

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.

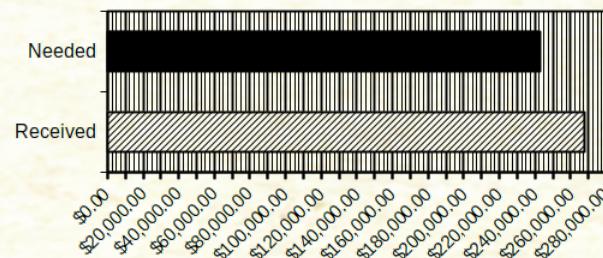
WHY DO OUR PARKING PLACES SAY "RESERVED"? ALL parking is FREE and UNRESERVED during services and church activities. Reserved spaces are for weekday and football parking, with proceeds supporting our budget. Email the church office to join the waiting list for weekday or football parking.

TRINITY APPRECIATES YOUR SUPPORT

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

Congregational Giving

2025



Trinity United Methodist Church

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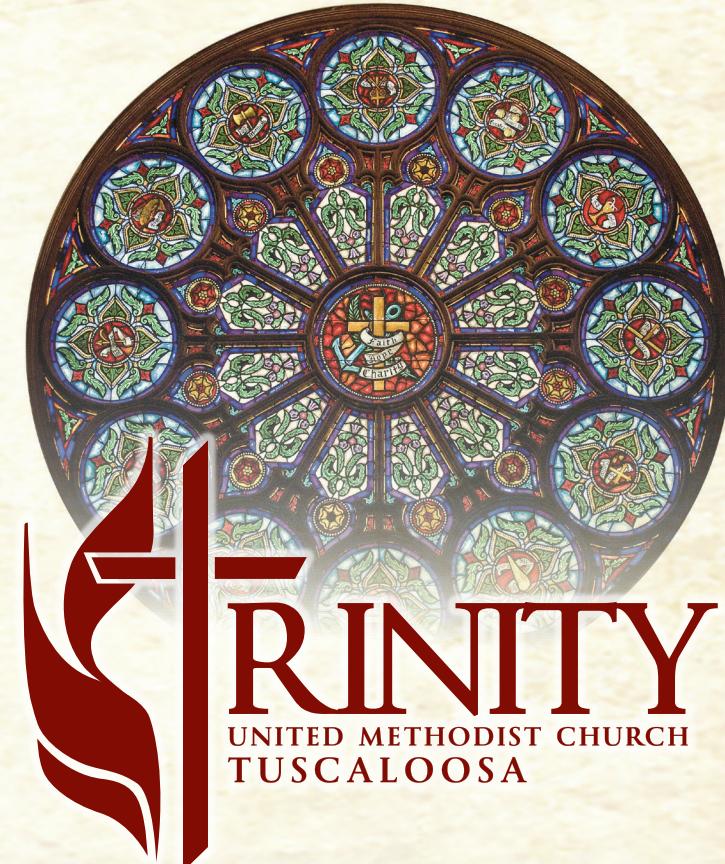
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*Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025*

*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.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 21, 2025
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

Welcome people of God!

Rejoice in the Lord, for our God is near!

Today we light the candle of HOPE

That the Messiah will bring good news to the poor

And freedom for the oppressed.

We light the candle of PEACE

That the Prince of Peace will make a home in our hearts and in this world.

We light the candle of JOY

That the light of Christ will dispel the darkness.

We light the candle of LOVE

And trust that the Lord of Love is at work in the world today.

Come people of God!

Rejoice in the Lord, for our God is near!

HYMN *O Come All Ye Faithful* #234

CALL TO WORSHIP THROUGH DANCE: GOD IS GOOD!

***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 *Lord of the Dance* #261, v. 1

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 4-2nd 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 1:18-25

SERMON

God Is Good!

Rev. Penny Ford

***HYMN**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

#240

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Penny Ford

POSTLUDE

Yongtong Tan

*Please stand as you are able.

Acolytes: Drake Grimsley and Isla McKeever

TRINITY CALENDAR

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

If you'd like to share Christmas Eve dinner with friends, you are invited to the home of Rev. Penny Ford, 6:30-8:30 PM. She'll provide a ham, and you are invited to bring a side or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Penny.

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

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.

GUEST PIANIST

Today we welcome **Yongtong Tan**, a doctoral candidate in Piano Performance at the University of Alabama, where she is a student of Dr. Kevin Chance. She has distinguished herself in many competitions, and she serves as a graduate assistant for the Voice and Opera areas at UA.

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.

MEMORIALS

In memory of
Anita Wright

from Wimbreth Chism, Elaine and Ray Farabee and Phillip and Sheila Madison

In memory of
Melanie Roberts O'Rear

from Jake, Kristina, Tom and Luke Woodham

In memory of
Annette Watters

from Phillip and Sheila Madison