

*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.\*\***

**\*Everyone is invited to the Highland Winds Fall Concert on Oct 30 at the Prior Convocation Center at 7:00 PM\***

**Prelude:** Burn the Ships by for KING & COUNTRY

### 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 worshiping community.

### Chiming of the Hour

#### Call to Worship: I Saw The Light

I wandered so aim-less, life filled with sin,  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in;  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night-  
Praise the Lord! ——— I saw the light.  
I saw the light, ——— I saw the light,——  
No more darkness, no more in night ——  
(And) now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight ——  
Praise the Lord! ——— I saw the light. ——light.

#### Welcome from Pastor Tim and welcome your neighbors

We are God's People

**We live in God's world**

We have come to God's house to honor God's name,  
**and to prepare ourselves for God's work,**  
Come, let us praise Him!

**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:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling No. 384

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 99

**Lector Reader:** Natalie S.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord rules—the nations shake! He sits enthroned on the winged heavenly creatures—the earth quakes!

<sup>2</sup>The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

<sup>3</sup>Let them thank your great and awesome name. He is holy!

<sup>4</sup>Strong king who loves justice, you are the one who established what is fair. You worked justice and righteousness in Jacob.

<sup>5</sup>Magnify the Lord, our God! Bow low at his footstool! He is holy!

<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel too among those who called on his name.

They cried out to the Lord, and he himself answered them—

<sup>7</sup>he spoke to them from a pillar of cloud. They kept the laws and the rules God gave to them.

<sup>8</sup>Lord our God, you answered them. To them you were a God who forgives but also the one who avenged their wrong deeds.

<sup>9</sup>Magnify the Lord our God! Bow low at his holy mountain because the Lord our God is holy!

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 Diane B.

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.

**The Presentation of Tithes and Offering**

**Ushers:** (Fred H., Steve P., Paul C., Rob M.)

**Offertory Prayer:** Let us pray,

**Heavenly Father, thank you for all the good things you continue to provide for us. Don't let us take your gifts for granted or abuse them. Instead, help us always to rely on you in faith. Use us and what you have given us for your good purposes, In Jesus' Name, Amen.**

**Offertory Music:** Jesus Loves Me Arranged by Greg Howlett

**Doxology** No. 95

**Special Prayer/Reflection** Peace in the World

**Anthem/Special Song** God Really Loves Us

**Sermon:** "Give God His Due" Matthew 22:15-22

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

**Congregational Response** Apostle Creed No. 881

**Closing Hymn:** Shall We Gather at the River No. 723

**Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** Jesus is Coming Again by John W. Peterson

**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 October**

Oct 29: Beth H., Erin H., Patty R., Alberta M.

**\*Children's Moment for October**

Oct 29: Patty R.

**\*Greeters for October**

Oct 29: Donna M., Amy G.

**\*Lector Readers for October**

Oct 29: Rob M. Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

**Nursery Volunteers for October**

Oct 22: Amy G., Katie Z.

Oct 29: Judy H., Cathy G.

**\*Communion Stewards for November 5th**

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

**COME OUT AND MAKE IT A GREAT DAY!!**

**SATURDAY, OCT 28**

**3—5 PM, GAMES & PRIZES**

**5-6 PM, FOOD**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

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

\***Choir Practice** is Wednesday at 7 pm.

**Trinity Book Club**—Our book is “The Power of a Praying Church” by Stormie Omartian. The next meeting is **Monday, Oct 23rd @ 6pm and will be held at the 404 Creamery in BSG.** All are welcome to attend.

The next **Pop’N for Jesus** is scheduled for **Wed, Oct 25th. Interested in helping? Meet at church or Hardees at 8:30 am!**

It’s almost here!! The next **planning meeting** for the **Fall Festival** is **Friday, Oct 27, at 6 pm.** Please plan to attend to help setup for the festival! Volunteers are needed and appreciated!

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

**Methodist Men**—The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Nov 13th @ 6 pm; the meal cost is \$12 per person.** Please sign up in fellowship hall if you plan to attend. All men are welcome.

Worship service at Heritage Hall **every Wednesday at 1:30-3 pm**, all are welcome to attend. Pastor Tim is in high demand, they have requested two services each Wednesday in two separate areas of Heritage Hall!

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

**Tuesday, Oct 24th at 5:30 pm, the Southwest VA Museum State Park will have a tree planting ceremony in honor of BETTY FLEENOR. Please plan to attend to show support for Betty!**

**Saturday, Oct 28, is our Fall Festival starting at 3 pm....**come enjoy the fun, the games AND PRIZES, the food! We will reschedule the movie for another night. This is a guaranteed fun day for all!! **If you are able and willing, please sign up to volunteer to cover some of the game stations—sign up sheet in fellowship hall.**

**Tuesday, Oct 31, @ 6 pm** is our **annual Trunk or Treat.** Bring the kids, bring your sweet tooth. If you want to participate, bring some candy to hand out and set up, weather permitting, outside!

**BSG Clergy Group will meet on Thursday, October 26th @ 6 pm. Dr. Jewell Bevins Worley will be the guest speaker—“God, Keep Me in the Moment and Teach Me to Breathe.”** Dr. Worley is a licensed professional counselor and a licensed marriage and family therapist. She has 30 years experience in clinical counseling in the public mental health setting, in private practice, and in college counseling centers. **All are welcome to attend and encouraged to RSVP to the office by Monday, October 23rd.**

**Mark your calendars!** The Tennessee-based gospel group *Sacred Harmony* is scheduled to be at Trinity to perform on **Sunday, November 12 at 6 pm.** They request a love offering. This will be a musical treat you don’t want to miss!

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE October 15th:

Sunday School: 6  
In-Person Worship: 63  
Facebook Live: 18  
Visitors: 4  
Heritage Hall Oct 18: cancelled  
Charge Conference: 55 total; 9 members from Trinity UMC

### PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

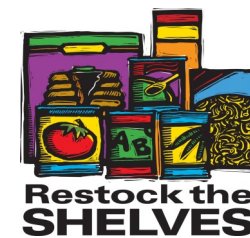


### UPS Back Pack Program

Don’t forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of October, the requested item is ramen noodles.

The food item requested for October is ramen noodles—chicken or beef.

**ZIMBABWE BACKPACK ITEMS:** Our goal is to fill 60 backpacks. The donation requested for October is a dry erase set (markers/eraser/cleaning spray); there is a box in the fellowship hall to deposit supplies.



## The Trinity Companion

October 22, 2023



MATTHEW 22:21, NRSV

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