

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.

****DISCLAIMER: Trinity UMC utilizes videography to live stream all sanctuary worship services to social media. Service will be available for replay and images, likenesses, and audio may be captured to be used as thumbnails on each TUMC ran website. If you have any concerns, please notify the church office staff.****

Prelude: Might Get Loud by Elevation 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

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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee No. 89

Scripture Reading: Psalm 133 CEB

Lector Reader: Kim P

¹Look at how good and pleasing it is when families lie together as one!

²It is like expensive oil poured over the head, running down onto the beard—Aarons beard!-which extended over the collar of his robes.

³It is like the dew on Mount Hermon streaming down onto the mountains of Zion, because it is there that the LORD has commanded the blessing: everlasting life.

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 Patty R.

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

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

Anthem: Who Am I

The Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Ushers: (Amy G., Cindy A., Lana P., Susie W.)

Your generosity is appreciated and keeps these doors OPEN!

Offertory Music: Meditation from Thais by Jules Massenet

Doxology Psalm 133:1, NRSV No. 95

Special Music: Didn't I Walk on the Water?
Solo

Sermon: "You Were Sent by God" Genesis 45:1-15

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

Closing Hymn: How Great Thou Art No. 77

Benediction

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

Postlude: Down by the Riverside Traditional Spiritual

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 August**

Aug 27: Fred H., Paul C., Phil R., John H.

***Children's Moment for August**

Aug 27: Nicole R.

***Greeters for August**

Aug 27: Amy G., Donna M.

***Lector Readers for August**

Aug 27: Paula B (Psalm 124)

Nursery Volunteers for August

Aug 20: Nicole R., Katie Z.

Aug 27: Cathy G., Paula B.

***Communion Stewards for September 3rd**

Amy G., Beth H., Erin H., Patty R.

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!

Pastor Tim talked to **Bill Cole** and he is thinking of everyone and hopes to be able to see you soon. If you'd like to send him a card his mailing address is: 100A Varne Circle; Farmville VA 23901

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!!)

NEXT SUNDAY, August 27!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

Adult Sunday School is Sunday at 10 am.

Choir Practice is Wednesday at 7 pm.

It's a busy day—cupcake celebration for Robinson's gender reveal, Administrative Board Meeting and Fall Festival Planning Meeting TODAY, following the worship service. Stay to celebrate, plan and get some business done!

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! Three specific areas to pray for the church:

- That the message of Jesus Christ will be made clear and simple during our worship services, fellowships and outreach ministries
- That people will accept and understand the message of Jesus Christ
- That opportunities for outreach and growth in the church will continue

ANOTHER 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.

Interested in becoming a member or getting baptized....be a part of our growth! 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, Aug 21st @ 6pm and will be held at the 404 Creamery in BSG.** All are welcome to attend.

Methodist Men—The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Sep 11th @ 6 pm; the meal cost is \$12 per person**—home made sloppy joes with potato salad! All men are welcome to attend.

Women of Trinity —The next official meeting is Sunday, **Sep 17th @ 5 pm.** All women are encouraged and welcome to attend.

EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

We had another successful Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser last week and raised in the neighborhood of \$700!

Remind your friends it's a great time to visit Trinity—Homecoming is August 27. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Beth Tipton. Rev Tipton is an ordained Deacon ministering in the Appalachian District at the Wesley Foundation at

UVA Wise since 2003. She is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Christian Spirituality at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and is a graduate of Asbury Seminary. She leads and accompanies people on their spiritual journeys, and labors to connect the church and the world in creative ways. During the 2023 Holston Annual Conference, she was awarded the Francis Asbury Award for higher education. This award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to fostering United Methodist ministries in higher education at the local, district, or annual conference level. She is the daughter of Alice and the (Late) Rev. and Captain David Gibson, She is married to Jason and they have one child, Samuel. A fellowship meal will follow the service.

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.

Church Rummage Sale—this Fall, we have an abundance of items for our next rummage sale—so much, that we are doing TWO Fall rummage sales.....get ready for some MAJOR BARGAINS! Our first sale will run from Monday, September 11 through Friday, September 15 from 9am-2pm Mon-Thu and 9am-Noon Friday. Volunteers are needed and appreciated! Our second sale will be in October.....be on the lookout!

****If you were involved in VBS this year, please pick up a survey in the fellowship hall, complete and return it to the office. We need your input to make improvements for next year!****

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE August 13th:

Sunday School: 6
In-Person Worship: 78
Facebook Live: 9
Visitors: 7
Methodist Men Aug 14: 18
Heritage Hall Aug 16-Service cancelled

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 August, the requested item is soup.

The food item requested for August is soup—chicken noodle or tomato

ZIMBABWE BACKPACK ITEMS: Our goal is to fill 60 backpacks. The donation requested for August is a pack of filler paper/loose leaf (wide ruled) OR Composition books; there is a box in the office to deposit supplies.

The Trinity Companion

August 20, 2023



*"I am your brother, Joseph...
GOD SENT ME
before you to preserve life."
Genesis 45:4-5*

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