

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 will resume in January.

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!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thank you all for your generosity in contributing to Tuscaloosa's One Place Holiday Heart Program for children and to DHR Adults. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

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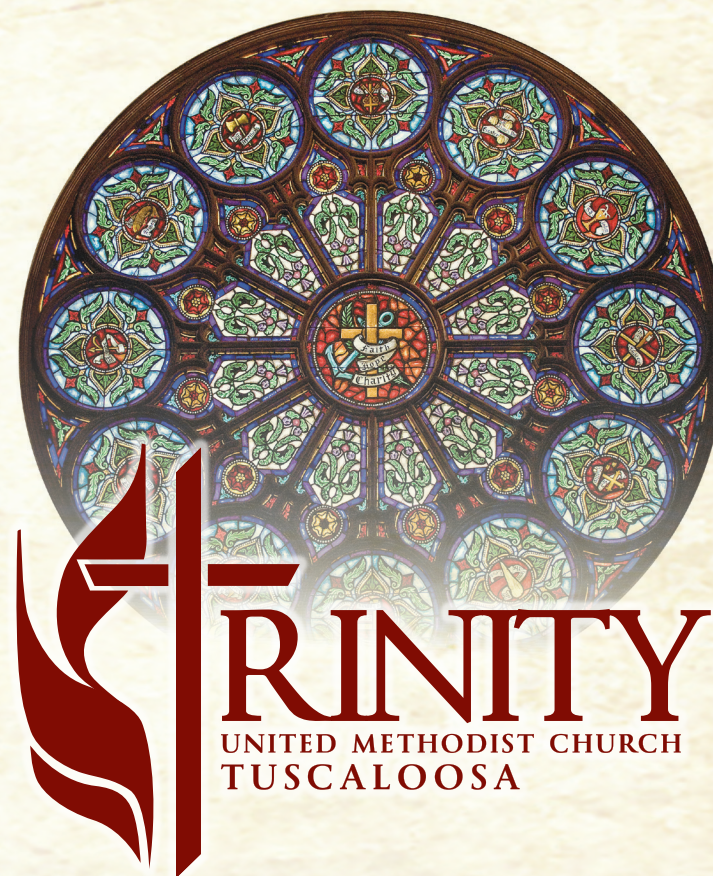
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*Children's Nativity
December 15, 2024*

*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.*

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 15, 2024
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRELUDE Anthony Zamora

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Debbie Lane

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES** The Woodham Family

The first candle of Advent is the candle of HOPE.

**We place our hope in Christ Jesus,
who gives us courage to face the future.**

The second candle of Advent is the candle of PEACE.

May the peace of Christ come into our troubled world.

Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of JOY.

May we know deep joy this holy season, no matter our circumstances.

Thanks be to God who surprises us with hope, peace and joy.

May the Light of the World be born anew

In our hearts and in this world. Come, Lord Jesus!

***OPENING HYMN** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* #220

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

*The children are dismissed to follow William Hackett
to get into their costumes for our Nativity.*

All children are welcome! We have costumes for everyone.

CALL TO PRAYER *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #230, vv. 1-2

PRAYERS / 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.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY

HYMN *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY Luke 2:1-7 Charlotte Grimsley

HYMN *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.

Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

OFFERTORY Anthony Zamora

***DOXOLOGY** (To the tune of *Infant Holy*)

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.

***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 Luke 1:26-38

SERMON *Let It Be* Rev. Penny Ford

CLOSING HYMN *The First Noel* #245, vv. 1-4

POSTLUDE Anthony Zamora

*Please stand as you are able.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to our Children's Minister, William Hackett, and to all who participated in our Nativity today, especially our young people.

TRINITY CALENDAR

TODAY: Trinity Christmas Caroling (4 pm) and party (6 pm). 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 or pajamas and join us.

December 22: Tidings of Comfort and Joy, 10:30 am!

December 24 (Tuesday): Christmas Eve Communion Service, 4:30 pm.

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 at 729 Paul Bryant Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401, or place it in the offering plate. Make checks payable to Trinity UMC and marked "Pastor/Staff Gift Fund."