

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!

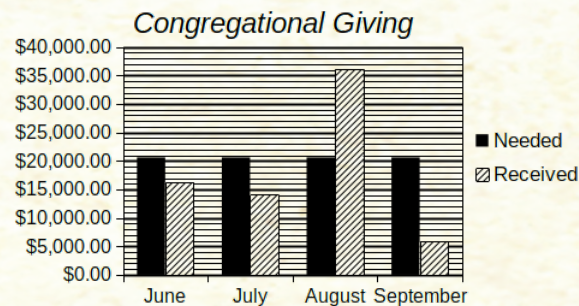
ACCESSIBILITY: The elevator in the Education wing accesses all levels of the building. Accessible parking is available in the alley behind the church. A family restroom is located in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.

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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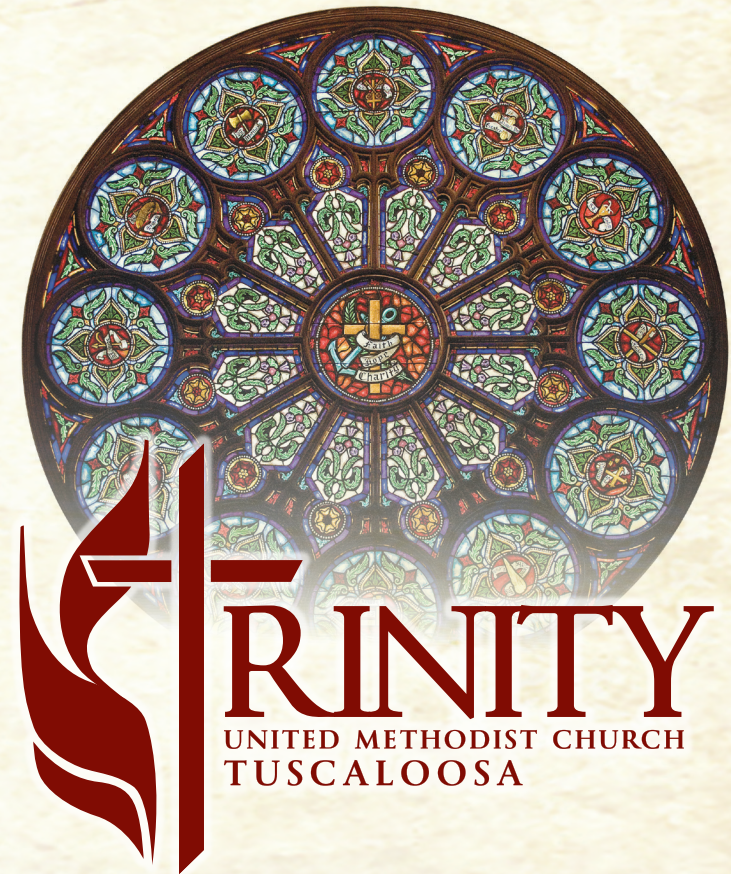
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*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026*

*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.*

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRELUDE Sarah Faulk
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Penny Ford
***CALL TO WORSHIP** Meredith Miller

Come, all you people! Come!
Come from the east and west, north and south!
 Come across bridges, come across state lines, come by foot, car or bike!
Come meet on holy ground as we pray to God who is always with us.
 Gracious God, be with us in this new new school year.
Give us the hunger to learn and the courage to grow.
 Help us to step out in faith.
And be your people on this campus and beyond. Amen.

***HYMN** *Morning Has Broken* #145

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

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 Rev. Zac Head
*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

ANTHEM *What a Fellowship* David Cherwien
SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 1:6-13
SERMON *Go Fly Your Kite* Rev. Zac Head
***HYMN** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* #420
***BENEDICTION** Rev. Zac Head
POSTLUDE Sarah Faulk
 *Please stand as you are able. Acolytes: Evelyn Baird and Gael Blair

POTLUCK TODAY
in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the Worship Service!

SUNDAY CONNECTIONS: Looking to connect with God and a community of friends? Test the waters with Trinity's new Sunday Connections, beginning in October after worship from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM! Instead of having Sunday School at 9:30 AM, we're shifting the schedule. Worship will still be at 10:30 AM, but we will have small groups and classes AFTER worship until 1:00 PM. Think of it as Wednesday night activities, but doing it Sunday after church instead. We'll have adult small group options that may be a one time project, short term classes/activities, or ongoing groups. What are YOU looking for? Help us know by filling out the survey in your bulletin of the things you would actually show up for! (one survey per adult). Return via the offering plate or place in the basket in the back of the Sanctuary.

GUEST PREACHER: Today we welcome guest preacher **Rev. Zac Head**, Campus Minister of the Wesley Foundation at The University of Alabama. Zac grew up at Trinity UMC while his father, Rev. Alan Head, served as pastor. Zac later returned to serve as Trinity's Youth Pastor ca. 2010-14. He holds a deep love for this church and the people who call it home. Zac lives on a small farm just outside town with his wife, Jaclyn, and their 10-year-old daughter, Eleanor.

YOUTH: We'll meet this evening from 5:00-7:00 PM at Forest Lake UMC. Trinity's Youth will join Forest Lake and First UMC Youth on a Discovery Weekend September 25-27! See Clay Nelson for registration details.

SEPTEMBER 22: 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!

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR rehearses 6:00-7:00 PM on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary and 10:00-10:20 AM on Sunday mornings. Join us as we make a joyful noise on Sunday mornings!

MISSIONS: On Wednesday, September 30, volunteers from Trinity will serve lunch at the **East Tuscaloosa Community Soup Bowl** at Druid Hills UMC. If you'd like to participate, please contact Beth Sherrill: beths824@aol.com

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING: Safety is important! Safe Sanctuary training is required for ALL who work OR volunteer with our children, youth and vulnerable adults. This includes ALL Trinity staff, volunteers, parents, grandparents and family members who want to help with the kids. Trinity officers and other members are strongly encouraged to complete the training as well. You can complete Safe Sanctuary Training on line (with quizzes) or attend the in person training (no quizzes) at Trinity immediately after worship next week on September 27. Email Liz Lary (ealary@yahoo.com) to register for food and childcare.