

*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:** Wade in the Water Arranged by Mark Hayes

#### 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:** There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place by Doris Akers

**Announcements** (\*noted within the bulletin)

#### A Time for Prayer:

By Pastor Tim

**Opening Hymn:** Go Down, Moses No. 448

#### Scripture Reading: Psalm 112:1-9 CEB

Praise the LORD!

<sup>1</sup>Those who honor the LORD, who adore God's commandments, are truly happy!

<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be strong throughout the land. The offspring of those who do right will be blessed;

<sup>3</sup>wealth and riches will be in their houses. Their righteousness stands forever.

<sup>4</sup>They shine in the dark for others who do right. They are merciful, compassionate, and righteous.

<sup>5</sup>Those who lend generously are good people—as are those who conduct their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>Yes, these sorts of people will never be shaken; the righteous will be remembered forever!

<sup>7</sup>They won't be frightened at bad news. Their hearts are steady, trusting in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>Their hearts are firm; they aren't afraid. In the end, they will witness their enemies' defeat.

<sup>9</sup>They give freely to those in need. Their righteousness stands forever. Their strength increases gloriously.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

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, Amen, Amen.

**Children's Moment:** led by Patty Robbins

At this time, children can 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

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

<sup>2</sup>Then he called a little child over to sit among the disciples, <sup>3</sup>and 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:** (Phil R., John H., Billy W., Ruben A)

"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

Lord Jesus,  
As you fed 5,000 from the gifts of a young boy, we pray that you will transform our gifts to spiritually feed many spiritually hungry people through the ministry and mission of this church. In Jesus Name,  
Amen.

**Offertory Music:** All My Trials arranged by Phillip Keveren

#### Doxology

No. 95

**Special Music:** A Medley of Spirituals arranged by Calli Shell

**Sermon:** "You are Gifted" pt 3; 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

**Response to the Service:** "The Great Thanksgiving" No 9-10

**Communion Stewards:** Cindy A., Dennis A., Paul C., and Kim P.

**Communion Music:** Let Us Break Bread Together arranged by Phillip Keveren

**Apostles' Creed No. 881**

**Closing Hymn:** Soon and Very Soon

No. 706

#### Benediction

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

**Postlude:** Rock-A My Soul by Glenda Austin

**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

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

12th— Beth H.  
19th— Kim P.  
26th— Mary Beth A.

#### Greeters for February

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

#### \*Communion Stewards for March 5th

Diane B., Pat B., Sandra R., and Angie T.

**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 next Wednesday.

**Trinity Book Club** Last week we completed our conversation on the book “Enemies of the Heart” by Andy Stanley. We plan to start another book in the near future and we will give you the book information in case you want to join the next book study.

**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>

**Worship volunteer opportunities**—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. Also, 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.

**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.

**Sunday, February 12th,** Deacon Frank Gravely will join us during the worship service to recite the “I Have a Dream” speech.

**Community Black History Program Schedule** (all programs will have a potluck meal):

- **Wednesday, February 8 @ 6:30 pm:** Williams Chapel AME Zion Church (Big Stone Gap)
- **Wednesday, February 15 @ 6:30 pm:** Macedonia Baptist Church (Appalachia)
- **Sunday, February 26 @ 5 pm:** Trinity United Methodist Church

**Ladies Meetings**—Today 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. Curklin’s 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, **TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP** 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.

**United Methodist Men**—Our next meeting is Monday, February 13th at 6pm. If you plan to attend, please sign up (sign up sheet in fellowship hall) so that we will know how much food we need to prepare. The meal will cost \$10 per person.

**Administration Board Meeting**—Our next meeting is Sunday, February 19th, immediately after the worship service. Be prepared to discuss ways that we can revive our children and youth ministries.

**Pop-N-for-Jesus**—Our next opportunity to serve the students and staff members of Mountain Empire Community College is Wednesday, February 22nd at 9 am.

**Nominations Committee Meeting**—We will have a meeting on Wednesday February 22nd at 5:30 pm. We need a new SPRC Chairperson. If you are interested in learning more about this position, please talk to Pastor Tim.

**Ash Wednesday Service—Mark your calendars!** Wednesday, February 22nd at 6 pm. Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the Lenten season. It is commonly observed with ashes and fasting.

**Many have inquired** about monetary donations for Roy Roger’s wife Becky. If you desire to do so, please place your donation in the basket up front.

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE JANUARY 29th:

Sunday School: 11  
In-Person Worship: 61  
Facebook: 21

### 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 February, the requested item is Single Serve Fruit

The food item for February is single serve fruit. Pears, peaches or fruit cocktail are requested.



## The Trinity Companion

February 5, 2023



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