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!

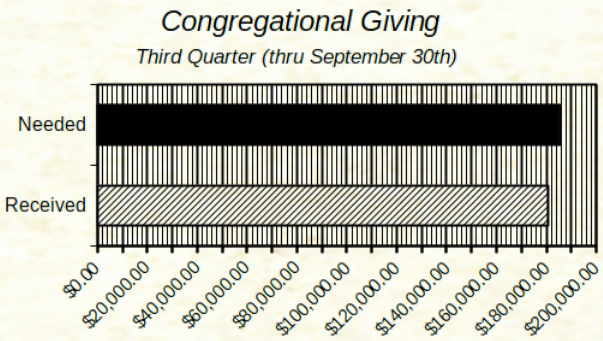
ACCESSIBILITY: The elevator in the Education wing accesses all levels of the building. Accessible parking is available in the alley behind the church. A family restroom is located in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.

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.

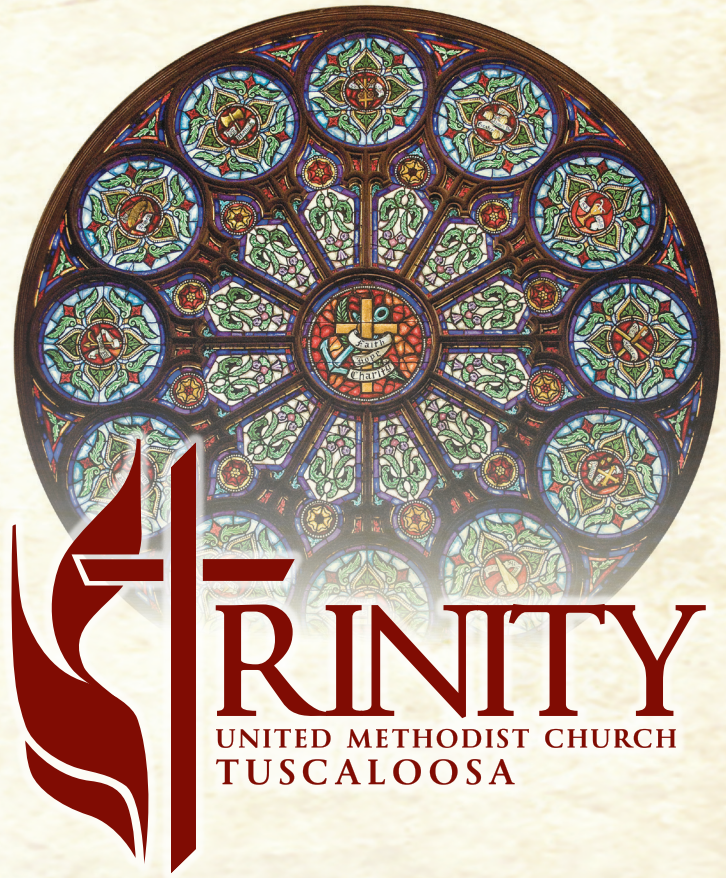
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TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TUSCALOOSA

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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PRELUDE Sarah Faulk

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Penny Ford

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Scott Grimsley

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

***HYMN** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #140

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT The Nelsons

CALL TO PRAYER *Take My Life, and Let It Be* #399

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

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 *Amazing Grace* Sandra Eithun

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON Rev. Thornton T. Muncher

The God We Imagine: A King, an Unrobed Guest and the Table

***HYMN** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* #381

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Sarah Faulk

*Please stand as you are able.

Children's Church and Sunday School: Dr. Clay Nelson

GUEST PREACHER: Please welcome **The Rev. Thornton T. Muncher,** a Provisional Elder in the North Alabama Conference of The United Methodist Church. He currently serves as the Coordinator for the Programs on Religion and the Holocaust at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. Thornton received his BA from Birmingham-Southern College and his MDiv and Graduate Certificate in Jewish Studies from Vanderbilt University in 2025; he hopes eventually to pursue a PhD in Comparative Theology. Although he has lived elsewhere for the past five years, he still considers North Alabama home and is always thrilled to be able to return to preach, teach or simply spend time with his family and friends.

YOUTH: We'll meet this evening from 5:00-7:00 PM at Trinity UMC. If you can bring dinner for the Youth one Sunday, please contact Clay Nelson.

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 in Sunday mornings.

THE TRINITY BOOK CLUB will meet on November 15 during the Connections time to discuss *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. All are welcome.

MISSIONS: Table of Grace at Grace Presbyterian Church are very grateful for our donation of birthday bags for their food pantry!

This Wednesday, October 14, we will serve a meal for the **Wesley Foundation** students. Please contact Beth Sherrill if you'd like to participate: 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.

SAVE THE DATES!

NOVEMBER 7: Sleep in Heavenly Peace, joint service project with Forest Lake UMC and other groups to build beds for young people ages 3-17 who do not have beds of their own. The event will be held at FLUMC and childcare will be available. More information to come.

NOVEMBER 8 AT 1:00 PM: Walk to End Alzheimer's. Join the Trinity team! For more information and to sign up, email Scott Grimsley at scottgrimsley@yahoo.com.