

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.

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!

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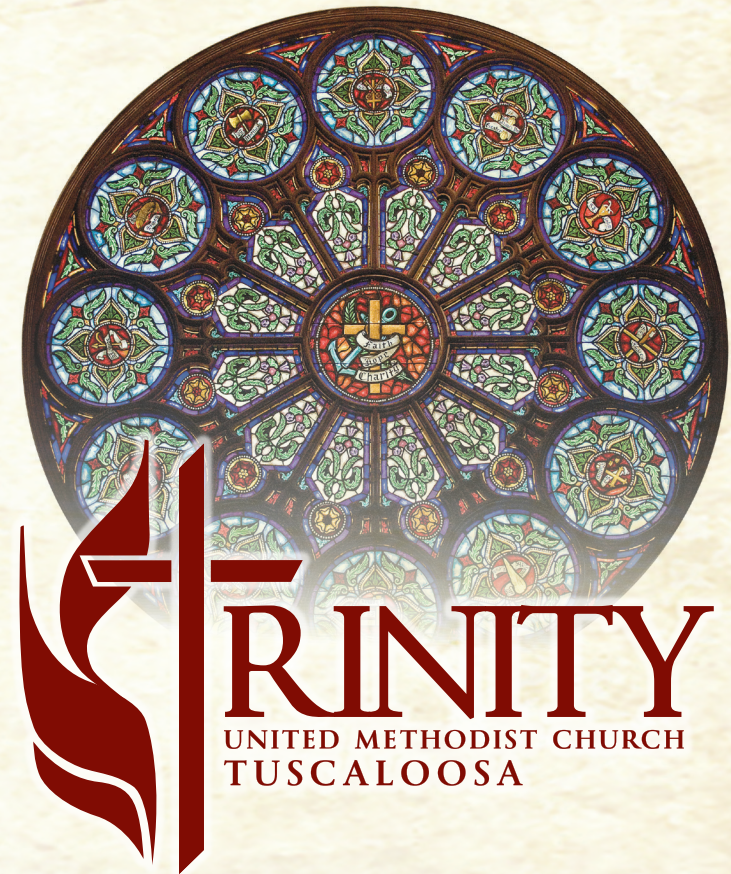
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Hanging of the Greens

First Sunday of Advent: December 1, 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.*

HANGING OF THE GREENS
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 1, 2024
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRELUDE / GATHERING MUSIC Anthony Zamora
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Penny Ford
Because this is an active, family-oriented service, there will be no Children's Church today. However, nursery is available for newborns through age 3.
COLORS OF ADVENT Debbie Lane
THE ADVENT WREATH Dean Townsley
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #196 (vv. 1-2)
The Advent wreath will be lit as we sing together.
HANGING OF THE GREENS Jack Saraceno
***HYMN** *The First Noel* #245 (vv. 1-5)
During this hymn, volunteers will hang wreaths, and children will hang greenery on the pews.
***GREETING ONE ANOTHER** Dean Townsley
SCRIPTURE OF LIGHT Emily Adcock
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #230
During this hymn, volunteers will light the trees and the candles in the windows as a sign of the presence of Christ in our midst.
PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Dr. Jackson Harris
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.
STORY OF THE POINSETTIA Dr. Mackenzie Pike
***PROCESSION OF THE POINSETTIAS**
O Come, All Ye Faithful #234 (vv. 1-6)
During this hymn, volunteers bring poinsettias to the front of the sanctuary.
CHRISTMAS NATIVITY Dr. Jackson Harris
CHRISTMAS SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7 Breana Cook
PROCESSION OF THE HOLY FAMILY *Away in a Manger* #217
OFFERTORY PRAYER Ric Turner
OFFERTORY
***DOXOLOGY** (To the tune of *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*)
Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to Christ the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, Glory to the Three-in-One.
Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart,
As we glory in your Presence, Giving from a grateful heart.

CHRISMON TREES Ric Turner
ADVENT COMMUNION Rev. Penny Ford
After you have received Communion, please take a few Chrismon ornaments from the baskets and help us decorate the trees today.
STORY OF SAINT NICHOLAS Beth Sherrill
***HYMN** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #89
BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE Anthony Zamora

*Please stand as you are able.

TRINITY CALENDAR

Today: Piano Carols by Candlelight with Dr. Kevin Chance, 5 pm.
December 8: A Service of Lessons and Carols, 10:30 am. Join us for a festive service of music and scripture led by the Trinity Choir under the direction of Dr. Kevin Chance. Meanwhile, the children will have a decorating party in the Fellowship Hall.
December 13 (Friday): Little Elves Workshop/Parent's Night Out, 5:30-8:30 pm. Parents take a break while kids up to 5th grade enjoy Christmas fun and dinner at the church. Register your child by December 6.
December 15: Children's Nativity, 10:30 am. All children can be part of our living nativity! The church has costumes for ages 4+. Come pick a costume during Sunday School. Children 3 and under, please come dressed as your favorite animal.
December 15: Trinity Christmas Caroling (4 pm) and party (6 pm).
In the afternoon, we'll carol for some of our homebound friends, concluding with a church wide Christmas Party at Trinity at 6 pm, where we'll have a very special guest! Wear your most festive holiday clothes and join us.
December 22: Tidings of Comfort and Joy, 10:30 am! A relaxed service to de-stress before the holiday. Children enjoy a "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" party during our Sunday School hour.
December 24 (Tuesday): Christmas Eve Communion Service, 4:30 pm.

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS

We are 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.

PASTOR AND STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

At this time of the year, we want to show our gratitude for our Pastor and our staff for all they do for our church. If you would like to make a contribution, please mail your gift to the church office (729 Paul Bryant Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401) or place it in the offering plate by December 8. Checks should be made payable to Trinity UMC and marked "Pastor/Staff Gift Fund."