

## 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.

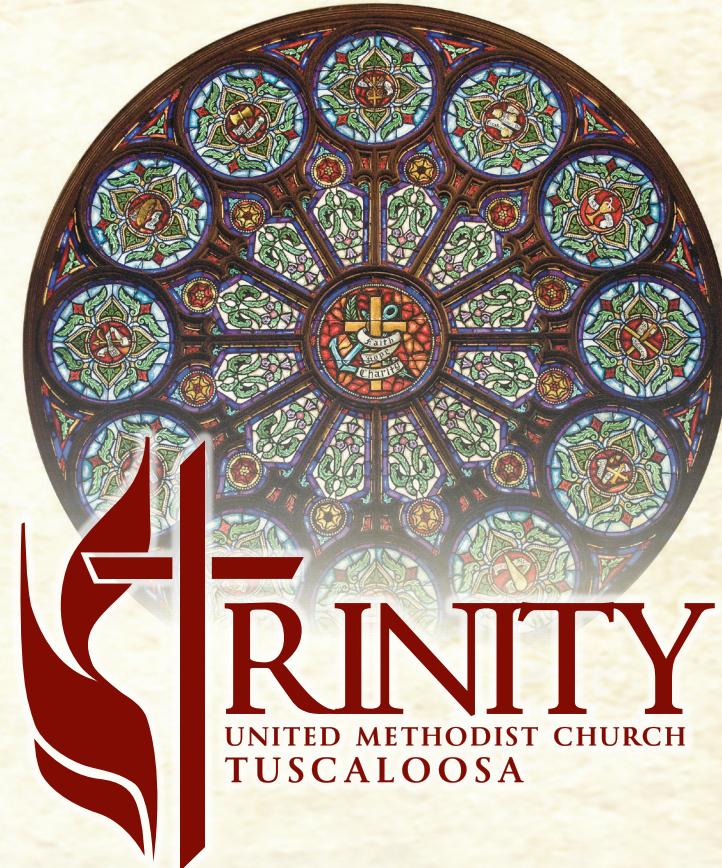
### MEMORIAL

In memory of  
**John Watters**  
from  
Michael O'Rear

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*Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 1, 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 AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2026**  
**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRELUDE**

Sarah Faulk  
Dr. Jackson Harris

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

In a world that rewards selfishness,

**It would wise to hoard resources and foolish to share.**

In a world built on violence,

**It would be wise to be suspicious and foolish to risk compassion.**

But God's wisdom is not the wisdom of the world:

**Jesus shows us a better way.**

Self-preservation will not save us in the end. Greed is not our savior.

**So we will choose to be foolish; We will choose the way of love.**

We will walk with compassion and courage, with grace and grit.

**We will love our neighbors, ourselves, and even our enemies.**

We will work for a better world. We will love boldly. We will serve relentlessly.

**Let us worship God together.**

**HYMN**

*How Great Thou Art*

#77

**\*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**      *Help Us Accept Each Other*

#560

**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** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; #94

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**

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

**ANTHEM**

*One Bread, One Body*

Mark Hayes

**SCRIPTURE**

1 Corinthians 1:18-32

**SERMON**

*Foolishness*

Rev. Penny Ford

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*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**

*Be Thou My Vision*

#451

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Penny Ford

**POSTLUDE**

Sarah Faulk

\*Please stand as you are able

**TRINITY CALENDAR**

**TODAY:** Trinity Youth and Forest Lake Youth meet here at TUMC from 5-7 PM for dinner, fellowship, and a lesson. Everyone is welcome!

**COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Join us for lunch next Sunday, February 8, after the service. You can bring your friends and meet some new ones! Our treat. All college students are welcome!

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:** Wednesday, February 18, 5:30 PM.

**THIS WEEK**

**TACO TUESDAY** (Women's Group) meets 5 PM. This week, we'll be at Newk's Eatery, 205 University Blvd E. All women are welcome!

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** rehearses Wednesdays 6-7 PM and Sundays 10-10:20 AM in the Sanctuary. All are welcome—no experience needed!

**LEAD AND LEARN!**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28:** United Methodists throughout North Alabama will gather at Cullman First United Methodist Church for a day of worship, learning, connection, and enhancing our churches' disciple-making ministries. Participants will be able to attend three workshop sessions of their choosing. Topics include Advocacy for Social Justice, Children's Ministry, Discipleship Leaders and Licensed Local Pastors, and more! It would be fun to take a whole group from Trinity! Please contact Rev. Penny Ford if you'd like to participate.

**COMMUNITY EVENT: Canterbury Episcopal Church.** Practical Democracy: The Constitution, Civil Rights, Justice, and the Community. At 12 PM each Sunday in February, Professor Jeff Baker of UA Law School will lead a series of discussions about the U.S. Constitution, good government, civil rights, justice and civic engagement in the Canterbury Chapel Student Center. These sessions are open to the community, and all are welcome to attend.