

Today's liturgical color is purple which symbolizes penance, sacrifice, and preparation. Purple is the color used during Advent and Lent.

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

****DISCLAIMER: Trinity UMC utilizes videography to live stream all sanctuary worship services to social media. Service will be available for replay and images, likenesses, and audio may be captured to be used as thumbnails on each TUMC ran website. If you have any concerns, please notify the church office staff.****

PRELUDE: The Gospel Train arranged by Glenda Austin

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 worshiping community.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP: His Name Is Wonderful No. 174

WELCOME from Pastor Tim and welcome your neighbors

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*noted within the bulletin)

A TIME FOR PRAYER: Pastor Tim

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and
the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: My Hope Is Built No. 368

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 25:1-10

READER: Natalie S.

¹I offer my life to you, Lord

²My God, I trust you. Please don't let me be put to shame! Don't let my enemies rejoice over me!

³For that matter, don't let anyone who hopes in you be put to shame; instead, let those who are treacherous without excuse be put to shame.

⁴Make your ways known to me, Lord; teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth-teach it to me-because you are the God who saves me, I put my hope in you all day long.

⁶Lord, remember your compassion and faithful love-they are forever!

⁷But don't remember the sins of my youth or my wrongdoing. Remember me only according to your faithful love for the sake of your goodness, Lord.

⁸The Lord is good and does the right thing; he teaches sinners which way

they should go.

⁹God guides the weak to justice, teaching them his way.

¹⁰All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful for those who keep his covenant and laws.

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 Diane B.

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ushers: Lana P., Pat B., Cecilia R., Susan H.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Let us pray,
**Lord God of all, accept our offering of money this day, but also the
offering of our lives. Help us to live simply, generously and courageously,
that our lives may point to you. Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Wayfaring Stranger arranged by Phillip Keveren

DOXOLOGY No. 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Lord, I Know I Been Changed

SERMON: I AM A CHURCH MEMBER

Chapter 3: I Will Not Let My Church Be about My
Preferences and Desires

RESPONSE TO THE SERVICE: THIRD PLEDGE AND ALTAR CALL – at this time
if you desire to come to the front for prayer you are welcome to do so.

CLOSING HYMN: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms No. 133

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE: I've Got Peace Like a River arranged by Mark Hayes

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.

METHODS OF GIVING

We have several ways for you to support the ongoing ministries and operating expenses of our church:

- bring an offering to the Sunday worship and put in the collection plate
- use the drop box at the back of the church
- mail a check to the church
- set up recurring payments with your bank
- online donation via website Subsplash—use the following address on your computer, tablet or phone:
<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/FJ4VNG>
this secure website allows you to make a donation/offering in any amount, in any frequency (weekly, monthly, etc), and to select a specific purpose/fund for your donation. You can complete one of the cards located in the pews and put in offering plate to alert the office that you have made an online donation.

I AM A CHURCH MEMBER

THE THIRD PLEDGE

I am a church member.

I will not let my church be about my preferences and desires. That is self-serving. I am a member in this church to serve others and to serve Christ. My Savior went to a cross for me. I can deal with any inconveniences and matters that just aren't my preference or style.

THE FOURTH PLEDGE

I am a church member.

I will pray for my pastor every day. I understand that the pastor's work is never ending. His days are filled with numerous demands that bring emotional highs and lows. He must deal with critics. He must be a good husband and father. Because my pastor cannot do all things in his own power, I will pray for his strength and wisdom daily.

Here's a snapshot of our current budget numbers:

TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
TUMC 2024 BUDGET	\$159,000.00
WEEKLY GOAL	\$3,057.69
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING	\$2,164.00
YEARLY BUDGET TO DATE	\$18,346.14
YEARLY OFFERINGS TO DATE	\$16,108.02.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is Sunday at 10am.

CHOIR PRACTICE this Wednesday is cancelled.

The next **POP’N FOR JESUS** is scheduled for **Wed, Feb 28, 2024**. Interested in helping, contact **Betty Fleenor** for details.

It’s time to start planning!! Mark your calendars—**VBS Planning Meeting** is scheduled for **March 10th** following the worship service. Plan to attend and bring your fabulous ideas to make this year bigger and better!

Worship service at Heritage Hall **every Wednesday at 1:30-3 pm**, all are welcome to attend. Pastor Tim is in high demand, they have requested two services each Wednesday in two separate areas of Heritage Hall!

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**EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....**

**Black History Celebration Service** is Sunday, February 25 @ 5 pm. Light meal to follow the service.

**NEW MEMBER/BAPTISM SUNDAY—March 10th!** If you are interested in joining the church, please contact **Pastor Tim** or the office.

**Hunters Education Class** at MECC on Saturday, March 23 @ 9 am. Please see **Bill Whitt** for more info or to sign up!

\***The sermon series continues** on the book “I am a Church Member” by Thom Rainer. After the series is completed, you will be invited to attend a book discussion group. Thanks, Pastor Tim

**BSG Ministerial Lent Schedule**

Services start at Noon and are followed w/light lunch

**Feb 22—East Stone Methodist**; guest speaker Rev Garrett Sheldon; musical guest Mary Lynn Franks

**Feb 29—First Baptist**; guest speaker Rev Beth Tipton; musical guest Ron Short

**Mar 7—First Christian Church**; guest speaker Rev Greg Townsend; musical guest CJ

**Mar 14—Legion Memorial**; guest speaker Elder Carolyn Smith; musical guest Williams Chapel

**Mar 21—Bethesda Church of God**; guest speaker Rev Timothy Robinson; musical guest Mychelle Lawson

**Mar 28—Trinity United Methodist**; guest speaker Rev Eddie Kilbourne; musical guest Rev Robbie White

**\*Offering stewards for February**

**February 25:** Phil R., Dennis A., Rob M., Gary H.

**\*Children’s Moment for February**

**February 25:** Patty R.

**\*Greeters for February**

**February 25:** Amy G., Alberta M.

**\*Lector Readers for February**

**February 25:** Paula B-Psalm 22:23-31

**Nursery Volunteers for February**

**February 18:** Amy G., Judy H.

**February 25:** Amy G., Donna M.

**\*Communion Stewards for March 3:**

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

**\*\*FOUND: TWO PAIR BLACK GLOVES—CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD IF YOU’VE LOST THEM!\*\***

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE Feb 11**

Sunday School: 6

In-Person Worship: 66

Facebook Live: 22

Visitors: 3

Methodist Men: 8

Heritage Hall Feb 14: no service-Valentine party instead!

**UPS BACKPACK PROGRAM**

Don’t forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. The food item requested for February is single serve fruit—pears, peaches or fruit cocktail.

**ZIMBABWE BACKPACK ITEMS:** Our goal is to fill 60 backpacks. February is being used as a ‘catch up’ month; there is a box in the fellowship hall to deposit supplies.

**DISASTER RELIEF ROOM:** We have a designated room upstairs to house hygiene, home and some clothing for local disaster (fire, etc). We were able to assist a family that had a fire over Christmas. If you have any extra items to add to this room, please see Dennis or Cindy.



# The Trinity Companion

February 18, 2024



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