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).

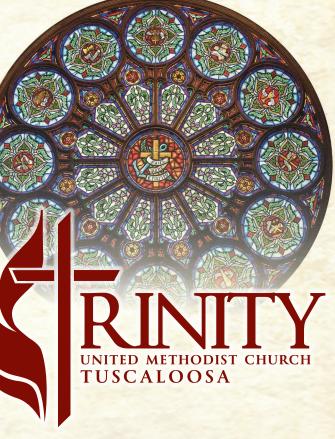
Wednesdays at 6 pm: All are welcome to join the choir! If you want more information, email k.t.chance@gmail.com.

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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: On Wednesday, April 30, 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 (Beths824@aol.com) or call the church office at 205-759-4206.

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Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany February 23, 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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 23, 2025 TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRELUDE

Anthony Zamora

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 37:1-11 (NIV)

Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:

He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,

your vindication like the noonday sun.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways,

when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. For those who are evil will be destroyed,

but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

A little while, and the wicked will be no more;

though you look for them, they will not be found.

But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

*HYMN

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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.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

CALL TO PRAYER Spirit of the Living God

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! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! 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

ANTHEM	Shine, Jesus, Shine	Roger Emerson
SCRIPTURE		Luke 6:27-38
SERMON	We Can Do Hard Things Maybe	Rev. Penny Ford
*HYMN	Be Thou My Vision	#451
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE		Anthony Zamora

*Please stand as you are able.

TODAY AT 4 PM: Joint meeting of the Finance Committee and Ad Council.

REV. PENNY FORD has jury duty this week. If you need anything, please call the office. For an extreme pastoral emergency, please text her or leave a voicemail on her cell, and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHES: Every Tuesday March 11-April 15 from 12-1 pm, folks from different denominations gather to eat (free) and hear an inspiring speaker. Location rotates from church to church. The first lunch is on March 11 at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church on the Stillman Campus. All are welcome! Trinity will host on April 15.

The next **TRINITY YOUNG PROFESSIONALS** meeting will be Thursday, March 6, 6-8 pm. Dinner will be provided.

POTLUCK AND EASTER EGG HUNT! Mark your calendars for a Trinity Potluck and Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 13!

ANTHONY ZAMORA PIANO RECITAL: You are invited to attend Anthony Zamora's MM Piano Recital on Tuesday, March 4, at 7:30 pm in the Moody Music Building Recital Hall. The program will include works by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt, Rachmaninoff and George Walker.

DR. KEVIN CHANCE PERFORMS WITH TSO: Dr. Kevin Chance will perform with the Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra at 7 pm on April 4, 2025, in the Moody Concert Hall on the University of Alabama campus. The theme for this concert is "Hymns for Everyone." Tickets are available through the TSO website: http://www.tsoonline.org/starsfellonalabama