

## 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.

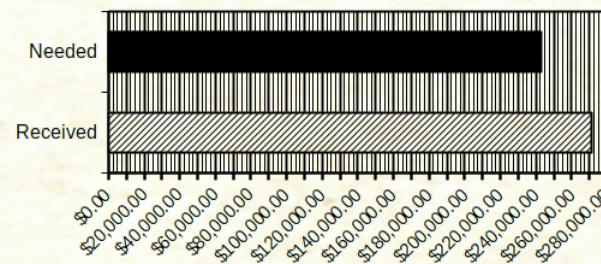
**NURSERY:** Our nursery for ages newborn-age 3 is on the Education level.

**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

729 Paul Bryant Drive

Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

(205) 759-4206

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 AM-2 PM

Senior Pastor - Rev. Penny Ford - [revpennyford@gmail.com](mailto:revpennyford@gmail.com)

Music Director - Dr. Kevin Chance - [k.t.chance@gmail.com](mailto:k.t.chance@gmail.com)

Assistant Music Director - Sarah Faulk

Youth Director - Dr. Clay Nelson - [clayted12@gmail.com](mailto:clayted12@gmail.com)

Children's Minister - William Hackett - [whackett.trinityumc@gmail.com](mailto:whackett.trinityumc@gmail.com)

Children's Communicator - Shrader Trask - [shraderng@gmail.com](mailto:shraderng@gmail.com)

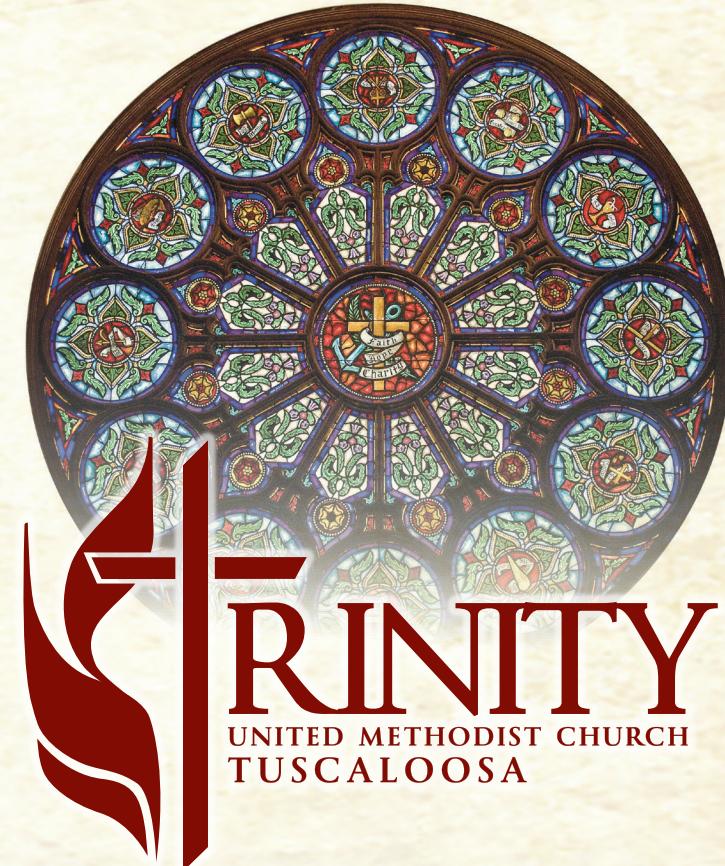
Church Secretary - Kathryn Venable - [office@trinityumc.info](mailto:office@trinityumc.info)

Financial Secretary - Beth Davis - [finance@trinityumc.info](mailto:finance@trinityumc.info)

Interns - Madesyn Floyd, Ben Shaw and Daniel Washington

Web page: [www.trinity-umc-tuscaloosa.org](http://www.trinity-umc-tuscaloosa.org)

Facebook: Trinity UMC in Tuscaloosa



*First Sunday after Christmas  
December 28, 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 AFTER CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 28, 2025  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRELUDE**

Dr. Kevin Chance

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God, thank you for a new year.

**May we be willing to begin anew with a clean slate.**

We know that you are always ready to forgive us.

**Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and one another.**

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires.

**Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you call us to do.**

Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and guilt from the past,  
**so that we might live in peace with you and one another now,  
and pursue your justice and compassion one day at a time. Amen.**

**HYMN** *There's a Song in the Air* #249

**\*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.*

**CHRISTMAS HYMNS BY REQUEST** Dr. Kevin Chance

*We will sing the first verse of a few Christmas hymns. Please look in your hymnals between the pages of 216-251 for some of your favorite songs!*

**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 2:13-23

**SERMON**

*Pivoting in the New Year*

Rev. Penny Ford

**WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER**

See insert

**\*HYMN**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

#251

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Penny Ford

**POSTLUDE**

Dr. Kevin Chance

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Acolytes:** Maeve St. Clair and Jayden Ulmer

**TRINITY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, January 4, 2026:** The new SPR Committee will meet at 4 PM today.

**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.

**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.

We will serve lunch at the East Tuscaloosa Community Soup Bowl on Wednesday, December 31. Please let Beth know if you plan to help: Beths824@aol.com.

**MEMORIALS**

In memory of  
**Annette Watters**

from Carolyn Rogers, Dorothy Scarbrough, Donna Ward and Delynne Wilcox

In memory of  
**Anita Wright**

from Carolyn Rogers, Dorothy Scarbrough and Donna Ward

In memory of  
**Melanie O'Rear**

from Donna Ward and Delynne Wilcox