

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: Go Down, Moses, in the style of Louis Armstrong

Lighting of the Candles

Greeting:

This is the day that the Lord has made.
we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Announcements: *(please see back of bulletin)

A Time for Prayer:

Scripture on Prayer

Matthew 18:18-20 (CEB)

¹⁸I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven. ¹⁹Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them.

Congregational Prayer

Enter with Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you that you are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. We enter your gates with thanksgiving today and we enter your courts with praise. We glorify you for the countless ways you have blessed us. We praise you for your great love. We thank you that we can enter your presence today. May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith so that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have the strength to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. May we be filled with the fullness of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus **No. 526**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 37:1-11; 39-40 (Psalm of David)

¹Don't get upset over evildoers;
don't be jealous of those who do wrong,
²because they will fade fast, like grass;
they will wither like green vegetables.
³Trust the LORD and do good;
live in the land, and farm faithfully.
⁴Enjoy the LORD,
and he will give what your heart asks.
⁵Commit your way to the LORD!
Trust him! He will act
⁶and will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
your justice like high noon.
⁷Be still before the LORD,
and wait for him.
Don't get upset when someone gets ahead—
someone who invents evil schemes.
⁸Let go of anger and leave rage behind!
Don't get upset—it will only lead to evil.
⁹Because evildoers will be eliminated,
but those who hope in the LORD—
they will possess the land.
¹⁰In just a little while the wicked won't exist!
If you go looking around their place,
they won't be there.
¹¹But the weak will inherit the land;
they will enjoy a surplus of peace.

³⁹The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD;
he is their refuge in times of trouble.
⁴⁰The LORD will help them and rescue them—
rescue them from the wicked—and he will save them
because they have taken refuge in him.

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

Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri **No. 70**

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.

Children's Moment: Lead by Pastor Tim

At this time, children can come forward or you can bring your child to the altar steps to hear and participate in the children's reflection.

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Ushers: Women's Team (Alberta, Pat B., Donna, and Lana)

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: All My Trials, Arranged by Phillip Keveren

Doxology **No. 95**

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: Everybody Clap Your Hands

Sermon: "Choose Grace over Grudges" Genesis 45:3-11; 15

Response to the Word: Affirmation **No. 888**
Reading is from 1 Corinthians 15: 1-6 and Colossians 1: 15-20

Closing Hymn: Open My Eyes, That I May See **No. 454**

Benediction

Postlude: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands, arranged by Brent Edstrom

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.

Valentine's Day Event—We had a wonderful time gathering and thank you to all who worked towards making this event memorable and enjoyable.

Administrative Board Meeting—Our next Board meeting will be this afternoon after the worship service.

Black History Celebration—The celebration is Sunday, February 27th at 6 pm. There will be music with The Fatty Livers, Trinity United Methodist Church, Williams Chapel, Praise Up, Changed, Josh Outsey and lots more.

Lent 2022—This year, Lent takes place from Wednesday, March 2nd to Saturday, April 16th. Lent is the season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. During the season of Lent, it is encouraged for all to prepare, focus, and reminisce on Jesus' time in the wilderness before he started his public ministry.. To help you focus on Jesus' time in the wilderness, you can give up something or start a healthy or productive routine for the forty days of Lent. Here are some ideas: you can offer forgiveness to someone, check-in on loved ones, refuse to give negative feedback, stop frivolous spending, or stop eating your favorite junk food. As you can see, there are a lot of things that you can do during this season. If you decide on a new routine, do it for the sake of honoring the Lord.

*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 Steward for Sunday, March 6th, 2022 (TBA)**

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 or April 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

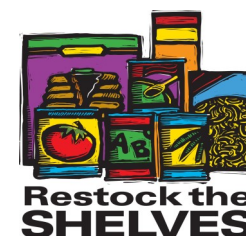
2022 High School Scholastic Bowl

We are happy for Caitlyn Shell and her teammates from Wise Central High School for becoming the Mountain 7 Scholastic Bowl District Tournament Champs. Way to Go!

Baby Shower—The walk-through baby shower for Baby Zirkle (Katie and Cody) is Saturday, February 26th from 1 pm to 4 pm.

UPS Back Pack Program

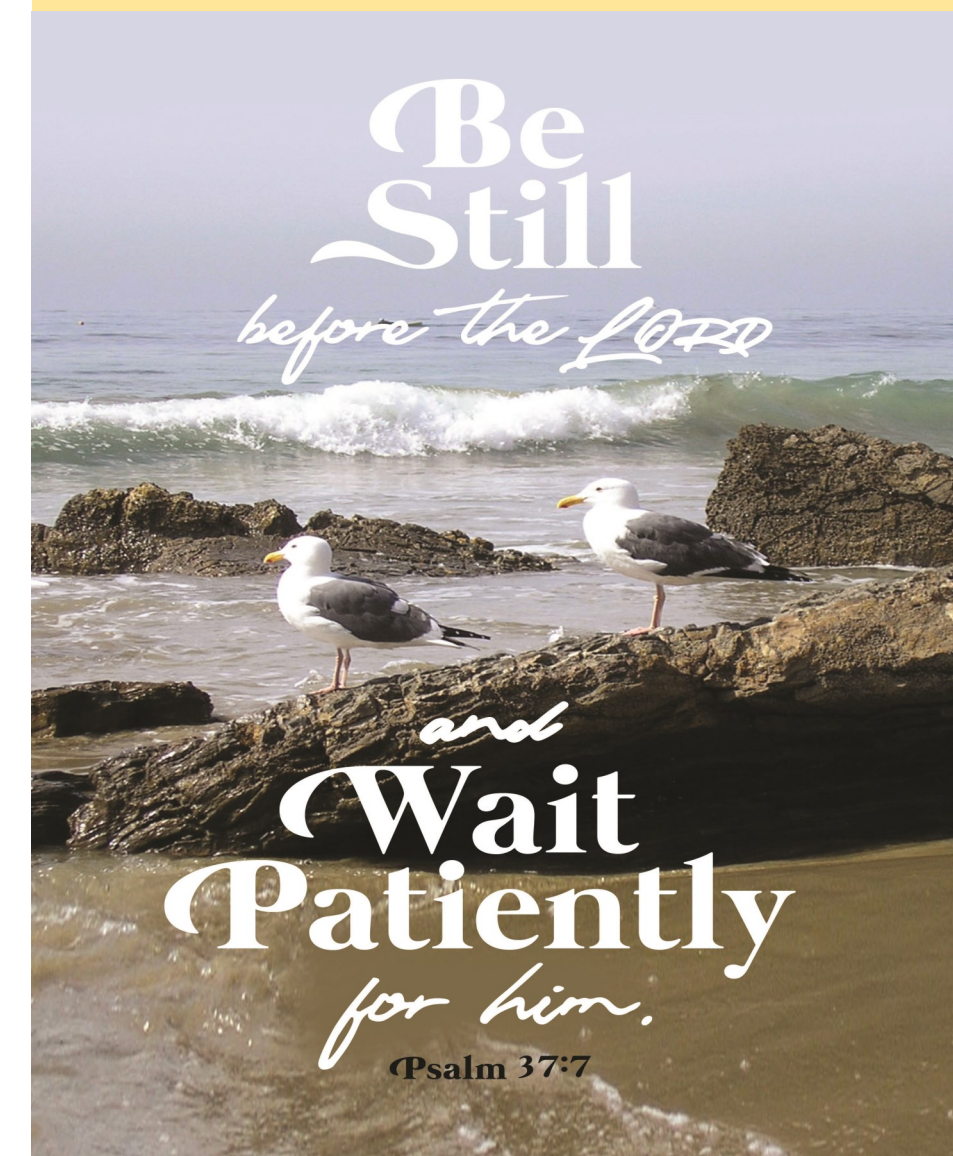
Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Back Pack Program with a specific kind of food. The food item for February is Single Serve Fruit. The requested items are Pears, Peaches, and Fruit Cocktail.



During the months of November and December 2021 and January 2022, Trinity was able to provide 157 Fruit Bars, 80 Juice Boxes, and 74 cans of Soup.

Each of you that have taken part in this mission, have been a blessing on many levels. Thank you for your selflessness.

The Trinity Companion February 20, 2022



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