

Today's liturgical color is green which marks "Ordinary Time." Ordinary Time is any time of year between Easter and Advent and between Christmas and Lent. Green symbolizes life, hope, and anticipation.

To help promote the happenings in our church, you can share our services and events to the community on your Facebook page.

Prelude: Until The Whole World Hears by Casting Crowns

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 worshipping community.

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Announcements (*noted within the bulletin)

A Time for Prayer:

By Rob Moore

Opening Hymn: More Love to Thee, O Christ **No. 453**

Moment for Missions—At this time, we will be acknowledging the various missions that are in one way or another connected to Trinity. If you are a representative of any of the listed missions, please feel free to update us on the mission's status. Afterwards, we will have a special prayer for these missions. If we failed to list a mission that you are aware of, please acknowledge the mission.

- Bottled Water Ministry
- Pop-N-For Jesus
- NOW Team
- SONS
- UPS Backpack
- Christmas in the Gap
- Holston Home for Children
- Trinity UMC Blessing Box
- Blessing of the Animals

Children's Moment: led by Kim Parsons

At this time, children come forward or you can bring your child to the front pew to hear and participate in the children's reflection.

Scripture about the importance of having childlike faith in Jesus:
Matthew 18:1-3 CEB

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

²Then he called a little child over to sit among the disciples, ³and said, "I assure you that if you don't turn your lives around and become like this little child, you will definitely not enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Presentation of Tithes and Offering (Thank you for your generosity!)

Ushers: (Lana P., Steve P., Amy G. & Fred H..)

"If those who gain all they can, save all they can, will likewise give all they can; then, the more they gain, the more they will grow in grace, and the more treasure they will lay up in heaven." - John Wesley

Offertory Prayer

Heavenly Father,
You have given us riches beyond measure.
We can only return a fraction of what we owe you;
but we ask, Lord, that you will bless our offerings and help us to use them wisely in your service and for your glory. Amen.

Offertory Music: Mission's Flame by Matt Redman

Doxology

No. 95

Anthem: Let It Start With Me by Sam Allen and Laura Allen
Solo—Dennis Ashley

Sermon: "Bringing Good News to the Mountains" Isaiah 52: 6-12
Rob Moore

Response to the Service: Prayer and Reflection

Reflection Music: Just As I Am

[Isaiah 52:7, NIV

At this time, you can either pray at your pew or at the chancel rail (altar).

Things that you can pray for: family, friends, self, church family, non-believers, shut-ins, those who are ill (mentally and physically), outreach, community, and church ministries and leaders.

Apostles' Creed No. 881

Benediction

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent

one from another. AMEN!

Postlude: Build Your Kingdom Here by Rend Collective

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.

*Offering stewards for February

5th—Phil R., John H., Billy W., Ruben A
12th— Alberta M., Beth H., Erin H., Donna M.
19th—Fred H., Paul C., Spencer Q., Dennis A.
26th— Pat B., Patty R., Amy G., Sandra R.

*Children's Moment for February

5th— Patty R.,
12th— Beth H.
19th— Kim P.
26th— Mary Beth A.

Greeters for February

5th—Alberta M., Joyce P.
12th—Patty R., Amy G.
19th—Joyce P., Amy G.
26th—Alberta M., Patty R.

*Communion Stewards for February 5th

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

MONTHLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES ARE NOW BEING POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE OF THE CHOIR ROOM. We will be posting activities, schedules, etc on this bulletin board moving forward. Please take a moment to check it out. If there is something you would like to see posted, please see Amy Garcia. thanks!

Announcements

Adult Sunday School is Sunday at 10 am.

Choir Practice is CANCELLED FOR NEXT Wednesday.

Trinity Book Club is on Monday at 6 pm. The book discussion is based on the text "Enemies of the Heart" by Andy Stanley. The ISBN is 9781601421456 and you can find the book new for around \$10-15.

Blessing Box—If you want to bring food or other items for the blessing box, you can place your donated items in the labeled plastic bin located in the church fellowship hall.

Spiritual Gifts Inventory:-If you are interested in learning more about the spiritual gifts that God has given you, you can find out more by completing the survey in the link below. This information will help you better serve in the kingdom of God.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en>

Children's Moment—If you are interested in being in the rotation for leading the children's lesson during the worship service, contact Tim or notify the church office staff.

Trinity Church Greeter Team—We are seeking volunteers to come in a little early on Sunday mornings about once or twice a month to serve as church greeters. Church greeters will welcome those who attend church service by handing them a bulletin and by helping guests get familiar with the church building. If you are willing to help us out, please contact Joyce Palmer or Amy Garcia.

21-Days of fasting, prayer, and healthy living—Thank you for observing our 2023 season of fasting, prayer and healthy living. We hope that the season was refreshing to you, and we hope that you became more aware of the Lord's presence in your life.

Epiphany Service 2023—We had a wonderful time in worship and in fellowship, and thanks to all who participated. We had approximately 70 people in attendance from various congregations in our area. Thanks to our ladies for preparing a wonderful lunch for all to enjoy. In addition, thanks to our Music Director Rick for working diligently on this service. God is good and thanks be to God the Father for sending his Son Jesus to us!

Highlights from our last Administrative Board

- Joyce Palmer reported that we finished 2022 approximately \$2,000 over budget. Also, she has begun to hand out 2022 contribution statements.
- Christy Smith provided a draft copy of a 2022 "Year in Review for Trinity." Copies will be distributed to the congregation at the beginning of February.
- Pastor Tim shared that Black History Month will be celebrated in the church.
- Rick Galyean reported that the Black History Celebration is scheduled

for Sunday, 26th at 5 pm.

- The board approved replacing the parsonage's 2nd floor 30+ year old heat pump which is no longer working. The estimate cost for a new heat pump and labor is \$9,500
- Karen Hall reported that new 10-year smoke alarms were installed in the church.
- Rick Galyean reported that he is in the process of forming a worship committee.
- Blue Ridge Wildlife & Pest reported that there is no evidence of new bat or raccoon activity in the church building.
- Fred Herndon reported that Steve Parsons has been selected president of the United Methodist Men.
- Kathleen Gillespie reported that the kitchen will need a thorough cleaning.

Laity Sunday—Today, our lay leaders Kim Parsons and Rob Moore will oversee the service. The theme for the service is called "Moment for Mission." We hope that you enjoy the service.

Sermon Series, "You are Gifted" - Pastor Tim will continue the sermon series about spiritual gifts on Sunday, February 5th.

Black History Month: February is Black History Month, and our worship services will focus more on observing and celebrating the achievements of African Americans in history. Come be with us and expect to be blessed.

Ladies Meetings—On Sunday, February 5th immediately after the service, Pastor Tim is asking all ladies in the church to meet in the fellowship hall for a short meeting.

Valentine's Day Dinner—Come celebrate Valentine's Day with us on Sunday, February 12th at 12:30 pm. We will have a time for great fun, fellowship, and food. Curklins will be catering the food, and we have a choice between steak or chicken; with a baked potato and salad. The steak option will cost \$19.50 and the chicken option will cost \$17.00. Calli Shell will be playing special music—if you have a special request, please write it down on the sign-up sheet. If you desire to attend, sign up before Sunday, February 5th and please pay in advance. Sign up sheets are located in the Fellowship Hall and on the bulletin board next to the choir room. If you have any questions, please talk to either Pastor Tim or our secretary Amy Garcia.

UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of January, the requested item is Breakfast Cereal.

The food item for January is Breakfast Cereal. Bulk bags of 7-9 servings are requested.



The Trinity Companion

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