

*Today's liturgical color is white which symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. White (and gold) represent days and seasons of joy and mark pivotal events in the life of Christ. They are used for all high Holy Days and festival days of the church year.*

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

**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:** Soon and Very Soon

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

### A Time for Prayer:

By Pastor Tim

**Opening Hymn:** I Want To Be Ready No. 722

### Scripture Reading: Matthew 17:1-9 CEB

- <sup>1</sup>Six days later Jesus took Peter, James and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain.  
<sup>2</sup>He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.  
<sup>3</sup>Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus.  
<sup>4</sup>Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "Lord, it's good that we're here. If you want, I'll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."  
<sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!"  
<sup>6</sup>Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe.  
<sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid."  
<sup>8</sup>When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.  
<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anybody about the vision until the Human One is raised from the dead."

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 Mary Beth Allen

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!)*

MATTHEW 17:1

**Ushers:** (Fred H., Paul C., Spencer Q., Dennis 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

Gracious God,,  
accept these gifts, and with them our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Offertory Music:** My Tribute by Andrae Crouch

**Doxology** No. 95

**Anthem/Special Music:** Everybody Clap Your Hands

**Sermon:** "You are Gifted" pt 5; 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

**Response to the Service:** Apostles' Creed No. 881

**Closing Hymn:** This Little Light of Mine No. 585

### 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.

### \*Offering stewards for March

5th— Bill W., Steve P., John H., Gary H.  
12th—Susan H., Alberta M., Donna M., Trudy Q.  
19th—Fred H., Chris S., Spencer Q., Daniel W.  
26th— Cindy A., Susie W., Joyce P., Amy G.

### \*Children's Moment for March

5th—Cindy A.  
12th—Nicole R.  
19th—Beth H.  
26th— Patty R.

### \*Greeters for March

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

### \*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** 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. On Sunday, February 26th, Ronnie Carson (founder) will be with us to talk about the Appalachian African-American Cultural Center which is located in Pennington Gap, VA. The AAACC is an institution dedicated to the documentation and historical preservation of the experiences of Black people in Southwest Virginia and the wider Appalachian region.

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

- **Sunday, February 26 @ 5 pm:** Trinity United Methodist Church

**Baptism Sunday**—On Sunday, February 26th, immediately after the worship services, we will be baptizing Daniel Claggett in the fellowship hall. If you are able, please join us in celebrating this special moment in Daniel’s faith journey.

**Women of Trinity**—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.

**Administration Board Meeting**—Our meeting will begin today 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, March 29th 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

**Trinity Paint Party**—Some of you may have noticed the hallway where the restrooms are located is in dire need of a fresh coat of paint without a RED stripe! We have paint and just need a few willing volunteers to accomplish this. We are planning to have a ‘paint party’ on Saturday, March 11 at 10:30 am with pizza provided for lunch to celebrate the fresh look of the hallway! If you’d like to participate, please contact the office or sign up at the bulletin board.

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 19th:

Sunday School: 9  
In-Person Worship: 50

### UPS Back Pack Program

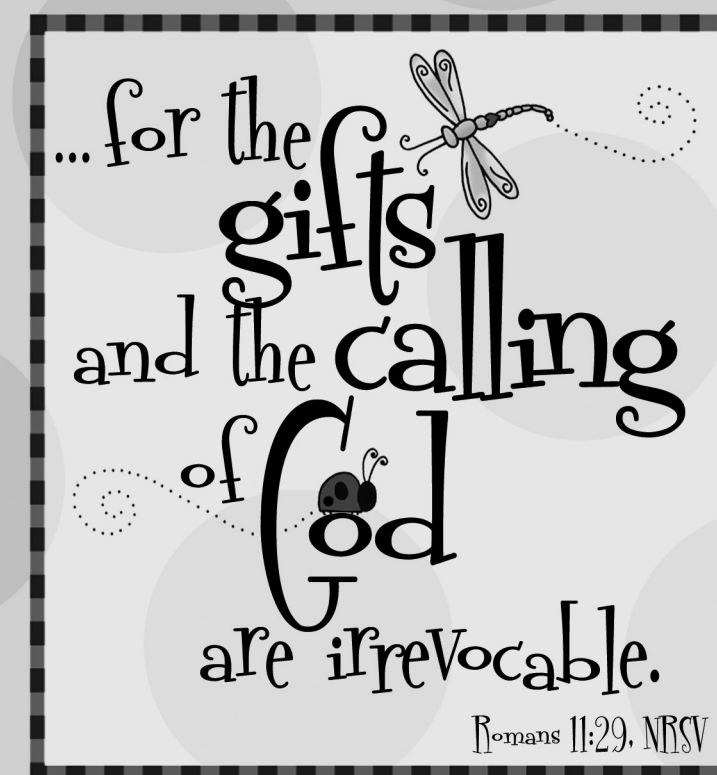
Don’t forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of February, the requested item is Single Serve Fruit

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



## The Trinity Companion

February 26, 2023



## Trinity United Methodist Church

203 E 1st St, South  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Worship begins at 11:00 am

Pastor—Rev. Timothy Robinson

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