

Today's liturgical color is white 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.

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PRELUDE: We Three Kings 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: When We All Get to Heaven No. 701
verses 1&4

WELCOME from Pastor Tim and welcome your neighbors

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*noted within the bulletin) - Amy Garcia

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: There's a Song in the Air No. 249

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

READER: Rob M

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

¹⁰Let the kings of Tarshish and the islands bring tribute; let the kings of Sheba and Seba present gifts.

¹¹Let all the kings bow down before him; let all the nations serve him.

¹²Let it be so, because he delivers the needy who cry out, the poor, and those who have no helper.

¹³He has compassion on the weak and the needy; he saves the lives of those who are in need.

¹⁴He redeems their lives from oppression and violence; their blood is precious in his eyes.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: led by Diane B.

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ushers: (Cathy G., Susan H., Lana P., Cecilia R.)

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Let us pray,

God of glorious surprises: Like the wise men sent by Herod, we, too, come as searchers for a glimpse of your presence. As were the people in those days, we are surprised that we find you not in a palace but in a stable, surrounded by a family of poor refugees and worshiped by the lowly shepherds. Like them, our gifts from our wealth seem simultaneously too material and woefully shabby and outshined by what you have given us. Just the same, use our gifts for the work of justice, mercy, and compassion—as would befit the Savior who sleeps in a manger. It's in His holy name Jesus, we pray. Amen. (Matthew 2:1-12)

OFFERTORY MUSIC: The First Noel arranged by Justin K. Reeve

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: Ten Thousand Joys Bob Horne & Calli Shell

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE No. 13-15

Communion Stewards: Patty R., Amy G., Erin H., Beth H.

COMMUNION MUSIC: Three Wise Men by Lindy Kerby

SERMON: "A Call to Commit in 2024"

A COVENANT PRAYER TO REAFFIRM YOUR DISCIPLE COMMITMENT TO

YOUR CALLING written by John Wesley, revised by Richard Bott

"I am yours, God. Completely yours. Give me the work that you need me

to do. Put me with the people with whom you need me to be. Set me the tasks you need done, even if they are uncomfortable, or painful for me. Set me the tasks, or set me aside, as you need. Lift me up or set me low. Fill me or empty me, as you will. Let me have, or not. I freely and joyfully give all that I am, to you. And now, God most holy, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, you are my God, and I am your child. May the promises I have made here, be made complete by your witness. And may it ever be so. May it ever be so."

APOSTLE'S CREED No. 881

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: March of the Kings by Georges Bizet

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.

2024 PLEDGE & METHODS TO GIVE

2024 Pledge—Growing in Faith, Hope and Love

(this Pledge is copied from Cookeville FUMC in TN and is pertinent to Trinity)

This year has been a year of growth for our congregation. All our ministries are growing in scope and impact. We are also growing in membership at a faster pace than at any time in the past five years. Our challenge and call as faithful Christian disciples is to continue to take steps to grow in faith, hope, and love.

If you are a regular participant, faithful discipleship is our shared goal. Each of us benefits from our shared life together. Consistent financial support makes it all possible. We hope you will take this step of faith and faithfulness as we all seek to grow in faith, hope and love together.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is Sunday at 10am.

CHOIR PRACTICE is **Wednesday at 7pm.**

TRINITY WOMEN—next meeting is **TODAY, January 7 @ 5pm.** All women are welcome and encouraged to attend.

METHODIST MEN—next meeting is **Monday, January 8 @ 6pm.** The meeting will be held at **Country Kitchen, meal cost is \$12.** All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.

FINANCE COMMITTEE is scheduled for **Wednesday, Jan 10, at 6 pm**

The next **POP'N FOR JESUS** is scheduled for **Wed, Jan 31st, 2024.** Interested in helping, contact **Betty Fleenor** for details.

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.....

From the staff at Trinity UMC to you—A HUGE thank you for a generous Christmas bonus! We are truly blessed.

Our Annual Epiphany Service will be held **January 14 @ 5pm**

A New Year is here....wouldn't you just love to volunteer on one of our many opportunities in 2024??! If you'd like to be included in any of the volunteer groups, please see the office, we'll sign you up!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE Dec 31:

Sunday School: 6
In-Person Worship: 44
Facebook Live: 26
Visitors: 1
Heritage Hall Jan 3: cancelled

Rev Terry Goodman, Conference Secretary and Director of Clergy Concerns, will be with us on **Sunday, January 14, during the 11 am service** to deliver a message from Resident Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett about the pastor's upcoming ordination.

*For the past 2 years, we have begun the New Year with prayer and fasting. This year we will be doing something a little different. I am asking all church attendees to read the easy-to-read, six chapter book "I am a Church Member," by Thom Rainer. For many, this will be a refresher and for others it is our hope that you will learn something new about how to be a vital church member. **Beginning Sunday, January 21, 2024, I will start a sermon series on**

this book. After the series is completed, you will be invited to attend a book discussion group. **The book costs \$6 and if you'd like to purchase a copy, please contact the office by January 12th.** Thanks, Pastor Tim

*Offering stewards for January

January 14: Gary H., John H., Chris S., Daniel W.
January 21: Joyce P., Amy G., Sandra R., Susie W.
January 28: Dennis A., Steve P., Spencer Q., Billy W.

*Children's Moment for January

January 14: Patty R.
January 21: Kim P.
January 28: Mary Beth A.

*Greeters for January

January 14: Joyce P., Patty R.
January 21: Alberta M., Angie T.
January 28: Amy G., Patty R.

*Lector Readers for January

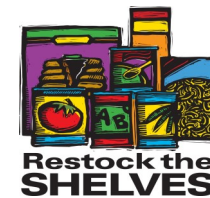
January 14: Caitlyn S-Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
January 21: Alberta M-Psalm 62:5-12
January 28: Beth H-Psalm 111

Nursery Volunteers for January

January 7: Paula B., Donna M.
January 14: Amy G., Nicole R.
January 21: Judy H., Cathy G.
January 28: Amy G., Donna M.

*Communion Stewards for February 4:

Cindy A., Dennis A., Paul C., Kim P.



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 cereal-small bulk bags.

ZIMBABWE BACKPACK ITEMS: Our goal is to fill 60 backpacks. The donation requested for January is blue or black pens—10-12 packs; there is a box in the fellowship hall to deposit supplies.

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

The Trinity Companion

January 7, 2024

Trinity United Methodist Church

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Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Worship begins at 11:00 am

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