

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: Better is One Day by Matt Redman

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: Open My Eyes, That I May See No. 454

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

READER: Caitlyn S.

¹LORD, you have examined me. You know me.

²You know when I sit down and when I stand up. Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.

³You study my traveling and resting. You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.

⁴There isn't a word on my tongue, LORD, that you don't already know completely.

⁵You surround me – front and back. You put your hand on me.

⁶That kind of knowledge is too much for me; it's so high above me that I can't reach it.

¹³You are the one who created my innermost parts; you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart. Your works are wonderful – I know that very well.

¹⁵My bones weren't hidden from you when I was being put together in a secret place, when I was being woven together in the deep parts of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes saw my embryo, and on your scroll every day was written that was being formed for me, before any one of them had yet happened.

¹⁷God, your plans are incomprehensible to me! Their total number is countless!

¹⁸If I tried to count them – they outnumber grains of sand! If I came to the very end – I'd still be with you.

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

Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: led by Patty R.

Message from Resident Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett—delivered by Rev. Terry Goodman, Conference Secretary and Director of Clergy Concerns.

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ushers: (Gary H., John H., Chris S., Daniel W.)

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: Take My Life and Let It Be 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: The Seven Joys of Mary

SERMON: "Follow Me" John 1:43-51

RESPONSE TO THE SERVICE: ALTAR CALL—if you desire to come to the front or prayer you are welcome to do so.

APOSTLE'S CREED No. 881

CLOSING HYMN: To God Be The Glory

No. 98

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE: Cry of My Heart by Terry Butler

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. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is Sunday at 10am.

CHOIR PRACTICE is Wednesday at 7pm.

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.....

Our Annual Epiphany Service will be held TONIGHT January 14 @ 5pm. The Prelude will begin at 4:45 and the service begins at 5pm. Refreshments will be served after the service in the fellowship hall. Please plan to attend!

UVA Wise will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday Monday, January 15. Dinner will be @ 5:30 at Wise Baptist Church with the program at Trinity UMC in Wise @ 7:00 pm. There will be a procession from Wise Baptist to Trinity—Vans are available.

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 Jan 7:

Sunday School: 6
In-Person Worship: 54
Facebook Live: 22
Visitors: 0
Heritage Hall Jan 10: 30

Rev Terry Goodman, Conference Secretary and Director of Clergy Concerns, will be with us today, January 14, during the 11 am service to deliver a message from Resident Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett.

*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 today.** Thanks, Pastor Tim

*Offering stewards for January

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 21: Kim P.
January 28: Mary Beth A.

*Greeters for January

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

*Lector Readers for January

January 21: Alberta M-Psalm 62:5-12
January 28: Beth H-Psalm 111

Nursery Volunteers for January

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.



Cameron and Jamie Easton with Laura Gilley

Picture from the wedding of Mr & Mrs Cameron Easton (Sandra & Bill Rich's granddaughter Jamie); married on January 5, 2024, in Sevierville TN. Pastor Tim conducted the ceremony.



UPS BACKPACK PROGRAM

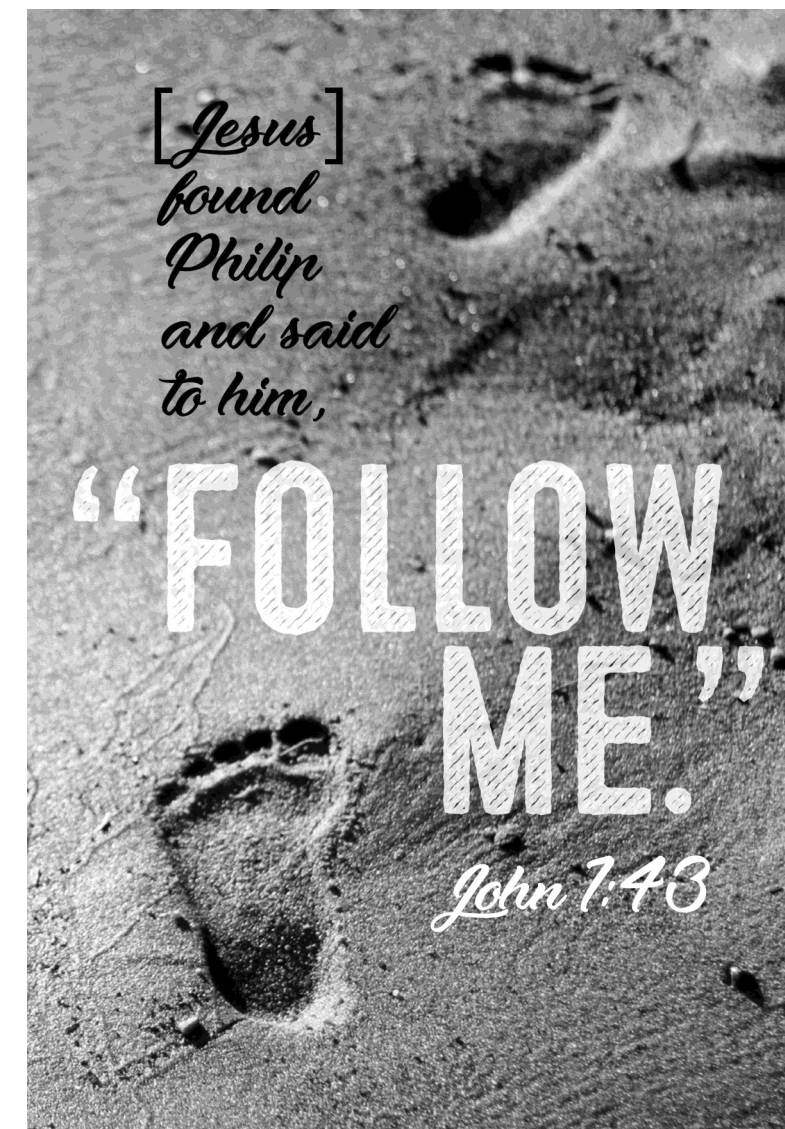
Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. The food item requested for January is cereal-small bulk bags.

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 14, 2024



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Worship begins at 11:00 am

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