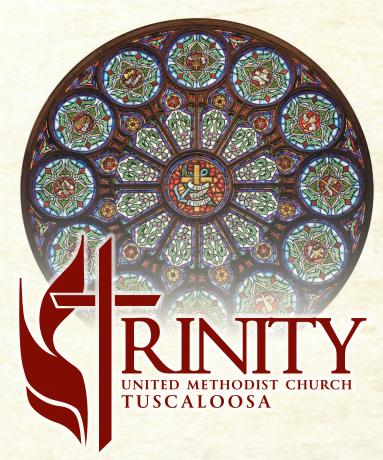
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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 25, 2024

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.

**PRELUDE** 

Anthony Zamora

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nolan McKibben

# \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Surprising God, you have an uncomfortable habit of showing up where we least expect you: in a burning bush, in the face of a stranger, in a manger, on a rough wooden cross.

Turn our lives upside down with your surprising love.

God of surprises, come meet us on this holy ground.

Be with us as we begin a new school year.

Give us a hunger to learn and the courage to grow.

Help us brave new experiences and reach out to others.

Help us find that group, that church, those friends, that class that sparks our imagination, touches our heart and challenges us to grow.

Let us be a welcoming friend who loves God by serving others. We worship the One who banishes fear, offers us hope, and invites us to step out in faith. Amen.

\*HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

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### \*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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.

# INTRODUCTION OF OUR NEW INTERNS

CALL TO PRAYER 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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### 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!)

Dr. Clay Nelson

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: 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

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

# **SCRIPTURE**

Ephesians 6:10-20

**SERMON** 

You Can Tell by the Way They Dress Standing on the Promises

Rev. Penny Ford

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\*CLOSING HYMN BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

Anthony Zamora

# TRINITY CALENDAR

Today, August 25: The Finance Committee will meet at 4 pm.

Wednesday, August 28: Trinity Choir resumes rehearsals 6-7 pm on Wednesdays. The choir meets at 10 am on Sundays.

Elevate college ministry at Trinity will begin soon. Email Rev.Penny Ford (revpennyford@gmail.com) or Mason McKibben (mbmckibben@crimson. ua.edu) for more information.

Tuesday, August 27: Taco Tuesday! Trinity women will meet at 5 pm for food and fellowship at Billy's Sports Grill, 430 Main Avenue, Northport, AL 35476.

Sunday, September 15: Churchwide potluck. Bring a side or dessert to share. We'll provide the meat and drinks. All are welcome!



#### **MEET OUR NEW INTERNS!**

Please welcome our interns for the 2024-25 academic year: Madesyn Floyd, a junior double-majoring in Psychology and Neuroscience with a minor in Global Health; Dustin Prine, an MFA candidate in Theatre; and Daniel Washington, an undergraduate Composition major in the Music Department.

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