

**Today's liturgical color is green which symbolizes growth used in the Seasons after the Epiphany and after Pentecost.**

**To help promote the happenings in our church, you can share our services and events to the community on your Facebook page.**

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**Prelude:** God of Our Fathers Arranged by Phillip Keveren

### Lighting of the Candles

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus' coming into the presence of the worshipping community.

### Chiming of the Hour

**Call to Worship:** Soon and Very Soon No.706

**Welcome from Rob Moore and welcome your neighbors**

**Announcements** (\*noted within the bulletin) - Amy Garcia

**A Time for Prayer:**  
Lay Leader Rob Moore

**Opening Hymn:** America the Beautiful No. 696

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 13 CEB**

**Lector Reader:** Caitlyn Shell

<sup>1</sup> How long will you forget me, LORD? Forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

<sup>2</sup> How long will I be left to my own wits, agony filling my heart? Daily? How long will my enemy keep defeating me?

<sup>3</sup> Look at me! Answer me, LORD my God! Restore sight to my eyes!

Otherwise, I'll sleep the sleep of death,

<sup>4</sup> and my enemy will say, "I won!" My foes will rejoice over my downfall.

<sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in your faithful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation.

<sup>6</sup> Yes, I will sing to the LORD because he has been good to me.

This is the word of God, for the people of God,

**Thanks be to God.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.**

**Children's Moment:** led by Cindy A.

At this time, children can come forward or you can bring your child to the front pew to hear and participate in the children's reflection.

Children are a gift! Psalm 127:3

<sup>3</sup>No doubt about it: children are a gift from the LORD; the fruit of the womb is a divine reward.

**Anthem/Special Song** America! America! Arranged by Robert J Hughes  
Organ: Jan Tate; Piano: Calli Shell

### The Presentation of Tithes and Offering

**Ushers:** (Chris S., Dennis A., Spencer Q., Steve P.)

***Thank you for your generosity! Due to your willingness to support the church, we were able to support United Methodist ministries near and abroad, such as school supplies for children in Zimbabwe and the Union backpack program here in Big Stone Gap along with our own Blessing Box.***

"If those who gain all they can, save all they can, will likewise give all they can; then, the more they gain, the more they will grow in grace, and the more treasure they will lay up in heaven." - John Wesley

**Offertory Music:** Battle Hymn of the Republic Arranged by Chas Hathaway

**Doxology** PSALM 13:5, NIV No. 95

**Anthem/Special Song** God Bless Freedom Medley arranged by Calli Shell

**Sermon:** "The Even Stronger Man" Luke 11:21-26  
by Rob Moore

**Response to the Service: Altar Call** – if you desire to come to the front for prayer, you are welcome to do so.

**Closing Hymn:** America (My Country Tis of Thee) No. 697

### Benediction

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another. AMEN!**

**Postlude:** God Bless America Arranged by Sharon Wilson

**Sending Forth/Extinguishing of the Candles:** At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. The acolyte leaves the worship service at the pastor's direction, carrying out the lighted candle lighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

### \*Offering stewards for July

Jul 9: Amy G., Cindy A., Lana P., Susie W.

Jul 16: Fred H., Daniel W., Phil R., John H.

Jul 23: Angie T., Susan H., Cathy G., Pat B.

Jul 30: Gary H., Billy W., Susie W., Alberta M.

### \*Children's Moment for July

Jul 9: Nicole R

Jul 16: Beth H

Jul 23: Kim P

Jul 30: Patty R

### \*Greeters for July

Jul 9: Amy G., Patty R.

Jul 16: Ann W., Don W.

Jul 23: Alberta M., Tiffany A.

Jul 30: Amy G., Joyce P.

### \*Lector Readers for July

Jul 9: Donnie J (Matthew 11:25-30)

Jul 16: Natalie S (Psalm 119:105-112)

Jul 23: Beth H (Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24)

Jul 30: Alberta M (Psalm 105:1-11, 45b)

### Nursery Volunteers for July

Jul 9: Donna M., Amy G.

Jul 16: Nicole R., Judy H.

Jul 23: Cathy G., Donna M.

Jul 30: Paula B., Katie Z.

### \*Communion in July rescheduled to July 9th

Diane B., Pat B., Sandra R., Angie T.

### \*Communion Stewards for August 6th

Paula B., Donna M., Joyce P., Alberta M.

**MONTHLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE OF THE CHOIR ROOM.** We will be posting activities, schedules, etc. on this bulletin board. Please take a moment to check it out. If there is something you would like to see posted, please see Amy Garcia. thanks!

**New feature on bulletin board—Trinity's Classified Corner;** got something to sell or trade, looking for something, lost something.....let Amy know and we will post it on the bulletin board! Take a peek! (there's already postings....wanna know what it is—check the board!!)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

**Adult Sunday School** is Sunday at 10 am.

**Choir Practice** is cancelled for July 5, 12 and 19th. Next practice is scheduled for July 26.

**NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY (AND THIS IS A GOOD ONE!):** We are seeking volunteers to work in our nursery! It would be about a 45 minute session following the children's moment in the service. Volunteers will be subject to a background check. Please contact Pastor Tim or the church office if you're interested.

**Blessings and ministries overflow from our church!:** Ever feel like you need a little more prayer in your life? Join us **every Monday from 5:30-6 pm** for an informal prayer meeting, come and be blessed!

**ANOTHER NEW OFFERING!:** Get up early, put on those walking shoes and join us for a **Prayer Walk—Saturdays @ 7:30 AM (yes that does say 7:30 AM, no typo!!) starting on the 15th this month—**Christy Smith has details

Worship service at Heritage Hall **every Wednesday at 2:30-3 pm**, all are welcome to attend.

**CLASSES COMING!** - Interested in becoming a member or getting baptized....be a mover and a shaker in the church! **New member classes** are being held on Sunday mornings **@ 10am**. See Pastor Tim if you're interested in joining the church and/or baptism.

**Trinity Book Club—**Our book is "The Power of a Praying Church" by Stormie Omartian. The next meeting is **Monday, July 10th @ 6pm and will be held at the 404 Creamery in BSG**. All are welcome to attend.

The next **VBS Planning meeting is scheduled for TODAY** following the worship service. All who are able to volunteer are encouraged to attend.

**Methodist Men—**The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 10 @ 6 pm; the meal cost is \$12 per person**. All men are welcome to attend.

**Women of Trinity (like that name, kinda catchy ain't it?) —**The next meeting will be **August 6 @ 5 pm**. All women are encouraged and welcome to attend. Look for information upcoming for an Outdoor Movie Night!

### EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

Are y'all checking out the bulletin board across from the office? **New stuff gets posted all the time! Occasionally we get correspondence addressed to the church that is definitely worth sharing—you can now see these items in a special spot on the bulletin board—I guarantee you wanna see**

these items!

**BAPTISM SUNDAY—**on July 9th immediately following the service, we will be baptizing **Crystal and Amira Poland**. Come celebrate with us as we welcome them into the life of the church!

**Methodist Men Fishing Trip—rescheduled to July 21st.** It's rumored that the fish had conflicts with the original date. If you're interested, Billy Whitt has details!

**VBS —**This year's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **Tuesday through Friday, July 11-14 from 9am-12 noon**, with a short program during Sunday's worship service. If you are able to assist in any way, please USE THE SIGN UP SHEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL or notify the church office.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS—SATURDAY, JULY 29TH @ 11 am..... Church Picnic at the Whitt's house-5822 Stone Creek Rd, BSG!! More details to follow.**

**Hunter's Education Classes scheduled for August 26 and September 30.** These classes run about 6 hours and can be used for concealed weapon permits. See Billy Whitt if you'd like to sign up for one of the classes

**Blessing Box—**If you want to bring food or other items for the blessing box, you can place your donated items in the labeled plastic bin located in the fellowship hall.

**BSG Clergy Group meets on the 4th Tuesday at 6 pm.** For the past two months, clergy members in the area have been meeting to discuss ways to work together to strengthen God's ministries in our area. Please keep this group in your prayers so they may provide positive influences in our community.

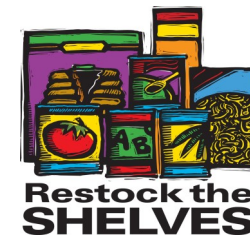
**Pastor Tim will be Out of Town (vacation) Friday, Jun 30—Wed, Jul 5  
Joyce will be Out of Town Saturday, Jul 15—Sunday, Jul 23  
Amy will be Out of Town Thursday, Jul 20—Tuesday, Jul 25**

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE June 25th:

Sunday School: 8  
In-Person Worship: 75  
Facebook Live: 18  
Visitors: 4  
Heritage Hall June 28th: 15

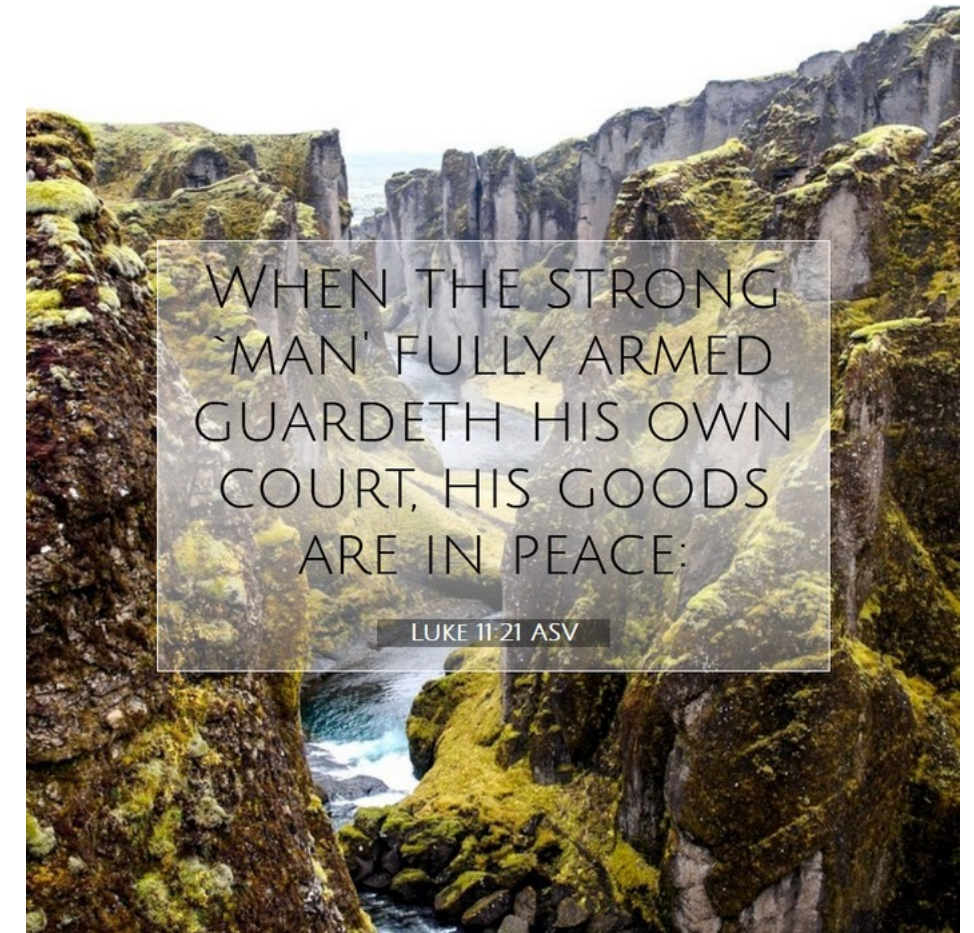
### UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of July, the requested item is cash donations—they are worth \$.12 more on the dollar due to tax exempt status.



The food item requested for July is cash donations—used to stock the food pantry for the start of school.

## The Trinity Companion July 2, 2023



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