

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

If you are a visitor, please fill out a welcome card found in the pew in front of you. We'd love to get to know you better!

ACCESSIBILITY: The elevator in the Education wing accesses all levels of the building. Accessible parking is available in the alley behind the church. A family restroom is located in the hallway behind the sanctuary.

NURSERY: Our nursery for ages newborn-age 3 is on the Education level.

WHY DO OUR PARKING PLACES SAY "RESERVED"?

ALL parking is FREE and UNRESERVED during services and church activities. Reserved spaces are for weekday and football parking, with proceeds supporting our budget. Email the church office to join the waiting list for weekday or football parking.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Sundays at 9:30 am we have Sunday School classes for all ages!

Tuesdays at 5 pm: Trinity women meet for Taco Tuesday at Red Bowl (311 Merchants Walk).

Wednesdays at 6 pm: All are welcome to join the choir! If you want more information, email k.t.chance@gmail.com.

Thursdays at 7 pm: Trinity's college Bible study meets in the Funset-Sunset Room. Email Madesyn at maddy8254@yahoo.com for more information. We'll resume December 5.

NEXT SUNDAY

Please plan to stay after the service on November 24 to help us get out our Christmas and Advent decorations out of the attic! Just 30 minutes with a big crew will help us get everything ready for the Hanging of the Greens service on December 1.

MEMORIAL

In loving memory of
Sandy Bell
from Ric and Trisha Turner

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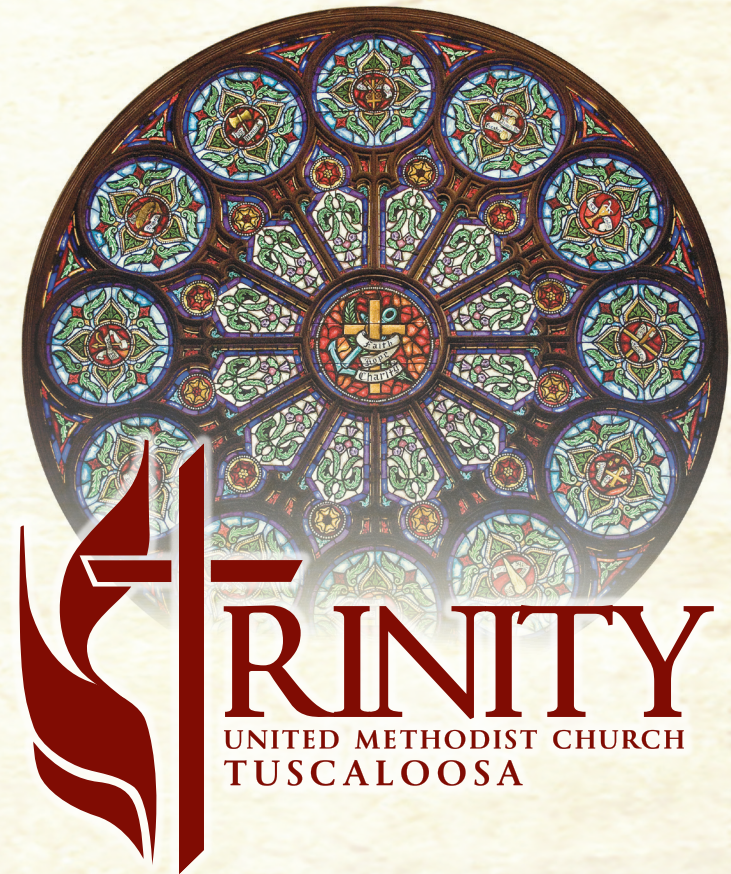
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*Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2024*

*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.*

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 17, 2024
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

PRELUDE Anthony Zamora
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Mackenzie Pike

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Brothers and sisters, God has given us life, but we have not lived. We have been called to freedom in Christ, but we are bound by our own anxieties and worries. We have been called to follow in God's ways, but too often we choose our own way. May we admit commonly our willfulness and weakness in denying the blessings that God freely gives. Let us confess our sins.

Most merciful God, we know that often we do not love you above all things and we do not truly love our neighbor because we are too interested in ourselves. We confess that we do not like the bodies we have. We have longed for different families. We would like to forget parts of our past life. We wish we had more time. We would like to start all over again. We think more money will solve our problems. We are afraid of the future. We think our actions don't matter. We envy others, resent the injustices we have suffered and cherish our anger. We feel we have never really been understood. In short, we have refused to live because we have held out for better terms.

Heal us, O God, from the distance we have tried to put between ourselves and the fullness of the life you give. Heal us from the open wounds that separate us from you and one another. Help us to live in the present, seeking you and serving others with compassion and hope. We trust you are at work in the world today. We claim your blessings with thanksgiving, and offer ourselves to help usher in your kingdom of peace on earth. May that peace begin in each of us today. Amen.

***HYMN** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* #117

***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.*

CALL TO PRAYER *Sweet Hour of Prayer* #496, 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!) William Hackett
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**

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.

**Living; **universal*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:25-34

SERMON *Start Here* Rev. Penny Ford

***CLOSING HYMN** *I Am Thine, O Lord* #419

POSTLUDE Anthony Zamora

ENCOURAGEMENT NOTES FOR STUDENTS

We are making Christmas study bags for students at Trinity and for students in the UA Reach program who were formerly in foster care or in need of extra support. YOU can help by writing a simple note of encouragement for students as they take exams. A card is in your bulletin. Please place your card in the basket as you leave today, or you can put it in the offering plate.

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS

We will be collecting Christmas gifts for children and adults during the month of November. Some suggested items for adults are pajamas, pajama pants (L or XL), blankets or throws, Depends, unscented lotions, nonslip house shoes and gloves. Possible gifts for children are toys, sports equipment, jackets and coats. Please consider giving some items appropriate for older children and teens. Tables will be set up in the back of the sanctuary for you on which to place the items. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Please earmark them for Missions.

PLEDGE CARDS

We're so grateful for everyone who's a part of our church family. Your pledge helps us keep our programs, worship, and community outreach going strong. If you haven't already, please take a moment to fill out your stewardship pledge card and drop it in the offering plate as it comes by. Thank you for helping us plan for the future!