

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.

**Prelude:** March of the Wise Men by Georges Bizet (March of the Kings”), arranged by Phillip Keveren

### Lighting of the Candles

### Greeting:

Trust in the Lord and do good.  
**May the Lord give strength to the people!**

O taste and see that the Lord is good!  
**God is our refuge and strength.**

### Announcements and Highlights from the last Board Meeting:

\*(please see back of bulletin)

### A Time for Prayer: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (CEB)

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always. <sup>17</sup>Pray continually. <sup>18</sup>Give thanks in every situation because this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

### Sharing of joys, concerns, and prayers

(If you want to share, please raise your hand and the usher will bring you a microphone so everyone can hear you.)

### Pastoral or Laity Prayer

### Corporate Prayer

God, like a baker woman,  
you bring the leaven which causes our hope  
to rise.  
With your strong and gentle hands, shape our lives.  
Warm us with your love.  
Take our common lives and touch them with your  
grace,  
that we may nourish hope among humanity.  
We pray trusting in your name, through Jesus our  
Christ. Amen.

### Scripture Reading: Psalm 36: 5-10 (CEB)

<sup>5</sup>But your loyal love, Lord, extends to the skies;  
your faithfulness reaches the clouds.  
<sup>6</sup>Your righteousness is like the strongest mountains;  
your justice is like the deepest sea.  
Lord, you save both humans and animals.  
<sup>7</sup>Your faithful love is priceless, God!  
Humanity finds refuge  
in the shadow of your wings.  
<sup>8</sup>They feast on the bounty of your house;  
you let them drink from your river of pure joy.  
<sup>9</sup>Within you is the spring of life.  
In your light, we see light.  
<sup>10</sup>Extend your faithful love to those who know you,  
extend your righteousness  
to those whose heart is right.

### Gloria Patri

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.  
A-men. A-men.

### Opening Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing No. 57;

### Choral Anthem: Seven Joys of Mary

### Offertory:

**Ushers:** Men’s Team (Phil, John H., Paul, Ruben)

2 Corinthians 9:7

“Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn’t give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver.”

**Offertory Music:** Canon in D/The First Noel by Johann Pachelbel/Traditional, arranged by Calli Shell

### 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

### Sermon: “Asking for Directions” Psalm 25: 1-11 Rob Moore

### Response to the Word: The Apostles Creed No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Closing Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus No. 189

### Benediction

### Postlude: Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow (Traditional)

### \*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

### \*Communion Stewards for Sunday, February 6th, 2022

Christy Smith, Nancy Allman, Sandra Marshall, & Pat Bowden

## Announcements

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

**Book Study and Discussion** is Monday at 6 pm.

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

**Apprentice Study** is Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

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

**Church Calendar**—If you desire to add an event to our February Church Calendar, please submit a written note to the church secretary.

**Daniel Fast**—We have kick started the new year and have started our **21-Day Daniel Fast** on January 3rd. The fast will end January 24th. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Tim or Christy Smith.

**Taking Down of the Greens**—Thank you to all who helped us with taking down the Greens and the Christmas decorations. It was great to spend time with you!

**Resurrection 2022**—A group from the church left on January 21st at 4 pm to attend Resurrection 2022 in Pigeon Forge, TN. They will return on Sunday, January 23rd. Please be in prayer for a safe trip.

**Valentine's Day Dinner Event**—We are having a Valentine's Dinner Event in the church Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 13th at 12:30 pm. There will be live music and food catered by Curklin's. The menu consists of chicken or steak, salad, baked potato, and dessert. The price for the meal is \$15 per person and reservations are required. The deadline to register is Sunday, February 6th.

**Committee Reports**—We ask that all committees and circles meet to talk about duties and goals for 2022. A report about our plans for the year of 2020 needs to be prepared for our March 2022 Administrative Board Meeting. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Tim. Below is the list of the groups within the church that are to give a report.

Trustees Board  
Kitchen Team  
Memorial  
SPRC  
Worship Committee

UMM  
Financial Committee  
Outreach (NOW/SONS/water)  
Parsonage Committee

## Highlights from our last Administrative Board Meeting

- Daniel Goodman will be installing a Blessing Box on the church property for his Eagle Scout project. Blessing Boxes are honor system food pantries where people can take food when they are in need. Also, people can help by donating non-perishable food items.
- The Board discussed and approved the 2022 Church Budget. Phil Robbins (Financial Committee Chair) will be sharing more information with this matter later.
- The Board has approved to purchase a new upright freezer for the parsonage. (About \$700)
- On Sunday, May 15th, during our worship service, Trinity UMC will honor Sandy and D.S. Jeff Wright. After serving for years as our superintendent, Sandy and Jeff will be moving in June.
- Karen Hall (Trustees Chair) talked about a plan to replace the fence on the large parking lot side of the church. We will install the new fence when warmer weather sets in and we will share ways that you can help with this project in the future.

## Holston Home for Children

Did you know there are children without homes, without adults to care for them, who don't attend school or church? Without your gifts, many of those children will grow up without guidance, without direction, without education. Together we can make all of these things possible to children who come into our care.

For more than a century, Methodists and Holston Home have worked together to minister to the needs of children, youth, and families in the Holston Conference. Your Fifth Sunday Offerings make a difference. You will have an opportunity to share in this vital ministry next Sunday. Please give generously.

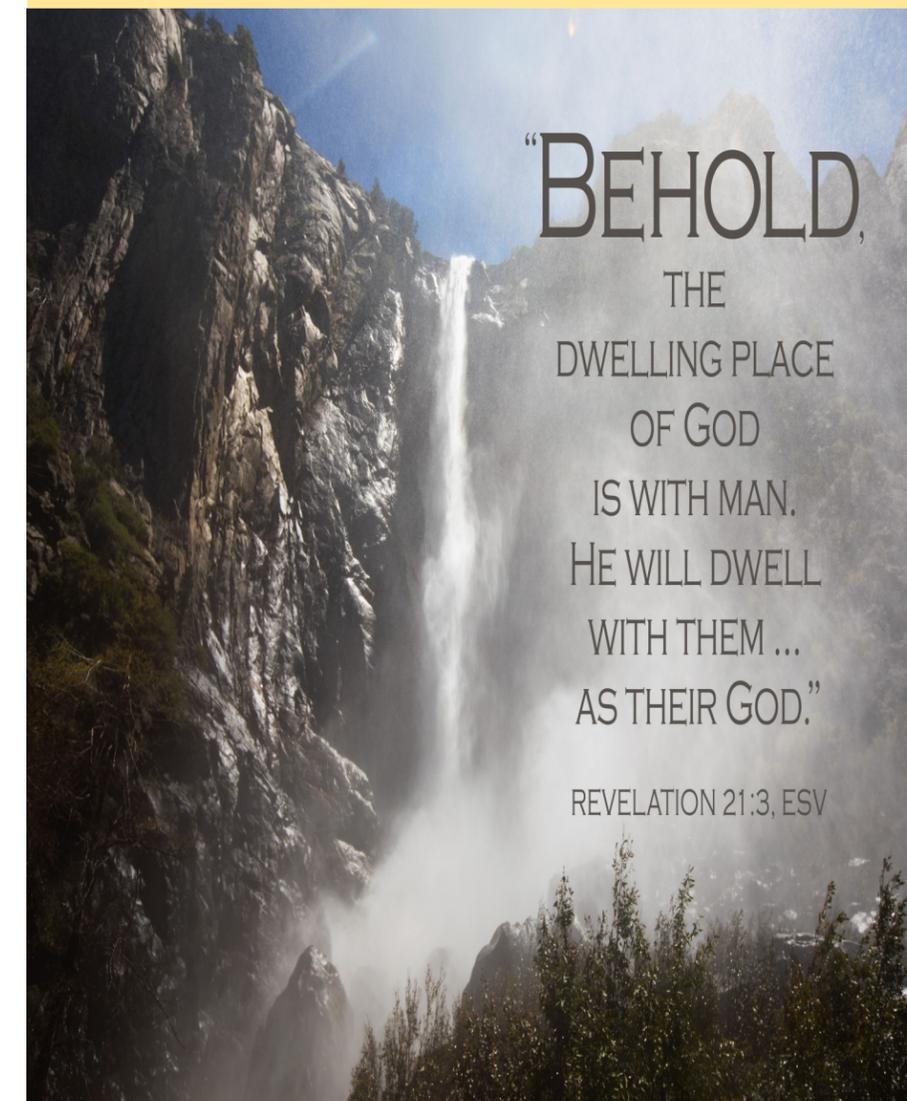
## UPS Back Pack Program

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 Breakfast Cereal. The requested items is the small bulk bag which holds 7 to 9 servings.

The requested food item for February is Single Serve Fruit. The requested fruit cups are Pears, Peaches, or Fruit Cocktail.



## The Trinity Companion January 23, 2022



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