

Today's liturgical color is white which symbolizes days and seasons of joy and mark pivotal events in the life of Christ.

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: Do You Hear What I Hear? arranged by Craig Curry

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— Go Tell It On The Mountain No. 251

WELCOME from Pastor Tim and welcome your neighbors

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*noted within the bulletin)

A TIME FOR PRAYER:

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: Angels We Have Heard on High No. 238

Scripture Reading: Psalm 72:1-7

Lector Reader: Rob M.

¹ God, give your judgments to the king. Give your righteousness to the king's son.

² Let him judge your people with righteousness and your poor ones with justice.

³ Let the mountains bring peace to the people; let the hills bring righteousness.

⁴ Let the king bring justice to people who are poor; let him save the children of those who are needy, but let him crush oppressors!

⁵ Let the king live as long as the sun, as long as the moon, generation to generation.

⁶ Let him fall like rain upon fresh-cut grass, like showers that water the earth.

⁷ Let the righteous flourish throughout their lives, and let peace prosper until the moon is no more.

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: Kim P.

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ushers: Dennis A, Gary H, Rob M, Billy W

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Pastor Tim

Loving God, we follow the Magi in giving you gifts, praying that as you receive our acts of offering, you would shine the light of Christ in our hearts to lead us in lives which serve you more deeply. In Jesus' name, Amen

OFFERTORY MUSIC : The First Noel arranged by Greg Howlett

DOXOLOGY No. 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

A Service of Word and Table No. 13-15

Communion Stewards: Cindy A, Dennis A, Paula B, Beth H

Communion Music: Star-Child by Carlton R. Young & Shirley Erena Murray

****THE NURSERY IS NOW OPEN****

SERMON: "Losing Sight of Jesus" Luke 2:41-52

RESPONSE TO THE SERVICE: ALTAR CALL – At this time if you desire to come to the front for prayer, you are welcome to do so.

CLOSING HYMN: We Three Kings No. 254

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE: We Three Kings arranged by Craig Curry

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.

METHODS OF GIVING

We have several ways for you to support the ongoing ministries and operating expenses of our church:

- bring an offering to the Sunday worship and put in the collection plate
- use the drop box at the back of the church
- mail a check to the church
- set up recurring payments with your bank
- online donation via website Subsplash—use the following address on your computer, tablet or phone:
<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/FJ4VNG>
this secure website allows you to make a donation/offering in any amount, in any frequency (weekly, monthly, etc), and to select a specific purpose/fund for your donation. You can complete one of the cards located in the pews and put in offering plate to alert the office that you have made an online donation OR you can scan the QR Code below. With any of the electronic methods, you will need to establish an account prior to your first gift. Afterwards, you can simply sign in to your account.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT. (Online Giving Scan)



Wanna check out our Facebook page-scan here!

Here's a snapshot of our current budget numbers:

TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
NEW FISCAL YEAR JULY TO JUNE	
TUMC 24/25 BUDGET	\$161,500.00
WEEKLY GOAL	\$3,105.77
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING	\$3,974.00
YEARLY BUDGET TO DATE	\$80,750.02
YEARLY OFFERINGS TO DATE	\$79,054.64

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: EVERY Sunday @ 10 am

HERITAGE HALL WORSHIP: EVERY Wednesday @ 1:30-3:30 pm, all are welcome to attend

MINDFUL MOVING GROUP: Every Wednesday @ 5:30 pm; walking &/or moving to music w/Donna Mahan's direction. All are welcome to attend.

CHOIR PRACTICE: EVERY Wednesday @ 7 pm

BIBLE LESSON-MEOC Participants: Every 3rd Wednesday @ 11 am in the Fellowship Hall

WOMEN OF TRINITY: 1st Sunday @ 5 pm– Jan 5th; All women are welcome to attend.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING: 2nd Sunday following worship service-Jan 12. All are welcome to attend.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: 2nd Monday @ 6 pm – Jan 13. Meeting is held at Country Kitchen. All men are welcome to attend.

EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—Our Epiphany Service, the 47th Annual Festival: Nine Lessons and Carols, will be next Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 5 pm. You don't wanna miss it!

If you would like to be included in any of our volunteer services for Sunday worship, please let Amy know and we will gladly add you to the volunteer roster! The opportunities include offering stewards, greeters, children's moment, lector readers or nursery volunteers. If you have signed up for one of these but find you can no longer fulfill the obligation, let us know that and we will remove you from the rotations. There is a signup sheet on the wall in the Fellowship Hall for volunteer offerings.

Taking down the greens will be done Saturday, January 18th @ 10am; please join us if you are able to assist!

Mark your calendars...our Valentine Dinner is coming soon and we are working out the details...so keep an eye out!

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY SCHEDULES.....

*Offering stewards for January

Jan 12: Cathy G, Amy G, Patty R, Cecilia R
Jan 19: Paul C, John H, Steve P, Phil R
Jan 26: Pat B, Beth H, Erin H, Lana P

*Children's Moment for January

Jan 12: Beth H
Jan 19: Mary Beth A
Jan 26: Diane B

*Greeters for January

Jan 12: Donna M, Joyce P
Jan 19: Amy G, Susie W
Jan 26: Donny J, Patty R

*Lector Readers for January

Jan 12: Caitlyn S: Psalm 29
Jan 19: Phil R: Psalm 36:5-10
Jan 26: Alberta M: Psalm 19

*Nursery Volunteers for January

Jan 5: Amy G, Donna M
Jan 12: Paula B, Nicole R
Jan 19: Cathy G, Amy G
Jan 26: Donna M, Nicole R

*Communion Stewards for Feb 2:

Cindy A, Dennis A, Paula B, Beth H

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday School: 5
In-Person Worship: 47
Facebook Live: 26
Visitors: 2
Heritage Hall : 28

UPS BACKPACK PROGRAM

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. The food item requested for January is breakfast cereal-small bulk bag (7-9 servings)

DISASTER RELIEF ROOM: We have a designated room upstairs to house hygiene, home and some clothing for local disaster (fire, etc) victims. If you have any extra items to add to this room, please see Dennis or Cindy.



The Trinity Companion

January 5, 2025



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