

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!

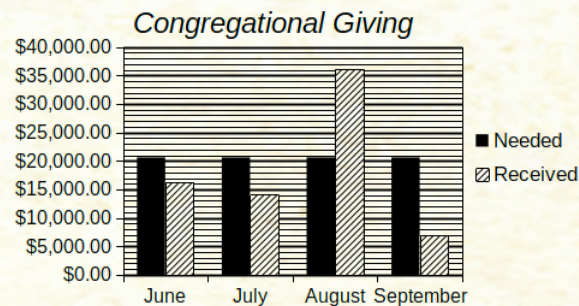
ACCESSIBILITY: The elevator in the Education wing accesses all levels of the building. Accessible parking is available in the alley behind the church. A family restroom is located in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.

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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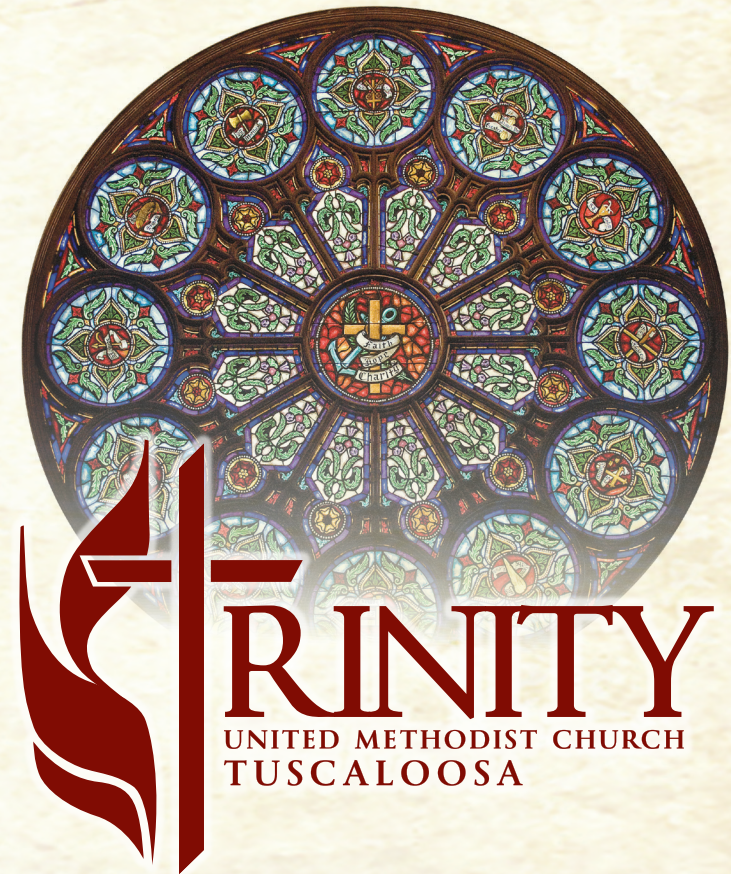
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*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026*

*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.*

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

PRELUDE Sarah Faulk

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Scott Grimsley

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When the world is on fire and hatred burns around us,

God comes to us in a soft summer shower.

When we our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt:

God opens up the fountains of faith within us.

When the world is loud and chaotic and we can't hear ourselves or each other,

God wraps us in the silence of grace.

Lord, let us hear your voice; Let us feel your presence.

Lead us in your ways. Make us into your people. Amen.

***HYMN** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #139

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

CALL TO PRAYER *Fairest Lord Jesus* #189 (vv. 1 and 4)

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 Scott Grimsley

*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 *Lord of the Small* Dan Forrest

SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 19:3-13

SERMON *Kindergarten Lessons* Rev. Penny Ford

***HYMN** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #400

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Sarah Faulk

*Please stand as you are able. Children's Church: Sandy Wilson

TODAY: SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING. Join us for Safe Sanctuary training immediately after worship today. Lunch and childcare are provided. This training is required for ALL who work OR volunteer with our children, youth and vulnerable adults, including Trinity staff, volunteers, parents, grandparents and family members who want to help with the kids.

SUNDAY CONNECTIONS: Looking to connect with God and a community of friends? Test the waters with Trinity's new Sunday Connections, beginning next week after worship from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM! Each week we'll have adult small group options that may be a one time project, short term classes/activities, or ongoing groups while kids have their own activities!

Next Sunday, October 4: Lunch together will be immediately after the service. While kids go to their new Sunday school adventure, adults will choose from options that will change weekly:

Option 1) Adult Volunteers with Kids: Interested people meet with Liz to learn how easy it is to lead and support our Children's ministries!

Option 2) Mini-Mission Project: Come help with this hands-on, birthday-themed mission project for Table of Grace Food Pantry. You don't need to bring anything except yourself!

YOUTH: We'll meet this evening from 5:00-7:00 PM at Forest Lake UMC.

SEPTEMBER 29: 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. All are welcome, and we need singers! 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

SMOKED MEAT SALE: Trying to decide what to serve for Thanksgiving, the Alabama-Auburn game and Christmas? Support Trinity UMC by ordering Smoked Hams (\$55), Smoked Turkey Breasts (\$55), and Boston Butts (\$45) by Sunday, November 8. Pick-up will be on Wednesday, November 18, from 5:00-7:00 PM at the church. Contact the church office for more information or to get an order form.