

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!

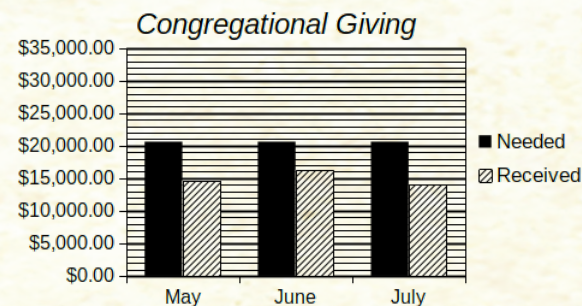
ACCESSIBILITY: The elevator in the Education wing accesses all levels of the building. Accessible parking is available in the alley behind the church. A family restroom is located in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.

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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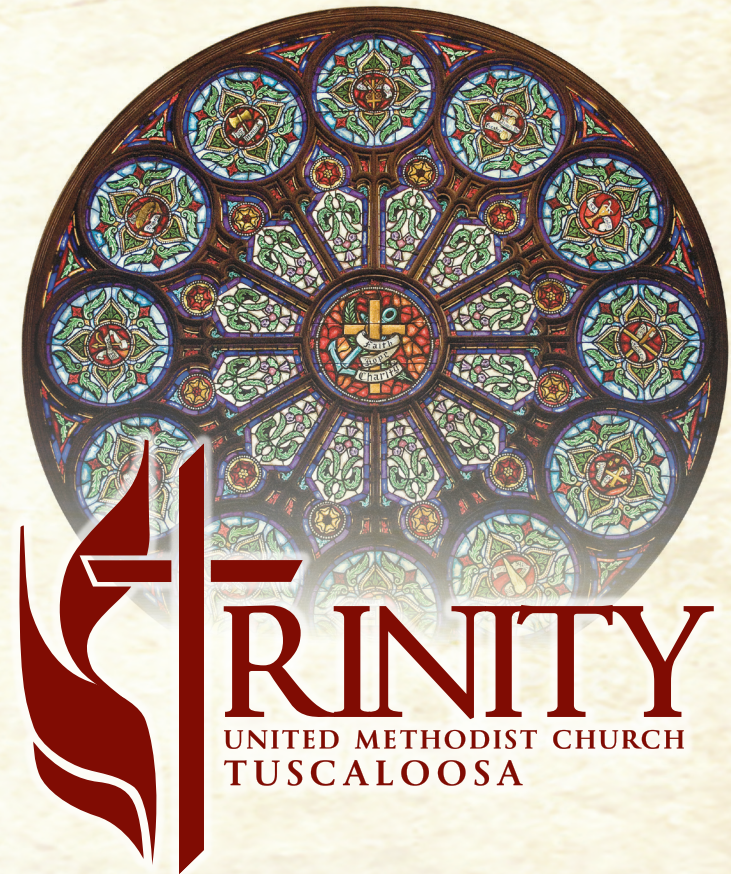
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*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026*

*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.*

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 2, 2026
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

PRELUDE

Sarah Faulk

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cassandra Nelson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The kingdom of God is at hand.

We want to enter this kingdom.

The mercy of God is made known.

We want to receive this mercy.

The grace of God is abundant for all.

**We praise you, O God, for your compassion
and your love. Accept our grateful praise
as we come to worship you today.**

***HYMN**

Standing on the Promises

#374

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

CALL TO PRAYER

Sweet Hour of Prayer

#496, v. 1

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.

PRAYING OVER THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Lord, bless the students who will receive these school supplies. May they be filled with curiosity, kindness and courage each day. Guide their steps, protect their hearts and surround them with your love as they learn and grow. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Cassandra Nelson

*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**

#94

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

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SERMON

The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like . . . Rev. Penny Ford

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

#12

*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**

POSTLUDE

Sarah Faulk

*Please stand as you are able.

Acolyte: Gael Blair

Children's Sunday School: Madesyn Floyd

Children's Church Leader: Jamie St. Clair

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: The Youth will meet today from 5:00-7:00 PM at Trinity. This will be our last Youth meeting of the summer, so it'll also be the very last meeting for our graduated seniors. We hope to see everyone there so we can wish our seniors luck! Our mission week was a blast, and we are so proud of all who attended. You all made a difference here in Tuscaloosa!

Next Sunday, August 9, Youth will meet from 5:00-7:00 PM at Trinity UMC again to kick off the 2026-2027 school year! Plan to wear clothes you don't mind getting wet. All of our incoming sixth graders are invited!

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.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24: The Trinity Book Club will meet in the Sunset-Funset Room to discuss *Jesus and John Wayne* by Kristin Kobes Du Mez. The time will be announced later. All are welcome!

MISSIONS: On Wednesday, July 29, volunteers from Trinity prepared and served lunch for over 130 people at the East Tuscaloosa Community Soup Bowl, located at Druid Hills UMC. Thanks to Beth Sherrill for coordinating the event and to all who participated: Madison Bryant, Dana Griesbach, Charlotte Grimsley, Denne McKeever, Beth Sherrill, James Smith and Sandy Wilson.

ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR CHURCH EMAILS?

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