

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

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**PRELUDE:** Joshua (Fit the Battle of Jericho) Glenda Austin

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN:** We Shall Overcome No. 533

**A TIME FOR PRAYER** (please use prayer request cards found in the narthex or in the pews and place into the offering plates-look for latest prayer requests & blessings listed on hallway [leaving sanctuary] bulletin board)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**GLORIA PATRI**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** Kim P.

**THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Ushers:** Dennis A., John H., Rob M., Spencer Q.

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** Here's One Mark Hayes

**DOXOLOGY**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 4:1-11 New Revised Standard Version

**Lector:** Mary Baker

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' <sup>4</sup>But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

**Thanks be to God**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** People Get Ready

**SERMON:** Mercy in the Wilderness

**CLOSING HYMN:** Go Down, Moses

No. 448

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

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel? Brian Dean

**Here's a snapshot of our current budget numbers:**

<b>TITHES AND OFFERINGS</b>	
<b>TUMC 26 CY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$166,000.00</b>
<b>WEEKLY GOAL</b>	<b>\$3,192.31</b>
SEMI/ANNUAL OFFERINGS	
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING	\$3,470.87
YEARLY BUDGET TO DATE	\$22,346.17
YEARLY OFFERINGS TO DATE	\$19,417.36

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** EVERY Sunday @ 10 am

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** EVERY Wednesday evening @ 7 pm

**MINDFUL MOVING GROUP:** Every Wednesday @ 6:15pm; all are welcome to attend.

**WOMEN OF TRINITY:** Our next meeting is Mar 1 @ 6 pm. All women are welcome to attend.

**ADMIN BOARD MTG:** Next meeting is Mar 8, immediately following the worship service. All are invited to attend.

**METHODIST MEN:** Meetings have moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Mar 10 @ 6 pm at Country Kitchen. All men are welcome to attend.

**Kathleen's Meals is cancelled for February.**

## EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

**Black History Month Celebration will be held TODAY @ 5pm;** there will be a meal to follow.

**Our fundraiser meal last week raised \$700 for the church budget!**

The **NOW Team** will be selling chocolate covered peanut butter & chocolate covered coconut eggs again this year. Eggs are \$5 each, payment is due with the order (check made payable to TUMC or cash). **Order forms are available where bulletins are or by seeing Christy Smith.** The proceeds will be donated to the general fund.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our Easter Cantata will be held on Easter Sunday, April 4, during the worship service!

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday School: 7

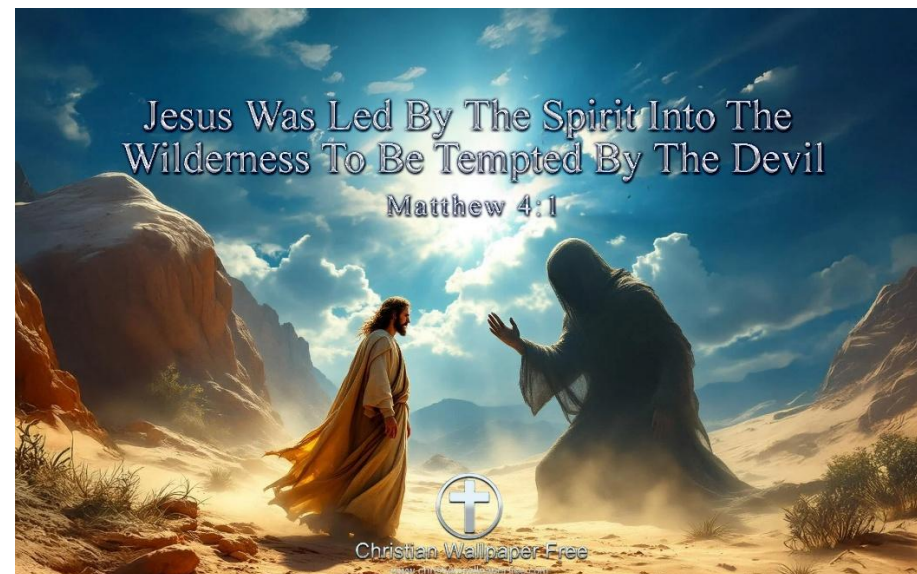
In-Person Worship: 58

Facebook Live: 14

Visitors: 4

## The Trinity Companion

February 22, 2026



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