

## 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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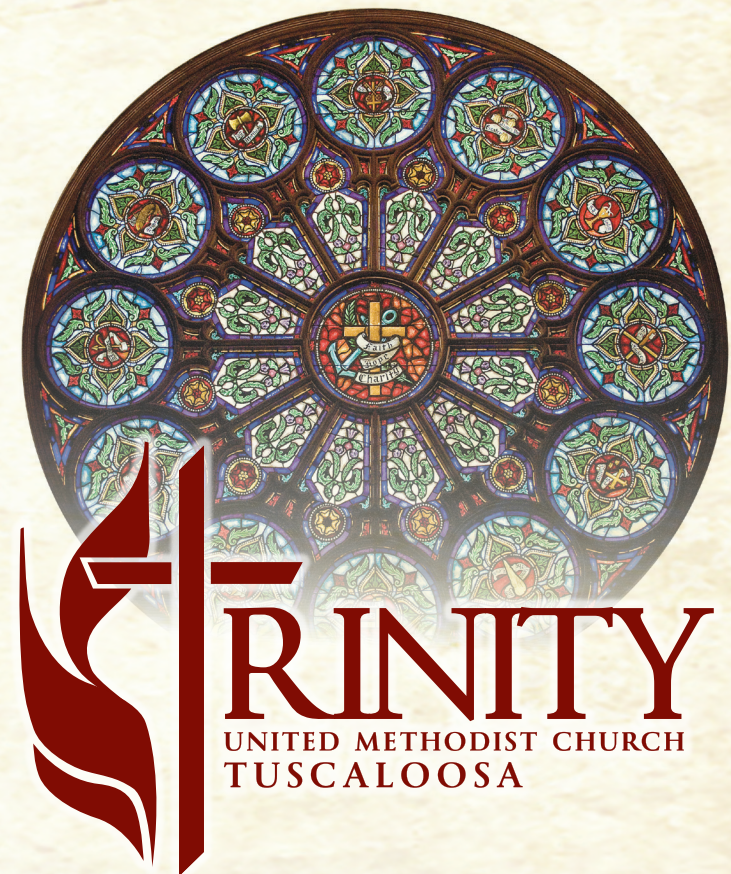
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*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 9, 2026*

*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.*

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 9, 2026  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRELUDE**

Sarah Faulk

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Meredith Miller

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

By faith, we trust that Jesus is with us when the storms are strong and the waves are high.

**By faith, we trust that God is present in our midst.**

By faith, we see Jesus who bids us come and walk on the water with him.

**By faith, we face our fears and insecurities.**

By faith we walk toward Jesus over waters we could never walk alone.

**By faith, we trust Jesus will grab hold of us when we falter.**

By faith we find strength and hope and love.

**By faith, we gather in this place to worship God together.**

**\*HYMN**

*How Firm a Foundation*

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**GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

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

**CALL TO PRAYER**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

#156, 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.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Rev. Penny Ford

*At this time, children ages 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade may go to  
Children's Church, or they may stay in worship with a parent.  
Nursery is available for newborns through age 3.*

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

**Lord, bless these backpacks and the children who wear them. Fill their year with laughter and learning. Protect them every day and surround them with love and kindness. Amen.**

**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

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 14:22-33

**SERMON**

*Have a Little Faith*

Rev. Penny Ford

**\*HYMN**

*Here I Am, Lord*

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Sarah Faulk

\*Please stand as you are able.

Acolyte: Gael Blair

**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.

**TODAY:** The Finance Committee and Ad Council meet from 4:00-6:00 PM.

**YOUTH:** 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, and bring a towel and close-toed shoes. Swimsuits are fine, but keep in mind that you'll probably be running and sliding on a slip-and-slide. All incoming sixth graders are invited!

**AUGUST 11: 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!

**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. Thanks to Beth Sherrill for coordinating the event and to all our volunteers.

We also want to thank the congregation for their generous donations of back-to-school supplies for K-12 and REACH students. Your gifts will give students a great start to their new school year!

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16**

**Next week, August 16, is Bid Day!** Trinity UMC will hand out water and hand fans from 8:30-10:45-ish, joined by our friends from Bama Wesley. If you're a college student, come join us! It's kinda like tailgating with friends . . . without the game or alcohol. We'll save a donut and biscuit for you!

Beloved former pastor **Rev. Alan Head** will be our guest preacher in the Sanctuary! Penny will lead the College Ministry team outside as Trinity shares the love of Christ and cold water with Bid Day parents, grandparents and students.