

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.

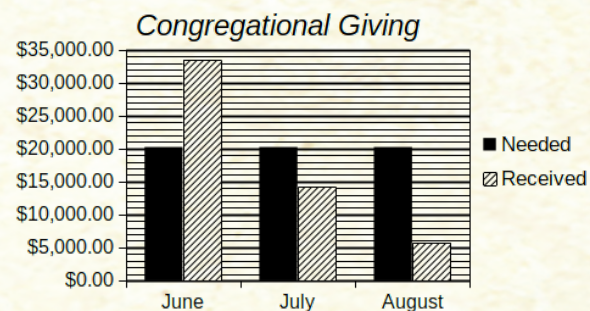
NURSERY: Our nursery for ages newborn-age 3 is on the Education level.

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.

THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE has discovered extra copies of Trinity church directories from various years during the period 1966-2008. Copies are available in the Sunroom-Funroom. Please help yourselves!

TRINITY APPRECIATES YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you for keeping up to date with your pledged giving.



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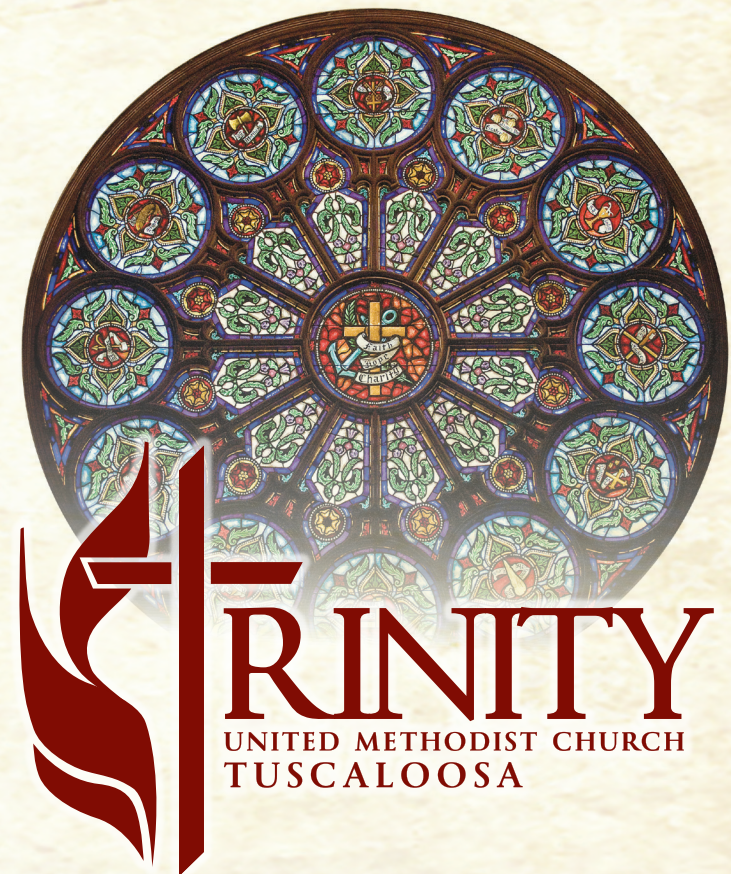
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*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 2025*

*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.*

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AUGUST 24, 2025**

PRELUDE

Sarah Faulk

WELCOME AND GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dr. Jackson Harris

Come Holy Spirit! Kindle in us the fire of your love.

Consume our selfishness, our hatred, and our indifference.

Lord, let your love spread like wildfire.

Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!

Send the fire of life that inspires us to serve.

Come Holy Spirit! Kindle in us the fire of your love.

HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#57

***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

Wonderful Words of Life

#600

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.

PRAYER FOR OUR ACOLYTES

Gracious God, You call us to light the way for your people in a world of change and uncertainty. You have called Maeve, Kira, Drake, Renn, Auggie and Jayden to be acolytes and carry the light of Christ in worship and to assist during the service.

**Almighty God, you who are light and love,
bless these acolytes as they help lead worship.**

**Give them reverent hearts and steady hands
as they share the light of Christ.**

Bless and guide us by your wisdom

and help us to spread your light throughout the world.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, 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

***DOXOLOGY**

#94

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! Alleluia!

***SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE**

The Apostles Creed

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

1 Corinthians 3:1-16

SERMON

Fighting Fire with Fire

Rev. Penny Ford

HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

#593

BENEDICTION

Rev. Penny Ford

POSTLUDE

Sarah Faulk

*Please stand as you are able.

COLLEGE STUDENTS AND VISITORS: Welcome to Trinity! We'd love to get to know you better! If you're brave enough to email our pastor, she will be happy to take you and your friends out for coffee or lunch one day during the week. Email revpennyford@gmail.com.

TODAY, 4 PM: All college students are invited to discuss both a men's group and a women's group with **Mackenzie Pike** and **Jackson Harris**. Please email mpalmerpike@gmail.com, or call/text her at 863-937-2344 if you're interested. (Or just show up!)

TACO TUESDAY will meet at 5 pm at Avenue Pub, 1491 Northbank Parkway, just off Rice Mine Road All women are invited.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE! Thank you to **George Strickland** and **Drake Printers!** You can pick yours up on the front pew after worship.

MISSIONS: On Wednesday, July 29, volunteers from Trinity prepared and served lunch for over 140 people at the East Tuscaloosa Community Soup Bowl, located at Druid Hills UMC. If you'd like to participate next time, we're scheduled to serve again on October 29.

WELCOME BACK, INTERNS! We welcome new intern **Ben Shaw**, a junior from Fairhope who majors in Mechanical Engineering. He loves Jesus, hunting, fishing and all things outdoors! Our returning interns are **Daniel Washington** and **Madesyn Floyd**. Daniel, originally from Birmingham, continues his studies in Music Composition with plans to open his own studio and teach. Madesyn is in her first year of a master's degree program in nursing. She enlisted in the U.S. Army last spring, completed officer's training this summer and will participate in Army ROTC at UA.