

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: Freedom by Nicole C. Mullen

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: Soon and Very Soon

Announcements (*noted within the bulletin)

A Time for Prayer:

By Pastor Tim

Opening Hymn: Swing Low, Sweet Chariot No. 703

Scripture Reading: Psalm 99 CEB

¹The LORD rules—the nations shake!
He sits enthroned on the winged heavenly creatures--the earth quakes!
²The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.
³Let them thank Your great and awesome name. He is holy!
⁴Strong king^[a] who loves justice, You are the one who established what is fair. You worked justice and righteousness in Jacob.
⁵Magnify the LORD, our God! Bow low at his footstool! He is holy!
⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel too among those who called on His name. They cried out to the LORD, and He himself answered them—
⁷He spoke to them from a pillar of cloud. They kept the laws and rules God gave to them.
⁸LORD our God, You answered them. To them you were a God who forgives but also the one who avenged their wrong deeds.
⁹Magnify the LORD our God! Bow low at his holy mountain because the LORD our God is holy!

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.**

“I Have a Dream” by Deacon Frank Gravely

Children’s Moment: led by Beth Hagan
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

¹At 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: (Alberta M., Beth H., Erin H., Donna M.)

“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. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Offertory Music: Precious Lord, Take My Hand arranged by Phillip Keveren

On April 3, 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr., flew to Memphis, Tennessee, in support of a strike for higher wages and better working conditions by black sanitary public works employees. That day he delivered his "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech, in which he talked about threats to his life. He said:

"Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land. And I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."
Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Favorite Hymn: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/martin-luther-king-jr-s-favorite-hymn> Copyright 2015 Warner-Tamberlane Publishing Company

Doxology No. 95

Anthem/Special Music: The Water is Wide
Solo—Rick Galyean

Sermon: “You are Gifted” pt 4; 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

Response to the Service: Apostles’ Creed No. 881

Closing Hymn: Steal Away to Jesus No. 704

Benediction

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

Postlude: We Shall Overcome arranged by Jon Sarta

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**
19th—Fred H., Paul C., Spencer Q., Dennis A.
26th— Pat B., Patty R., Amy G., Sandra R.

***Children’s Moment for February**
19th— Kim P.
26th— Mary Beth A.

***Greeters for February**
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 Wednesday at 7 pm.

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.

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

- **Wednesday, February 15 @ 6:30 pm:** Macedonia Baptist Church (Appalachia)
- **Sunday, February 26 @ 5 pm:** Trinity United Methodist Church

Women of Trinity—Thank you for your participation in the meeting last Sunday. The next meeting is Sunday, March 5th, at 5pm. Mary Beth Allen will be sharing a devotion and all ladies are asked to bring an appetizer or dish for a time of fellowship. During this meeting, the ladies will be talking about the vision of this group and what they desire for the group to accomplish. All ladies are welcome to attend this meeting.

Valentine’s Day Dinner—The gathering will begin at 12:30 in the fellowship hall.

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.

Community Lent Service Schedule: Thursdays @ Noon; each service will last about 25 minutes and the host church will prepare a light lunch-

- February 23: Heritage Church of God
- March 2: East Stone Gap United Methodist Church
- March 9: First Baptist Church-Wood Ave
- March 16: First Christian Church-Wood Ave
- March 23: Legion Memorial UMC-Powell Valley Rd
- March 30: Trinity UMC
- April 6: Christ Episcopal Church-Clinton Ave E

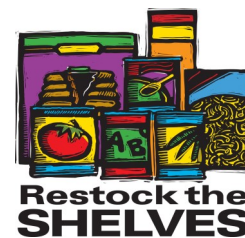
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 5th:

Sunday School: 10
In-Person Worship: 58
Facebook: 13

UPS Back Pack Program

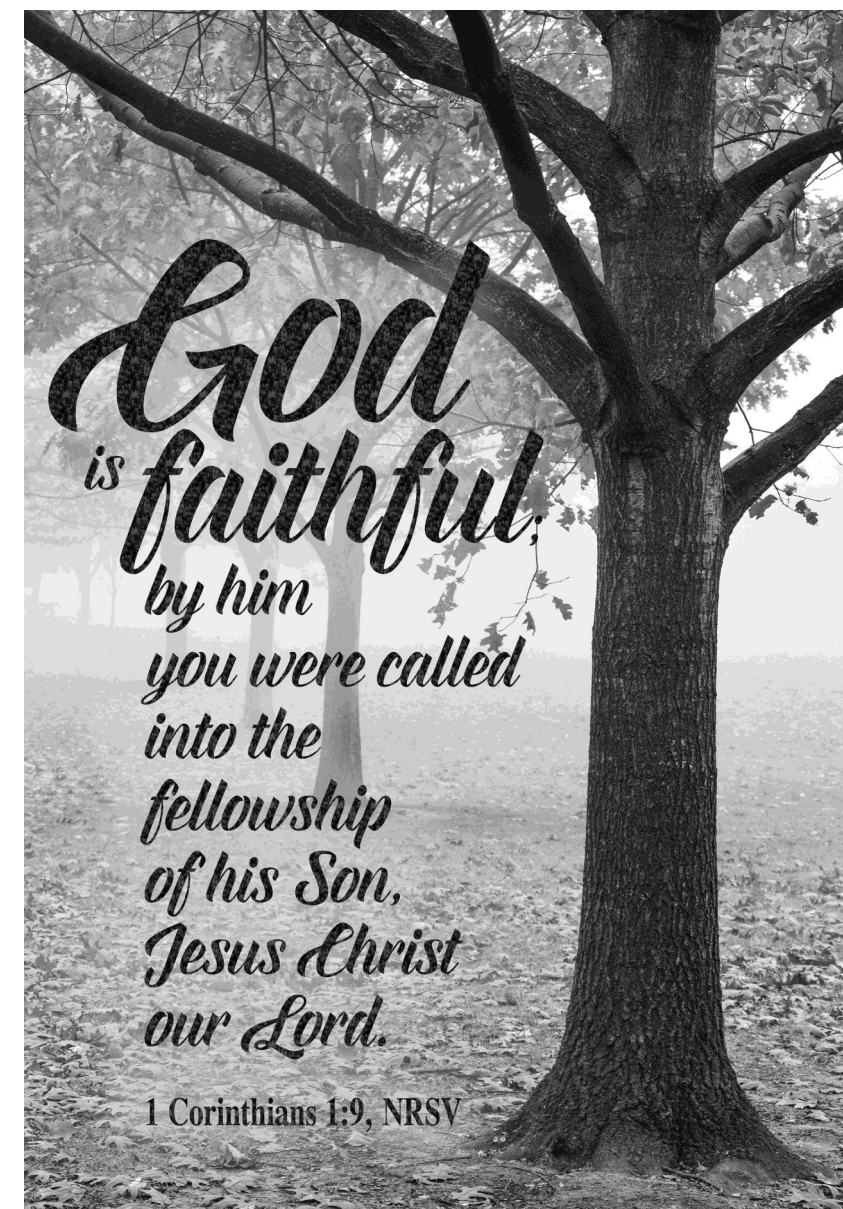
Don’t forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of February, the requested item is Single Serve Fruit

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



The Trinity Companion

February 12, 2023



Trinity United Methodist Church

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Worship begins at 11:00 am

Pastor—Rev. Timothy Robinson

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