

## 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!

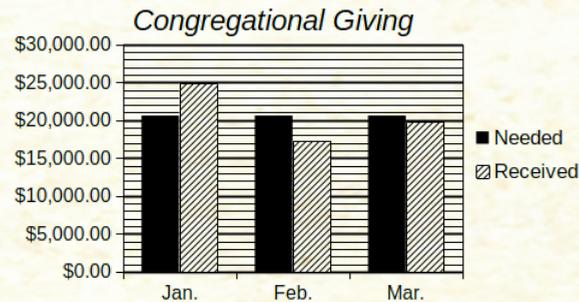
**ACCESSIBILITY:** The elevator in the Education wing accesses all levels of the building. Accessible parking is available in the alley behind the church. A family restroom is located in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.

**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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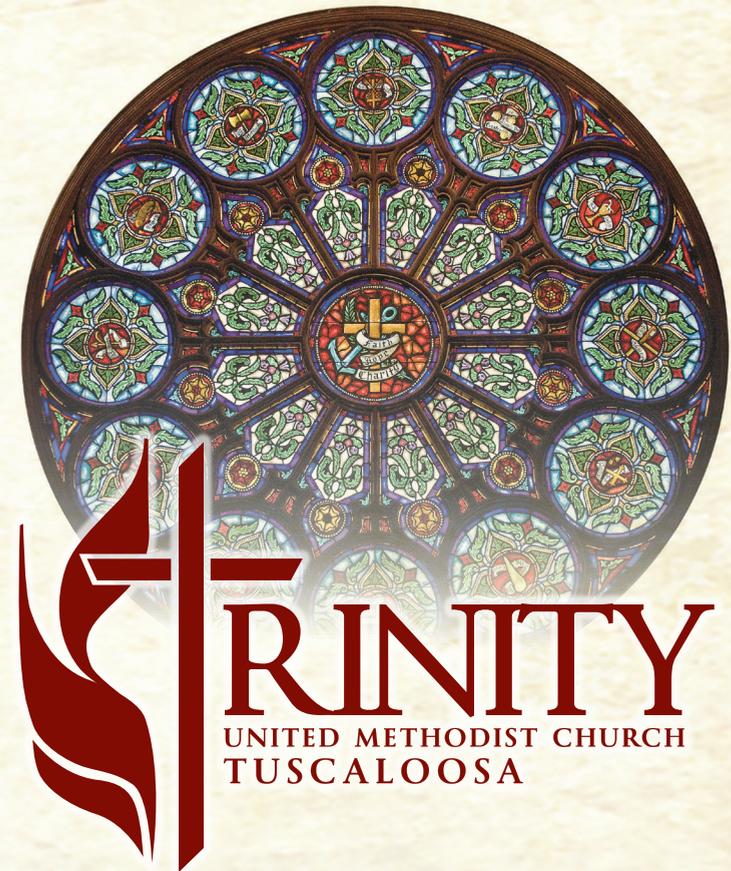
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*Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 15, 2026*

*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 IN LENT**  
**MARCH 15, 2026**  
**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRELUDE**

Dr. Kevin Chance

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ric Turner

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Leader: During the season of Lent, we offer a unison prayer of confession. We admit to ourselves, one another and God that we do not always live as bravely or as lovingly as God intends. As we confess our sins, we remember that God is merciful and just—eager to forgive and ready to change our hearts and lives. Let us pray together.*

Our hearts are hard, O God—

**Soften them with your love.**

Our hands are clenched, O God—

**Open them with your grace.**

Our feet are planted too firmly, O God—

**Invite us to dance with you.**

Our lives are not our own, we know—

**Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #140, v. 1

**\*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** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* #381

**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** Dr. Kevin Chance

**\*DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #95  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*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**

John 9:1-41

**SERMON**

*Blind Forgiveness*

Rev. Dr. McCormick

**\*HYMN**

*He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*

#128

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. McCormick

**POSTLUDE**

Dr. Kevin Chance

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Acolyte:** Maeve St. Clair

**GUEST PREACHER:** Today we welcome **Rev. Dr. C. Mark McCormick**, Associate Professor of Religion at Stillman College and an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He earned his MA and PhD in Religious Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and holds an MDiv from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mark is married to Dr. Paige Reece McCormick, Chair of the Department of English, Journalism, and Media Communications at Stillman College.

**Youth** meet 5-7 PM at Forest Lake UMC for dinner, fellowship and a lesson.

**Tuesday, March 17: Community Lenten Lunch**, 12-1 PM, First Christian Church, 627 Paul W. Bryant Drive, with speaker Rev. Joe Scrivner.

**Taco Tuesday** (Women's Group) meets this week at 5 PM at Jalapeños Mexican Grill, 1845 New Watermelon Road. 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!

**HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES**

**March 29: Palm Sunday!** Children help with our palm parade. Then join us for a Trinity Pot Luck, with the Easter Egg hunt following lunch. Trinity will provide the meat. Please bring a side or dessert to share.

**April 3, 6 PM: Good Friday Service.** Join us for a powerful reading of the Passion of Christ on this holy night.

**April 5, 10:30 AM: Easter Sunday Service with Communion!** Help us celebrate the resurrection of Christ by bringing flowers for our cross.

**AFTER EASTER**

**April 8, 5:30-7:30 PM: College Cooking Class** at Forest Lake UMC, co-hosted by Trinity and Forest Lake UMC! All college students are welcome! See bulletin insert for details.

**April 19: College Student lunch** immediately after the worship service. Our treat!

**April 26: Senior Sunday!** Trinity honors our graduating high school and college seniors in worship, with a special reception during Sunday school. Our guest speaker will be former Trinity intern and UA senior Zachary Cole.

**April 29:** Trinity volunteers will prepare and serve lunch at the **East Tuscaloosa Community Soup Bowl**, located at Druid Hills UMC. If you'd like to participate, please contact Beth Sherrill.