

*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:** Cornerstone by Hillsong Worship

#### 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 Pastor Tim and welcome your neighbors**

**Announcements** (\*noted within the bulletin)

**A Time for Prayer:**  
Pastor Tim

**Opening Hymn:** Be Thou My Vision No. 451

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 CEB**

**Lector Reader:** Beth H

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have examined me. You know me.

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I stand up. Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.

<sup>3</sup>You study my traveling and resting. You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>There isn't a word on my tongue, LORD, that you don't already know completely.

<sup>5</sup>You surround me—front and back. You put your hand on me.

<sup>6</sup>That kind of knowledge is too much for me; it's so high above me that I can't reach it.

<sup>7</sup>Where could I go to get away from your spirit? Where could I go to escape your presence?

<sup>8</sup>If I went up to heaven, you would be there. If I went down to the grave, you would be there too!

<sup>9</sup>If I could fly on the wings of dawn, stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean—

<sup>10</sup>even there your hand would guide me; even there your strong hand

would hold me tight!

<sup>11</sup>If I said, "The darkness will definitely hide me; the light will become night around me,"

<sup>12</sup>even then the darkness isn't too dark for you! Nighttime would shine bright as day, because darkness is the same as light to you!

<sup>23</sup>Examine me, God! Look at my heart! Put me to the test! Know my anxious thoughts!

<sup>24</sup>Look to see if there is any idolatrous way in me, then lead me on the eternal path!

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 Kim P

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** I Know Who Holds My Hand  
Dennis Ashley/Rick Galyean

**The Presentation of Tithes and Offering**

**Ushers:** (Angie T., Susan H., Cathy G., Pat B.)

"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:** Softly and Tenderly arranged by Phillip Keveren

**Doxology** No. 95

**Anthem/Special Song** That Old Gospel Ship -10  
Dennis Ashley/Rick Galyean

**Sermon:** "The LORD is in This Place" Genesis 28:10-19

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

**Closing Hymn:** Wonderful Words of Life No. 600

#### Benediction

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

**Postlude:** All the People Said Amen by Matt Maher

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

**\*Children's Moment for July**

Jul 30: Diane B

**\*Greeters for July**

Jul 30: Amy G., Joyce P.

**\*Lector Readers for July**

Jul 30: Natalie S (Psalm 105:1-11, 45b)

**Nursery Volunteers for July**

Jul 23: Cathy G., Donna M.

Jul 30: Paula B., Katie Z.

**\*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 Wednesday at 7 pm.

**Confirmation Class:** Pastor Tim will be offering classes **beginning on Tuesday, July 25th at 11:00 am at the Pizza Plus in BSG.** This class is for any pre-teen or teen who wants to join the Church, learn more about how to live their faith and begin to understand what it means to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ. If your child is interested, please contact Pastor Tim.

#### **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, not a typo!!)**

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 24th @ 6pm and will be held at the 404 Creamery in BSG.** All are welcome to attend.

**Women of Trinity (like that name, kinda catchy ain't it?)**—The next official meeting will be **August 6 @ 5 pm**. All women are encouraged and welcome to attend.

**Methodist Men**—The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 14 @ 6 pm; the meal cost is \$12 per person and will be a fish fry.** All men are welcome to attend.

### 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!**

**IT'S ALMOST HERE—SATURDAY, JULY 29TH @ 11 am** til the cows send us home..... **Church Picnic at the Whitt's house-5822 Stone Creek Rd, BSG!! PLEASE SIGNUP & INCLUDE YOUR DISH TO PASS ON THE SHEET INSIDE THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. Swimming, games and great fellowship will be had by all!**

**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

**BSG Clergy Group meets on the 4th Tuesday at 6 pm.** 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.

#### **Highlights from the June Administrative Board Meeting:**

- The Board of Trustees has elected Spencer Quesenberry as Vice Chair and Pat Bowden as secretary. Continue to let Trustees know about small projects/tasks that need to be addressed in the church & parsonage
- The finance committee reported we are projected to finish June approx. \$3500 below YTD budget; also, we received a \$5,000 grant for the Union backpack ministry
- John Hagan is the new Chair of the SPRC
- The Memorial Committee paid for new security cameras for the church
- The Parsonage Committee is working with Timothy & Nicole to complete a parsonage inventory; work on the front porch will begin soon
- Methodist Men made approximately \$2,500 on the pancake breakfast
- The Safety Team reported the security cameras have arrived; working with the trustees to get them installed
- Cindy Ashley presented the idea for a Disaster Relief Room-to store emergency supplies (clothing, toiletries, etc) for those that have lost everything due to a fire or flood. This room will be upstairs off the children's Sunday School room

#### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE July 16th:**

Sunday School: 6  
In-Person Worship: 71  
Facebook Live: 18  
Visitors: 5

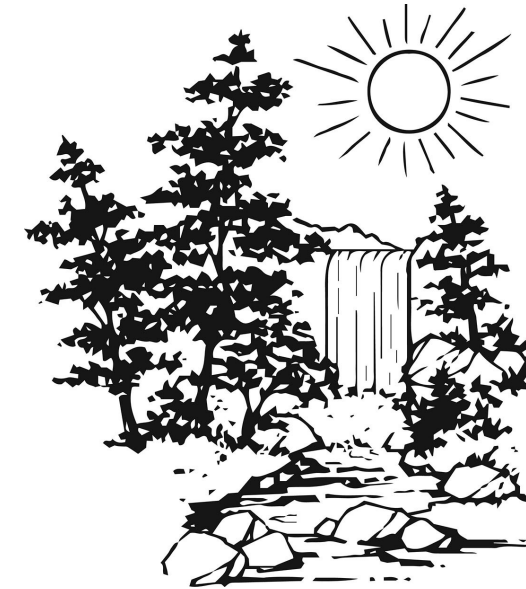
#### **UPS Back Pack Program**

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 23, 2023



*"Surely the LORD is in this place."*

Genesis 28:16

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