

## 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!

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

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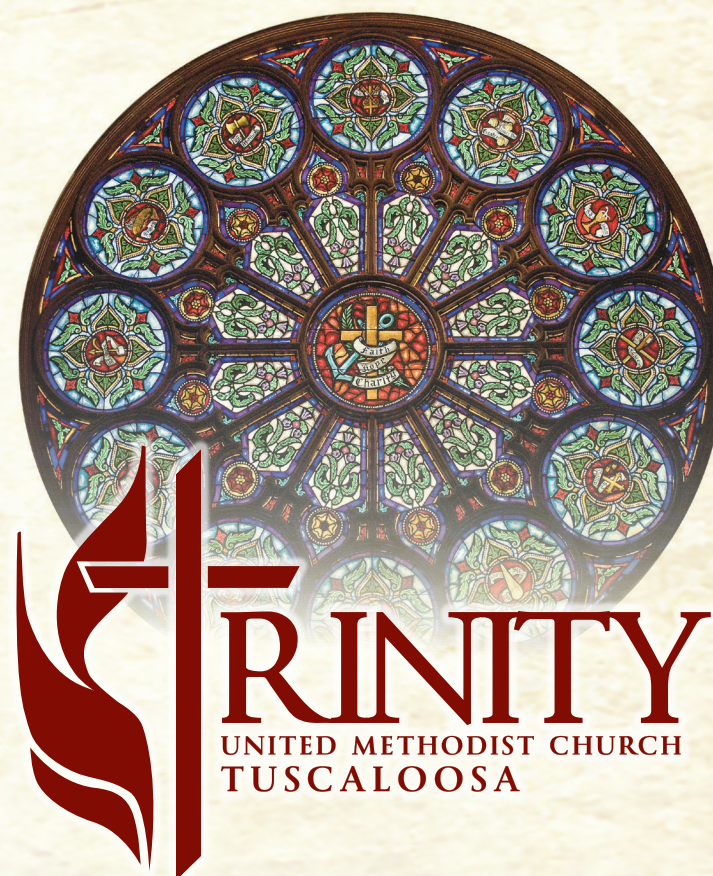
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*Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 22, 2024*

*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.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 22, 2024  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRELUDE** Dr. Kevin Chance

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Dr. Mackenzie Pike

**\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES** The Smith/Gann Family

This Advent, we are workers in God's upside-down kingdom,

**where the last are first and the first are last,**

Where needs are met in miraculous ways,

**and there is grace enough for all!**

Today we light the candle of HOPE

**That the Messiah will bring good news to the poor**

**And freedom for the oppressed.**

We light the candle of PEACE

**That the Prince of Peace will make a home in our hearts and in this world.**

We light the candle of JOY

**That the light of Christ will dispel the darkness.**

We light the candle of LOVE

**And trust that the Lord of Love is at work in the world today.**

Come Lord Jesus. We are waiting for your topsy-turvy, upside-down Kingdom

to come on earth as it is in heaven.

**Come Lord Jesus!**

**\*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.*

**CHRISTMAS HYMNS BY REQUEST** Dr. Kevin Chance

*We will sing the first verse of a few Christmas hymns. Please look in your hymnals between the pages of 216-251 for some of your favorite songs!*

**CALL TO PRAYER** *What Child Is This?* #219

**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.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** 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** Dr. Kevin Chance

*As the offering plate is passed, you may put in contributions,  
prayer cards or visitor cards as you wish.*

**\*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 1:39-55

**SERMON** *Mary's Upside-Down Song* Rev. Penny Ford

**\*HYMN** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* #240

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Dr. Kevin Chance

\*Please stand as you are able.

*If you ordered a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one,*

*please feel free to take it home with you after the service.*

*Thank you for sharing the beauty of the season.*

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24  
CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE  
4:30 PM**

Join us on this holy night for an abbreviated service of carols, candles, Communion and the Christmas story as we celebrate the birth of Christ! Come as you are. Kids are welcome!

**CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER**

If you find yourself far from family this Christmas Eve, come join us for a Christmas Eve potluck, 6-8 pm at Penny's house. No one has to be alone on Christmas Eve! I'll provide a ham and make some pies. Guest are invited to bring a side to share. Call Penny at 205.515.7229 to RSVP.

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

Thank you all for your generosity in bringing items and contributing to Tuscaloosa's One Place Holiday Heart Program for children and to DHR Adults. Thank you also for the 60 UA student gift bags. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

**MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA**

In loving memory of

**Geraldine and Jones Tubb**

by Marilyn and Tucker Myick, Glynn and Cathy Tubb, and our families

In honor of

**Anita Wright**

by Ray and Elaine Farabee