

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** at Druid Hills UMC, 4001 University Boulevard East. If you'd like to help, please contact Beth Sherrill (Beths824@aol.com) or call the church office at 205-759-4206.

The Prayer of Confession today was written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good." Used with permission.

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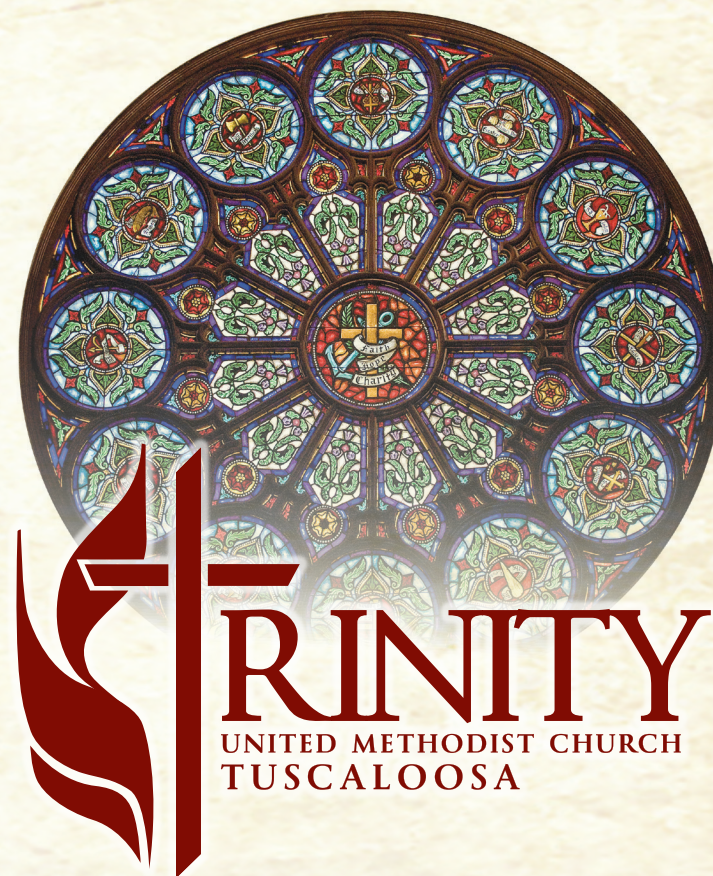
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*First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025*

*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 IN LENT
MARCH 9, 2025
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRELUDE

Anthony Zamora

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Carey Grimsley

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord, you are our shepherd, And yet we want.

We lie down when we could act.

We stir the pot when we could offer peace,

We wander tempting paths instead of following you.

We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you.

We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them,

We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance.

We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy,

So that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever. Amen.

***HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

#110

***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

God Will Take Care of You

#130

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**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#95

***SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE**

#883

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-13

SERMON

Wilderness

Rev. Penny Ford

***HYMN**

Take Time to Be Holy

#395

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Anthony Zamora

*Please stand as you are able.

JOIN US FOR OUR COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHESES

During Lent, we partner with other local churches for Tuesday Lenten Lunches from 12-1 pm, rotating the location and speaker. All are welcome! The schedule and more information follow.

March 11: Brown Memorial Presbyterian at Stillman College
Led by Rev. Caroline Kelly

March 18: Grace Presbyterian Church, 113 Hargrove Road
Led by Rev. Penny Ford

The complete schedule is on Trinity's Facebook page.

REV. PENNY FORD will be on vacation March 11-18. 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 respond as soon as possible.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND AD COUNCIL MEETING, on Sunday, March 30, at 4 pm.

I LOVE TRINITY DAY will be Saturday, April 5. In case of rain, we'll reschedule for April 26.

THE CELEBRATION RINGERS from All Saints UMC in Birmingham will be our special musical guests in worship on April 6.

DR. KEVIN CHANCE PERFORMS WITH TSO: Dr. Kevin Chance will perform with the Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra at 7 pm on April 7, 2025, in the Moody Concert Hall on the University of Alabama campus.

PRENTICE CONCERT CHORALE will perform Vaughan Williams' "Serenade to Music" and C.G. Walden's "Requiem of Hope" at Trinity on Thursday, April 10, at 7 pm.

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

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20. Bring flowers for our traditional flower cross as we celebrate new life in Christ.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27: We will honor our College Graduates in worship!