

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. God loves you and so do we! Due to the increased number of cases of the COVID-19 Omicron 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: He Has Made Me Glad with This is the Day by Leona Von Brethorst/Les Garrett, arranged by Mark Hayes

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)

¹⁶Rejoice always. ¹⁷Pray continually. ¹⁸Give 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

Opening Hymn: How Firm a Foundation **No. 529**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 71:1-6 (CEB)

¹I've taken refuge in you, LORD.
Don't let me ever be put to shame!
²Deliver me and rescue me by your righteousness!
Bend your ear toward me and save me!
³Be my rock of refuge
where I can always escape.
You commanded that my life be saved
Because you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴My God, rescue me from the power of the wicked;
rescue me from the grip of the
wrongdoer and the oppressor
⁵because you are my hope, Lord.
You, LORD, are the one I've trusted
Since childhood.
⁶I've depended on you from birth—
you cut the cord when I came
from my mother's womb.
My praise is always about you.

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.

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Ushers: Women's Team (Lana, Donna, Patty, and Alberta)

Thank you for Giving to this Church!

The Leadership of Trinity United Methodist Church says thank you for your continued giving to this mission. We were delighted to discover that we surpassed the anticipated budget for 2021. Every dollar over is a great victory and a blessing from the Lord. Way to go Trinity and way to give! May God continue to bless us!

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music: Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior by Franny Crosby, arranged by Greg Howlett

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.

Choral Anthem: Every Time I Hear His Name

Sermon: "The Lord's Pasture Field" Luke 15:11-32

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: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise **No. 103**

Benediction

Postlude: Peace, Salaam, Shalom by Dean McIntyre

*Offering Stewards for February 2022

February 06th—Sandra R., Beth, Erin, and Patty R.
February 13th—Dennis, Fred, Paul C., and John H.
February 20th—Alberta, Pat B., Donna, and Lana
February 27th—Spencer, Ruben, Dennis, and Paul C.

*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.

Youth Gatherings are on Sundays at 5 pm.

Book Study and Discussion is Monday at 6 pm.

No Bible Study for the month of February.

Apprentice Study is Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

Choir Practice is Wednesday at 7 pm.

Daniel Fast—Way to go to all who participated! We hope and pray that you were able to see the love of God manifest in your lives. Also, your church appreciates your willingness to go before the Lord in this capacity. We look forward to entering another season of fasting January 2023.

Resurrection 2022—We had a successful trip and thanks for the support and prayers. There were a total of five individuals—two teenagers and three chaperones—who went to Resurrection. The weekend was filled with awesome worship and great sermons. Also, we had great fellowship and conversations while resting in the cabin. We are now preparing for Resurrection 2023, so if you know of any teenagers who would like to go, start planting seeds now by telling them about Resurrection weekend.

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	UMM
Kitchen Team	Financial Committee
Memorial	Outreach (NOW/SONS/water)
SPRC	Parsonage Committee
Worship Committee	Ladies Circle
	Worship 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) *Due to a shortage of upright freezers, a chest freezer was purchased for \$584.
- 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.

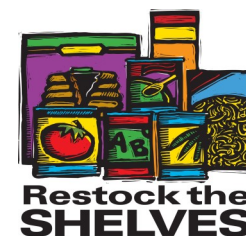
Holston Home for Children

TODAY IS FIFTH SUNDAY! The mission of Holston United Methodist Home for Children is to provide hope and healing to children and families struggling with life's challenges. You can help give children and youth a better life, a good education, and a chance to develop into Christian men and women. Your interest determines their future. Please give generously today.

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 30, 2022



God OUR ROCK AND OUR FORTRESS.
PSALM 71:3, NRSV

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