

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!

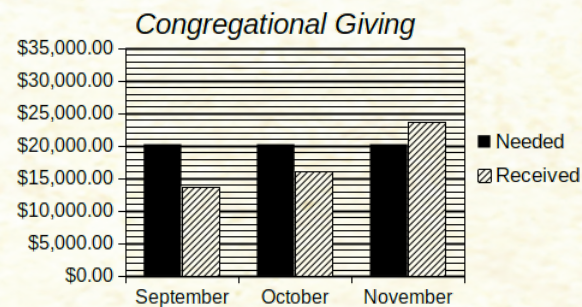
ACCESSIBILITY: The elevator in the Education wing accesses all levels of the building. Accessible parking is available in the alley behind the church. A family restroom is located in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.

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.

TRINITY APPRECIATES YOUR SUPPORT

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



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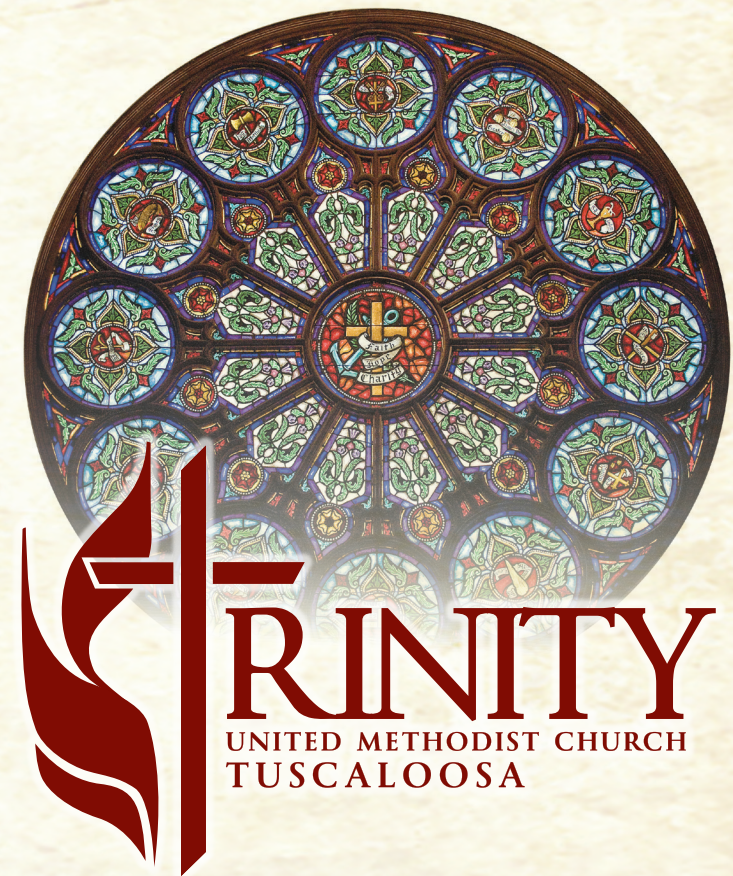
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First Sunday of Advent: Hanging of the Greens

November 30, 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 OF ADVENT: HANGING OF THE GREENS
NOVEMBER 30, 2025
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRELUDE Dr. Kevin Chance
WELCOME Rev. Penny Ford
Because this is an active, family-oriented service, there will be no Children's Church today. However, nursery is available for newborns-age 3.
COLORS OF ADVENT Beth Sherrill
THE ADVENT WREATH Lara Townsley
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #196
The St. Clair family will light the Advent wreath.
HANGING OF THE GREENS Beth Sherrill
***HYMN** *The First Noel* #245
***GREETING ONE ANOTHER** Beth Sherrill
SCRIPTURE OF LIGHT Scott Grimsley
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES *O Little Town of Bethlehem #230, vv. 1-2*
During this hymn, volunteers will light the trees and the candles in the windows as a sign of the presence of Christ in our midst.
PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Penny Ford
*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.*
STORY OF THE POINSETTIAS Madison Bryant
***PROCESSION OF THE POINSETTIAS**
O Come, All Ye Faithful #234
During this hymn, volunteers bring poinsettias to the front of the sanctuary.
CHRISTMAS NATIVITY Dean Townsley
CHRISTMAS STORY Charlotte Grimsley
PROCESSION OF THE HOLY FAMILY *Away in a Manger* #217
OFFERTORY PRAYER James Smith
OFFERTORY Dr. Kevin Chance
***DOXOLOGY** (To the tune of *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*)
*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.*
CHRISMON TREES James Smith
ADVENT COMMUNION Rev. Penny Ford
After you have received Communion, please take a few Chrismon ornaments from the baskets and help us decorate the trees today.
STORY OF SAINT NICHOLAS Marc Roberts
***HYMN** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #89

***BENEDICTION**
POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

Rev. Penny Ford
Dr. Kevin Chance

TRINITY CALENDAR

TODAY, 5:30 PM: Piano Carols by Candlelight with Dr. Kevin Chance. Begin Advent in the warm glow of candlelight, surrounded by the inspiring music of Dr. Kevin Chance.

Monday, December 1, 7:00 PM: Trinity UMC Book Club will meet in the Sunset/Funset Room to discuss our first selection, *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler. All are welcome to join! Contact Madison at bryant.kirby2022@gmail.com.

December 7, 10:30 AM: Choir Cantata. The Trinity choir and musical guests lead this beautiful service of song and Scripture.

December 12, 5:30-8:00 PM: Parents Night Out and Nativity Rehearsal. Children ages newborn-5th grade are welcome to our "Little Elves workshop." We'll have Christmas crafts, games, songs movies and more! Supper provided.

December 14, 10:30 AM: Children's Nativity! It's a morning of holy chaos when children sing and adults smile. Children gather at 9:30 AM for practice and costumes.

4:00 PM: Christmas Caroling! Wear your most festive Christmas clothes as we serenade a few of our homebound members. Meet at the church.

6:00 PM: Churchwide Christmas Party. A relaxed evening of games, dinner and conversation with a very special guest!

December 21, 10:30 AM: God Is Good!

December 24, 5:00 PM: Christmas Eve Service! Come sing carols, share Communion and light candles to welcome the Christ Child!

December 28, 10:30 AM: New Year Promises.

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS

We are collecting Christmas toys and winter clothing items for children and teens to be distributed through Tuscaloosa's One Place, and items for vulnerable elderly people to be distributed through the Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR). Suggestions for adults are pajamas, pajama pants (L or XL), blankets or throws, Depends, unscented lotions, nonslip house shoes and gloves. Deadline for donations is Friday, December 12.

FOOD! There is an overwhelming need for non-perishable food at ALL local food pantries. Bring non-expired food items to Trinity, and we'll take it to a local food bank. Or you can write a check to West Alabama Food Bank, and we can send it for you. West Alabama Food Bank can buy food in bulk for pennies on the dollar, and they distribute food to various pantries throughout west Alabama.

PASTOR AND STAFF GIFTS

At this time of the year, we want to show our gratitude for our Pastor and our staff for all they do for our church. If you would like to make a contribution, please mail your gift to the church office (729 Paul Bryant Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401) or place it in the offering plate by December 7. Checks should be made payable to Trinity UMC and marked Pastor/Staff Gift Fund.