

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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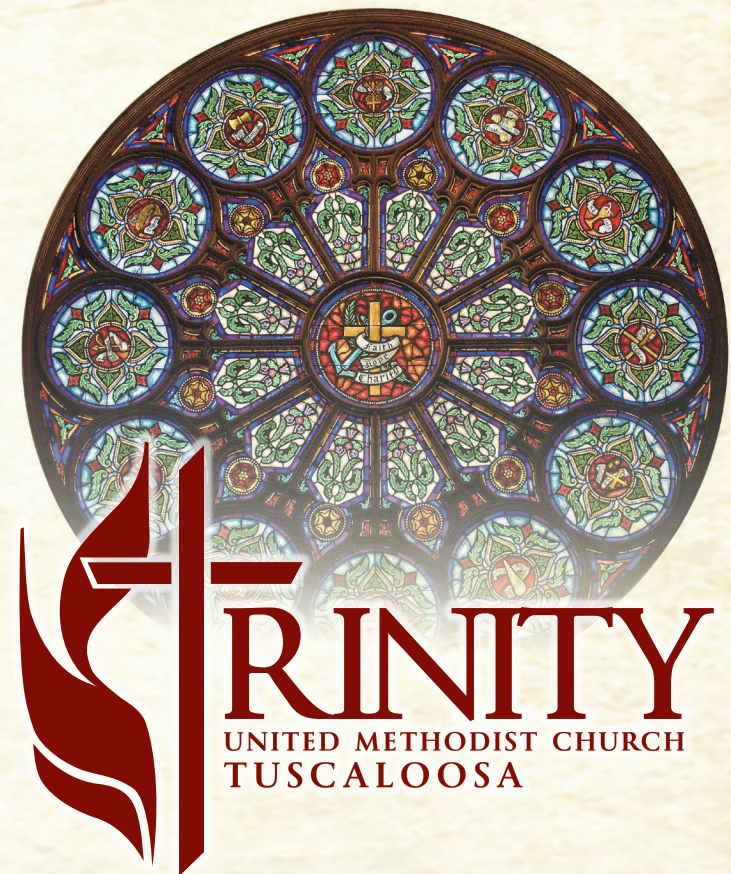
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*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026*

***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.*

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 26, 2026
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

PRELUDE

Sarah Faulk

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Mackenzie Pike

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We're here to encounter God, who is revealed when we least expect it.

We come wrestling with problems, questions or doubts.

Sometimes, O God, we feel like Jacob, wrestling with angels.

Some of us cry out for healing, for relevance, for refuge, for answers;

Some of us hunger for what God alone can provide.

Give us the courage to stand steadfast in our convictions,

and to hold on and wrestle with the truths we face.

Meet us face to face, call us by name, and bless us on our way

To becoming the people you called us to be.

Grant us perseverance and peace, O God. **Amen.**

***HYMN**

I Am Thine, O Lord

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GREETING ONE ANOTHER

You're invited to greet those around you and move about as you wish!

CALL TO PRAYER

Seek Ye First

#405

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.**

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW ACOLYTE, GAEL BLAIR

Gracious God, You call us to light the way for your people in a world of change and uncertainty. You have called Gael to be an acolyte to carry the light of Christ in worship and to assist during the service.

Almighty God, you who are light and love,

bless our acolytes as they help lead worship.

Give them reverent hearts and steady hands

as they carry the light of Christ.

Bless and guide us by your wisdom

and help us to spread your light throughout the world.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Dr. Lane McLelland

At this time, children ages 4-2nd grade may go to

Children's Church, or they may stay in worship with a parent.

Nursery is available for newborns through age 3.

OFFERTORY

Sarah Faulk

***DOXOLOGY**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings

Samuel Liddle

Rawlin Hoffman, baritone; Sarah Faulk, piano

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 32:22-31

SERMON

Meeting God in the Ring

Rev. Penny Ford

***HYMN**

Here I Am, Lord

#593

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Sarah Faulk

*Please stand as you are able.

Acolytes: Gael Blair and Renn Nelson

Children's Sunday School: Dr. Clay Nelson

Children's Church Leader: Sandra Wilson

PARKING: Trinity's front parking lot will be closed until August 19 except for church activities. Please park in the back lot during the week.

YOUTH: Youth will not meet tonight but will reconvene at Trinity on Sunday, August 2, from 5:00-7:00 PM.

JULY 28: Taco Tuesday (Women's Group) meets this week at 5:00 PM at Billy's Sports Grill, 430 Main Avenue, Northport. All women are welcome!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9: Joint meeting of the Finance Committee and Ad Council, 4:00-6:00 PM.

MISSIONS

On **Wednesday, July 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: beths824@aol.com

Trinity is collecting supplies for K-12 and college students. Details are in today's bulletin insert.

I LOVE TRINITY BUILDING FUND

Thanks to your generosity, we have exceeded our immediate goal to fund the Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary AC replacement. We are still accepting donations to the I Love Trinity Building Fund to cover other costly expenses such as repairing the sanctuary windows, addressing the flooring in the nursery and fixing the tile flooring throughout the church. Thank you!

ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR CHURCH EMAILS?

If not, please drop an email to the church office: office@trinityumc.info