

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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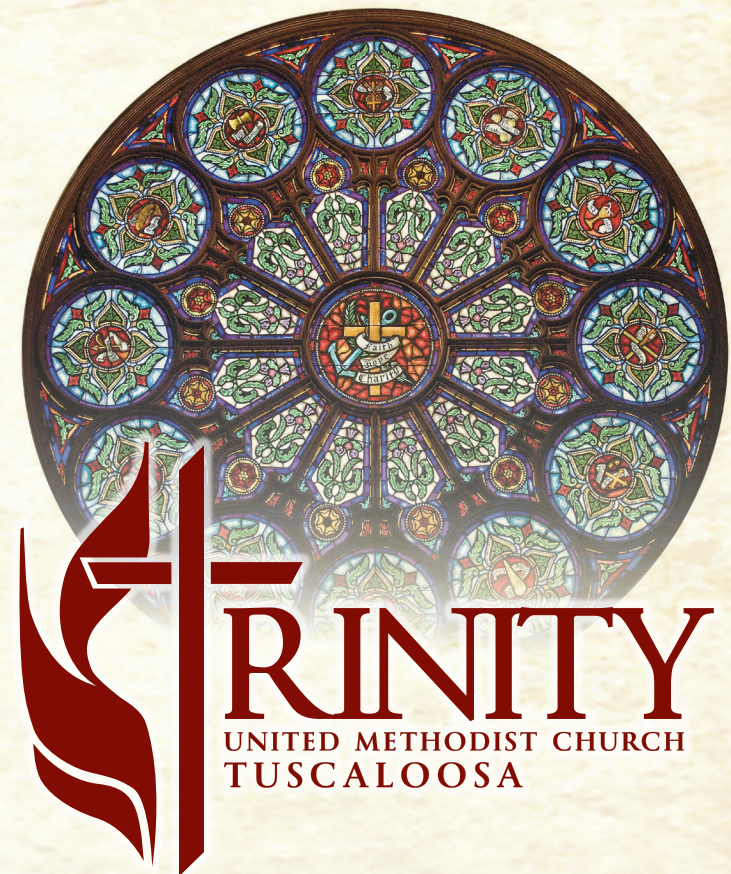
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*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026*

***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.*

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

PRELUDE

Sarah Faulk

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Lane McLelland

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (by Beth Merrill Neel)

Gracious God, source of all life,

Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer.

We come before you in need of healing:

The healing of our bodies and souls,

The healing of our relationships,

The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.

The healing of our community and nation.

We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing,

Not even the restoration of the whole world.

We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world,

So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be,

As Christ calls us. Amen.

***HYMN**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#127

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

CALL TO PRAYER

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

#402

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

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**

#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

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

K. Lee Scott

SCRIPTURE

Romans 14:1-12

SERMON

A Third Way

Rev. Penny Ford

***HYMN**

O How I Love Jesus

#170

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Penny Ford

POSTLUDE

Sarah Faulk

*Please stand as you are able.

Children's Church Leader: Beth Sherrill

Looking to connect with God and a community of friends? Test the waters with a Sunday School class, Taco Tuesday, the Trinity Book Club, the Choir or the Missions Team. Join us for a church-wide pot luck lunch on September 20, or help jump-start the College Group again this semester. Be sure to fill out the Trinity survey in your bulletin, or email revpennyford@gmail.com to find ways to connect!

NEXT WEEK: Join us September 20 as we welcome Bama Wesley students and guest preacher **Rev. Zac Head**. After the service everyone is invited to a **Pot Luck/Covered Dish Lunch!** We'll provide chicken fingers and drinks. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Students and guests, you don't have to bring anything. Just come!

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

SEPTEMBER 15: 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 on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Sanctuary and Sunday mornings from 10:00-10:20 AM. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**, and **WE NEED SINGERS!** No experience is required! Join us as we make a joyful noise on Sunday mornings!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16: Red Cross Blood Drive. Come save a life with the Red Cross Blood Drive from 1:00-6:00 PM in the Trinity Fellowship Hall.

SEPTEMBER 25-27: Trinity's Youth will join Forest Lake and First UMC Youth on a Discovery Weekend! See Clay Nelson for registration details.

MISSIONS: On Wednesday, September 30, 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

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 on September 27. Email Liz Lary (elary@yahoo.com) for details.