

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!

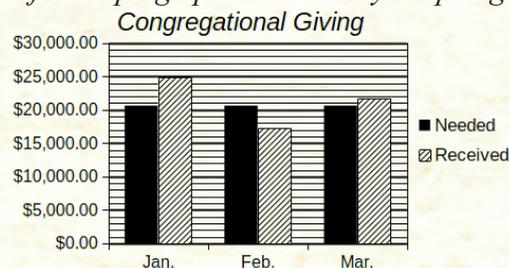
ACCESSIBILITY: The elevator in the Education wing accesses all levels of the building. Accessible parking is available in the alley behind the church. A family restroom is located in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.

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.



GUEST PIANIST: Our substitute pianist is **Chang Miao**, a DMA student in Piano Performance at the University of Alabama. A student of Dr. Kevin Chance, she holds the MM from Peabody Conservatory and is currently a graduate assistant in the Voice and Opera areas at UA.

MEMORIAL

To the Hazel Fisher Fund in memory of

Lowell Kispert

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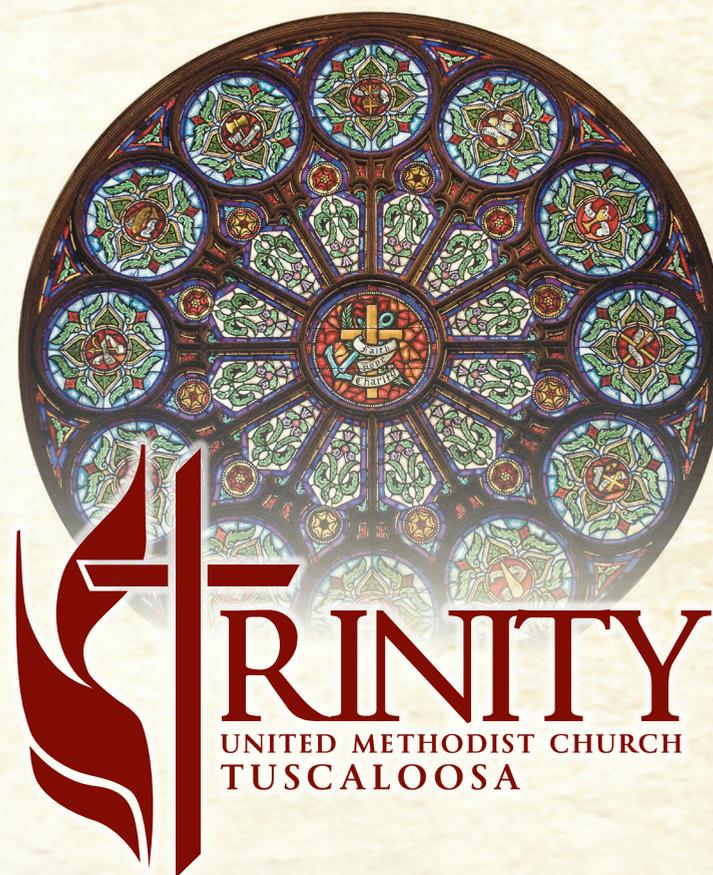
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*Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026*

*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.*

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 22, 2026
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

PRELUDE

Sarah Faulk

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sonja Griffith

***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.

**Holy God, so many times you have approached us,
and we have turned away.
You have called us to remember our relationship to one another,
and we have thought only of our own needs and desires.
You have been present in the midst of our struggles,
and we have chosen to suffer on our own.
You have set before us promises for new life,
and we have insisted upon continuing in our old ways.
Forgive us, Lord.**

**Set us free to rebuild the lives of ourselves and others,
to feel the possibility of the future,
to know that these bones may live.
Breathe into us once more the breath of life,
that we may walk with you in the land of the living. Amen.**

***HYMN** *Lord of the Dance* #261

***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 *Spirit of the Living God* #393

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** 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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

SERMON

Let's Talk About Death

Dr. Clay Nelson

***HYMN**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

#420

***BENEDICTION**

Dr. Clay Nelson

POSTLUDE

Sarah Faulk

*Please stand as you are able.

GUEST PREACHER: Today's guest preacher is **Dr. Clay Nelson**, Trinity's Youth Director since 2021 and Director of Moundville Archaeological Park. He and his wife Cassandra have two daughters, Renn and Nelda Faye.

Youth meet 5-7 PM at FLUMC for dinner, fellowship and a lesson.

Tuesday, March 24: Community Lenten Lunch, 12-1 PM, Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, 3535 Stillman Boulevard, with speaker Rev. Penny Ford.

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!

NEXT WEEK: 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.