

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. God loves you and so do we! Due to the increased number of cases of the COVID-19 Delta variant, we ask that both vaccinated and unvaccinated attendees wear a mask during worship services. If you do not have a mask, we have masks available for you in the narthex. The Church Council is monitoring this situation closely and will inform you of any changes in the future. We appreciate your willingness to provide a safe worship environment for all during this challenging season that we are living in.

## WELCOME, TRINITY BRASS

KIM DANIELS  
RON FLANARY  
JASON BAILEY  
ROY CRAWFORD  
MASON VAUGH  
RICK GALYEAN

**Prelude:** Trumpet Tune and Ayre by Henry Purcell (Trinity Brass)

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Greeting:**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.**

The house is coming, and now is,  
when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!**

**Give thanks to him, bless his name!**

**Announcements:** \*(please see back of bulletin)

**Prayer:**

Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth.

We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears, new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses.

Because you are a God of hope,  
we know that you create all the possibilities of the

future.

Because you are a God of love,  
we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past.  
Because you are the God of our faith,  
we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise,  
we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise,  
and we serve and bless you. In Jesus name, Amen.

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 29:1-2, 11

<sup>1</sup>You, divine beings! Give to the Lord-  
give to the Lord glory and power!

<sup>2</sup>Give to the Lord the glory due his name!  
Bow down to the Lord in holy splendor!

<sup>11</sup>Let the Lord give strength to his people!  
Let the Lord bless his people with peace!

**Gloria Patri:** **No. 70**

**Opening Hymn:** Blessed Assurance **No. 369**

**Special Music:** Rondeau by Jean-Joseph Mouret (Trinity Brass)

**Offertory:** As I mentioned a few weeks ago, the offering will be collected by a team of women/girls on the EVEN SUNDAY dates and the offering will be collected by a team of men/boys on the ODD SUNDAY dates. Within the bulletin is a list for the month of January. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the church secretary.

Luke 6:38 (NRSV): Women's Team will be passing the plates.  
"...give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

**Offertory Music:** Angels We Have Heard on High, arranged by Greg Howlett

**Doxology:**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above the Heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen

**Presentation:** Teaching about the Daniel Fast by Martha Spurlock

**Service of Word and Table:** **No. 7-11**

**Communion Stewards:** Lana, Kim, Paul, Rob M.

**Communion Music/Musical Interlude:** I Wonder As I Wander by John Jacob Niles, arranged by Craig Curry

**Closing Hymn:** O Come, All Ye Faithful **No. 234**

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction:** Hallelujah Chorus by George Frederick Handel (Trinity Brass)

**\*Offering Stewards for January 2022**

January 2nd—Lana, Donna, Pat, and Alberta  
January 9th—Dennis, Spencer, Ruben, and Fred  
January 16th—Patty, Susan, Beth, and Erin  
January 23rd—Phil, John H., Paul, and Ruben  
January 30th—Lana, Donna, Patty, and Alberta

## Announcements

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

**Book Study and Discussion** restarts Monday, January 3rd at 6 pm.

**No Bible Study** for the month of January.

**No Apprentice Study** will begin Tuesday, January 4th at 6:30 pm.

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

We are happy to announce that with the reference and support from our church, **Mountain Empire Older Citizens has received a \$2,000 hunger and poverty grant from the United Methodist Appalachian Ministry Network.** This money will be used to help pay for desperately needed modifications and repairs to homes of older adults in MEOC's service area. Members of our church, other local churches, and mission groups will have the opportunity to provide volunteer labor to address future home repair projects.

**The Blue Ridge Wildlife & Pest Management, LLC**, serviced our church building all day on Monday, December 20th. The much needed work included securing and sealing cracks within the church structure to prevent bats and racoons from entering the building. Thank you for your willingness to invest, serve, and meet budgets throughout the year. You have helped to ensure that the church remains a safe and healthy environment for all to worship in.

**Daniel Fast**—The New Year is quickly approaching us and with that comes excitement, hope, and resolutions. For many, it is a time for them to approach a new look or start a new daily routine such as exercise and strive to have better sleep patterns. Such things are done to help kick start their year and to be more resourceful than last year.

To kick start the new year and to continue with the momentum from 2021, I am calling all to participate in the **21-Day Daniel Fast from Monday, January 3rd to Monday, January 24th.** In Daniel 1:12, Daniel fasted from meat, fine foods, and wine. Instead, he had vegetables to eat and water to drink. Today, people fast to put away their fleshly desires and struggles, to get in –sync with God, and to see direction from God. To help us better under the purposes behind the Daniel Fast, our friend **Martha Spurlock** will be presenting during our worship service. It is my hope and prayer that during the 21-Day Daniel Fast our church will be empowered and inspired by the Holy Spirit.

**Administrative Board Meeting** will be held after the worship service

on January 9th.

We will be hosting an Epiphany Service on Sunday, January 16th at 5:30 pm. Rick Galyean will be releasing more information about the service in the days ahead.

The Martin Luther King Jr Celebration is Monday, January 17th. The celebration will start with a meal at 5:30 pm at the Wise Baptist Church in Wise, VA. After the meal, there will be a MLK March and a program at the Wise Church of God in Wise, VA. The special speaker will be Pastor Carolyn Smith and music will be performed by the Fatty Livers.

On Thursday, January 20th at 6 pm we will be removing the Christmas decorations of the church. If you are able and willing, please help us with this matter. The more volunteers the faster and more efficiently we can get the job done.

**Resurrection 2022** is January 21-23 at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge, TN. This year's theme is "Together Again." The scripture of focus is Hebrews 10:23-25 which states, "Let's hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable. And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near." (CEB) Please keep our Youth Director Christy Smith and the youth who plan to attend in prayer that they will have a blessed time in the Lord.

### Poinsettias:

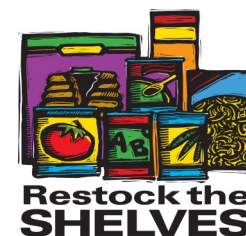
Purchased and placed in celebration of Betty Cline's 98th birthday by John D. and Marry Lou Williams and John and Mary Kay Wilson.

Purchased and placed in memory of those who joined the church triumphant by Trinity UMC.

Purchased and placed in memory of Nilda Williams by an anonymous donor.

### UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Back Pack Program with a specific kind of food. The food item for January is Soup. The requested flavors are Chicken Noodle or Tomato.



## The Trinity Companion January 2, 2022



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