

## 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.

### MEMORIALS

In memory of my grandparents  
**Dade and Bertice Bennett**  
from Bennett and Amy Bearden

In memory of  
**Geraldine Jones Tubb**  
from Marilyn and Tucker Myrick

In memory of  
**Annette Watters and Anita Wright**  
from Richard and Patricia Turner

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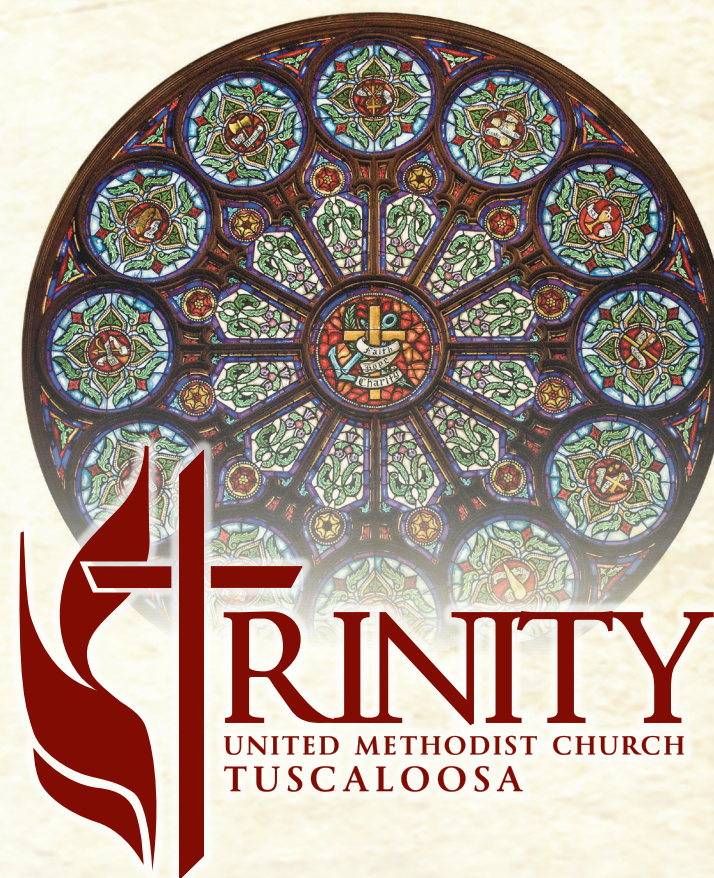
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*Epiphany of the Lord  
January 4, 2025*

***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.*



**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 4, 2026  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRELUDE**

Dr. Kevin Chance

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather as people looking for the star,  
a sign that God is at work in the world.

**God, help us seek your glory.**

We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit,  
hints of the good news in the least likely places.

**God, help us find your glory.**

We gather as people yearning for Love's presence,  
Seeking the assurance that we are not alone  
And believing that Love will have the last word.

**God, help us trust your glory.**

On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us.  
May God's glory be revealed through neighbors known and unknown.

**May we follow the star to meet you in loving service to one another  
and all the world. Amen.**

**HYMN** *Joy to the World* #246

**BAPTISM** Joseph Weston Harris See insert  
Parents: Eli and Kathryn Harris

**\*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** *We Three Kings* #254

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE /THE 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

*At this time, children ages 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade may follow William Hackett  
to Children's Church, or they may stay in worship with a parent.  
Nursery is available for newborns through age 3.*

**OFFERTORY**

**\*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.

**\*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**

Matthew 2:1-12

**DEVOTIONAL**

*An Epiphany*

Rev. Penny Ford

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

#13

*Everyone is welcome at the table! This includes children, youth, adults and  
people of any denomination or no denomination. May we know the grace  
and love of Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup.  
We use non-alcoholic juice for Communion.*

**\*HYMN**

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

#251

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Penny Ford

**POSTLUDE**

Dr. Kevin Chance

\*Please stand as you are able. **Acolytes:** Drake Grimsley and Jayden Ulmer

**After today's service, please help us "Un-Hang" the Greens  
as we put away our Advent and Christmas decorations.**

**TRINITY CALENDAR**

**TODAY:** The new **SPR Committee** will meet at 4 PM.

**Youth** will meet 5-7 PM at Forest Lake UMC for our Christmas/New Years party. Wear a tacky sweater and bring a food item and a white elephant gift! Also, please sign up for our youth retreat January 16-19 at Camp McDowell. Invite your friends! The cost of the weekend is \$150, but please reach out if you need scholarship help. The deadline to sign up is today, and the due date for payment is Wednesday, January 7. If you can help by providing a Sunday night meal for the Youth during this semester, please let Clay know.

**Monday, January 12, 2026, 7:00 PM: Trinity Book Club** will meet in the Sunset/Funset Room to discuss our next selection, *The Separation Between Church and Hate* by John Fugelsang. All are welcome to join! Contact Madison at bryant.kirby2022@gmail.com.

**Sunday, January 25, 4 PM:** The **Finance Committee** will meet at 4 PM.

**FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

Thank you all for your generosity in bringing items and contributing to Tuscaloosa's One Place for children and to DHR for adults. Thank you also for the UA student gift bags. Your gifts are greatly appreciated and make the holiday season brighter for the recipients.

**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.