

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!

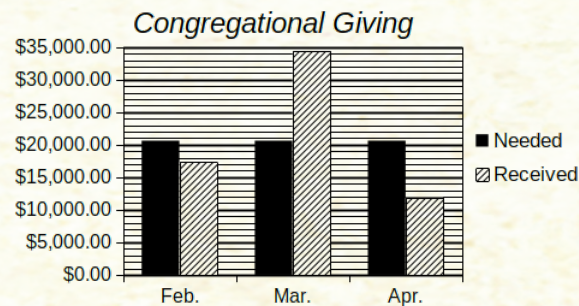
ACCESSIBILITY: The elevator in the Education wing accesses all levels of the building. Accessible parking is available in the alley behind the church. A family restroom is located in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.

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.



While pledges and contribution are applied toward Trinity's budgeted expenses, sometimes we have an unexpected need. Like the replacement of an air conditioner. The unit that supplies heat and cool to the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary needs to be replaced. With your generosity, we are hoping to raise \$20,000 to cover this expense. If you would like to contribute to this capital campaign, please earmark your gift to the I Love Trinity Building Fund. Thank you.

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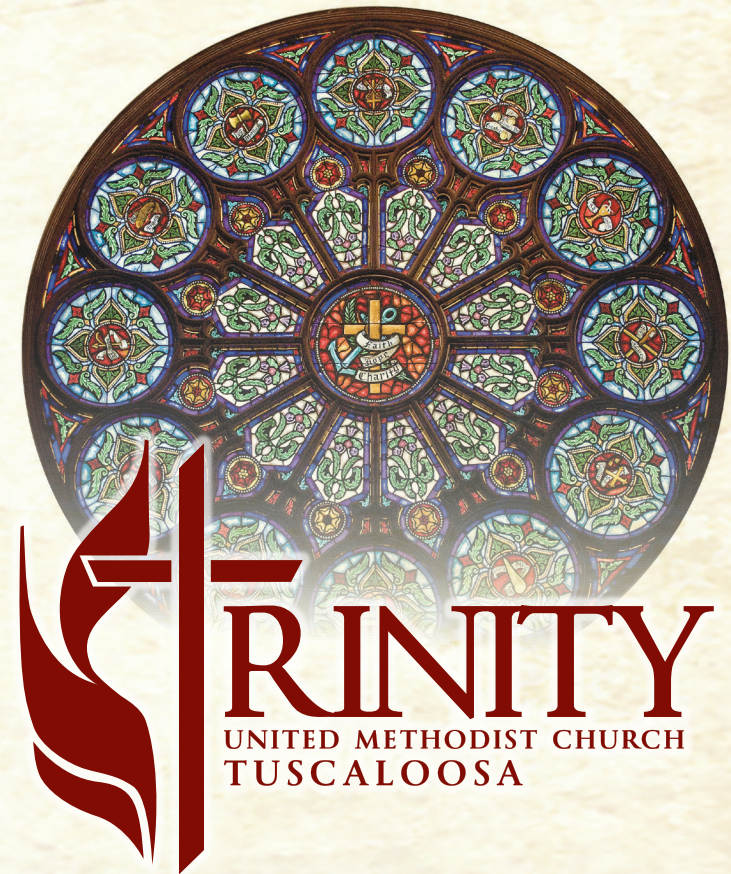
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*Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026*

*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 OF EASTER
APRIL 26, 2026
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRELUDE

Sarah Faulk

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The God we worship is the giver of life:

The One who nurtures new beginnings and can grow a forest from the smallest seed.

The God we worship is the giver of life:

The One who forms us, names us, loves us, and teaches us to share our lives with the world.

The God we worship is the giver of life:

The One who guides our path and stays with us on the journey.

Let us worship the Giver of Life.

Let us embrace the gift of life!

***HYMN**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

Zachary Cole, The University of Alabama

Jamieson Ford, Northridge High School

Collin Reeves, Northridge High School

Jackson Way, Northridge High School

A PRAYER FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

Gracious God, we thank you for the graduates among us. We thank you for every teacher, family member, mentor and friend who has made a positive impact on their lives. We thank you for the blessing they have been to our congregation.

As the graduates begin a new chapter in their lives, keep them rooted in your love and grace. Give them confidence and passion for their future. In hard times, let them remember that they have a church family that is praying for them, cheering for them, and ready to be a soft place to land should they need it. Strengthen them in the faith. Protect and nourish them as they begin their next big adventure.

We know you will walk with these graduates and be with them wherever their paths lead. Watch over them, challenge them and keep them safe. Amen.

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

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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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;

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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

Ma rendi pur contento

Vicenzo Bellini

Morgan Greco, soprano

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:3-4

TESTIMONY

Don't Stay Where You Started

Zachary Cole

***HYMN**

I Come with Joy

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POSTLUDE

Sarah Faulk

*Please stand as you are able.

Acolyte: Renna Nelson

GUEST SPEAKER: Today we welcome **Zachary Cole**, a senior at The University of Alabama studying Mathematics with a minor in Actuarial Science. Zach has been involved in campus organizations focused on supporting underserved student communities and helping promote opportunities such as Study Abroad. After graduation, he will begin his career in Nashville, working in business and data analysis.

TODAY: Youth meet at Trinity from 5-7 PM for dinner, fellowship and a lesson!

Monday, April 27: Trinity Book Club will meet at 7 pm in the Funset-Sunset Room. We are reading *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. All are welcome to join! Contact Madison at bryant.kirby2022@gmail.com

Tuesday, April 28: Taco Tuesday (Women's Group) meets this week at 5 PM at Red Bowl Asian Bistro, 311 Merchants Walk. All women are welcome!

Wednesday, April 29: Volunteers from Trinity 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.

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

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM

In honor of **Dot Scarbrough** and
in memory of **Bill Scarbrough**
by Jon and Lane McLelland