

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!

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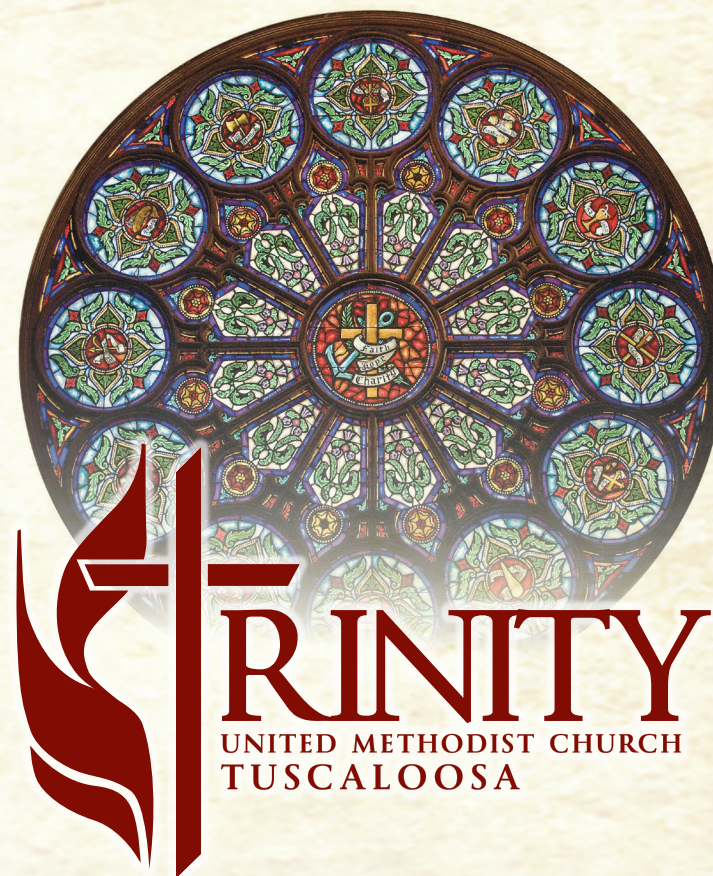
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*First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 12, 2025*

*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.*

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 12, 2025
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, 4:1-2

SERMON

Into the Wilderness

Rev. Tim Alexander

***HYMN**

How Firm a Foundation

#529

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Anthony Zamora

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

Anthony Zamora

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Penny Ford

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

Let us begin the work of Christmas together.

***HYMN**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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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.*

CALL TO PRAYER

Spirit Song

#347

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

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

***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!

GUEST PREACHER

Today we are delighted to welcome our guest preacher, **Rev. Dr. Tim Alexander**. Tim retired as a Pharmacist in Carrollton, AL, after 25 years and became a UMC Pastor. He served many churches including Aliceville, Panola, Hebron, Guin, Unity Grove, Langdale and Valley before his retirement from the ministry. Tim has degrees from both Auburn and Asbury and received a D.Min in Faith and Health from Memphis Theological Seminary. He is married to Terry and is the proud father of Jan and son-in-law Brandon. Tim and Terry have two grandchildren, Finn and Jack. Welcome, Tim and Terry!

MISSIONS: COMMUNITY SOUP BOWL

On Wednesday, January 29, Trinity will prepare and serve lunch to about 150-175 people at the East Tuscaloosa Community Soup Bowl, located at Druid Hills UMC, 4001 University Boulevard East, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404. We'll cook from 9-11 am and serve from 11 am-1 pm. If you'd like to help, please contact Beth Sherrill or call the church office at 205-759-4206.

Again, 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. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU FROM THE PASTOR AND STAFF

Thank you for the generous gift to us this Christmas! We are thankful to be in a congregation filled with grace and compassion; It is an honor to serve here with you. Thank you for thinking of us all this season, and for your support throughout the year.