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!

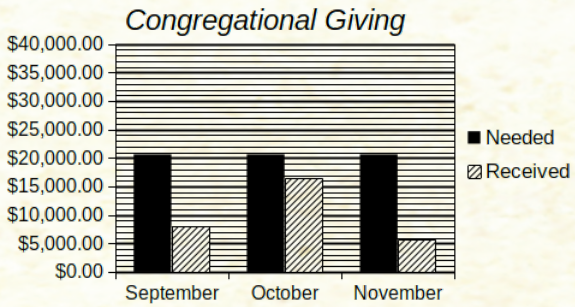
ACCESSIBILITY: The elevator in the Education wing accesses all levels of the building. Accessible parking is available in the alley behind the church. A family restroom is located in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.

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.

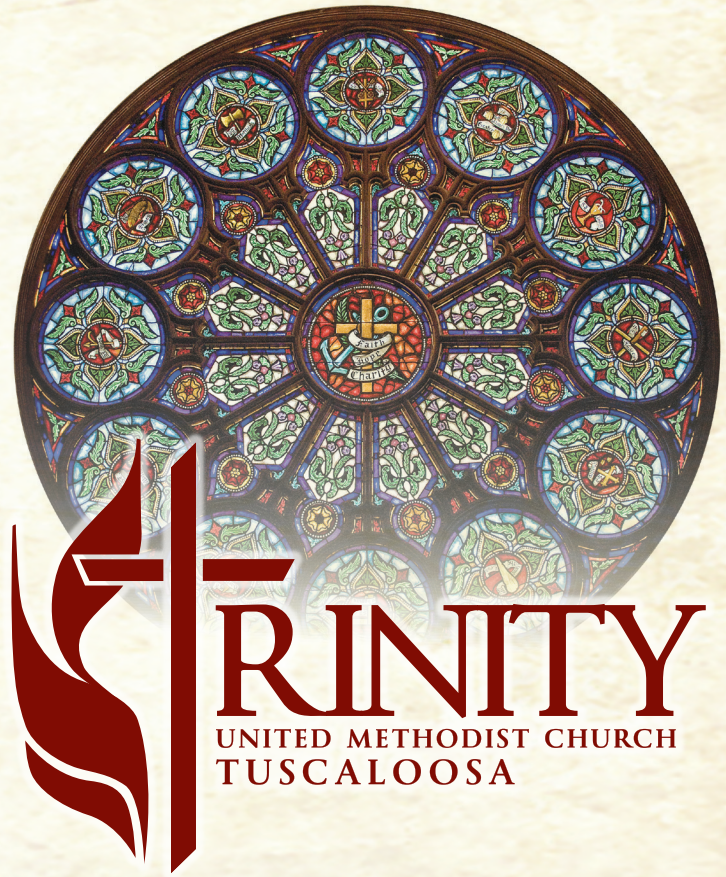
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TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TUSCALOOSA

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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PRELUDE Sarah Faulk

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Laura Hopson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of Mystery, we want to stay awake and be ready for your surprises,
but we are tired and overcome with the usual routine.
We want to wait patiently for the fulfillment of your kingdom,
but we are frustrated by our need for immediate gratification.
We want to believe your promises from ancient days,
but we are overwhelmed with postmodern doubts.
Come to us again, O God. Grant us patience in the waiting.
Awaken us with your unexpected grace. Shock us with your daring mercy.
When things go awry, help us light the candle of hope, ready for you to make Yourself known.
Give us patience in the waiting, and eyes to see beyond the right now.

***HYMN** *Blessed Assurance* #369

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

You're invited to greet those around you and move about as you wish!
If you have not yet hung a bell on the cross in memory of a loved one, you may do so now at the back of the sanctuary.

CALL TO PRAYER *Seek Ye First* #405

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 *Pie Jesu* Gabriel Fauré
Morgan Greco, soprano

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON *The Best Laid Plans . . .* Rev. Penny Ford

***HYMN** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* #715

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Penny Ford

POSTLUDE Sarah Faulk

*Please stand as you are able.

Children's Church: Carey Grimsley

2026 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S: Instead of meeting for Connections after the worship service today, everyone is invited to join the Walk to End Alzheimer's! We'll meet at Parker-Haun Park, 180 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. There will be a kid zone and live music at this free event. Supporters will begin gathering at 2:00 PM; the walk begins at 3:00 PM.

YOUTH: The Youth group has been partnering with First UMC for Discovery Weekend this weekend, so we will not meet tonight. To volunteer to provide Sunday dinner for the youth, please contact Clay Nelson.

TACO TUESDAY (WOMEN'S GROUP): All women are invited to join the group this week at 5:00 PM at Jalapenos' on New Watermelon Road in Tuscaloosa.

SMOKED MEAT SALE: Today is the final day to support Trinity UMC by ordering hams ($55) or Boston butts ($45) for your upcoming holiday meals. Drive-by pickup is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 5:00-7:00 PM. Contact the church office for order forms.

ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS! These beautiful plants will decorate our Sanctuary during the month of December. Poinsettia order forms are available beside the bulletins. The order deadline is Sunday, November 22.

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

HONORARIUM: Missions received a gift for the Soup Bowl in honor of Rev. Penny Ford from Ray and Elaine Farabee.

COMING SOON: Collecting Christmas items for children, college students and the elderly!