

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: Give Me Jesus arranged by Jeremy Camp

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: I Want To Be Ready No. 722

WELCOME from Pastor Tim or Lay Leader Kim Parsons and welcome your neighbors

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*noted within the bulletin)

PROGRESS REPORT ON ZIMBABWE BACKBACK PROJECT—Christy Smith

A TIME FOR PRAYER: Pastor Tim or Lay Leader Kim Parsons
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: Soon and Very Soon No. 706

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 22:23-31

READER: Paula B.

²³All of you who revere the LORD – praise him! All of you who are Jacob's descendants – honor him! All of you who are all Israel's offspring – stand in awe of him!

²⁴Because he didn't despise or detest the suffering of the one who suffered – he didn't hide His face from me. No, he listened when I cried out to him for help.

²⁵I offer praise in the great congregation because of you; I will fulfill my promises in the presence of those who honor God.

²⁶Let all those who are suffering eat and be full! Let all who seek the LORD praise him! I pray your hearts live forever!

²⁷Every part of the earth will remember and come back to the LORD; every family among all the nations will worship you.

²⁸Because the right to rule belongs to the LORD, he rules all nations.

²⁹Indeed, all the earth's powerful will worship him; all who are descending to the dust will kneel before him; my being also lives for him.

³⁰Future descendants will serve him; generations to come will be told about my LORD.

³¹They will proclaim God's righteousness to those not yet born, telling them what God has done.

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 Patty R.

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ushers: Phil R., Dennis A., Rob M., Gary 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: Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child
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: Show Me Thy Way

SERMON: I AM A CHURCH MEMBER
Chapter 4: I Will Pray for My Church Leaders
by Rob Moore

RESPONSE TO THE SERVICE: FOURTH 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: We Shall Overcome No. 533

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE: This Little Light of Mine 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 FOURTH PLEDGE (revised version)

I am a church member.

I will pray for my pastor and church leaders every day. I understand that their work is never ending. Their days are filled with numerous demands that bring emotional highs and lows. They must deal with critics. They must be a good spouse, parent and good stewards with their time. Because our leaders cannot do all things in their own power, I will pray for their strength and wisdom daily.

THE FIFTH PLEDGE

I am a church member.

I will lead my family to be good members of this church as well. We will pray together for our church. We will worship together in our church. We will serve together in our church. And we will ask Christ to help us fall deeper in love with this church because He gave his life for her.

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	\$2,053.71
YEARLY BUDGET TO DATE	\$21,403.83
YEARLY OFFERINGS TO DATE	\$18,161.73

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is Sunday at 10am.

CHOIR PRACTICE is Wednesday at 7pm.

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

Admin Board Meeting is March 3rd following the worship service.

It's time to start planning!! Mark your calendars—VBS Planning Meeting is scheduled for March 17th 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!

EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

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

NEW MEMBER/BAPTISM SUNDAY—March 17th! 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!

Mark your calendars! Our Easter Cantata "Then Came Sunday" is scheduled for Sunday, March 24 during the morning worship service.

Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, March 24 @ 2pm. For more info or to sign up to help, please contact Christy Smith.

*The sermon series continues on the book "I am a Church Member" by Thom Rainer. You are invited to attend a book discussion group on Wednesday, Mar 13 @ 6 pm. Thanks, Pastor Tim

BSG Ministerial Lent Schedule

Services start at Noon and are followed w/light lunch

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 March

Mar 3: Lana P, Erin H, Alberta M, Beth H

Mar 10: Rob M, Chris S, Daniel W, Fred H

Mar 17: Susie W, Amy G, Sandra R, Joyce P

Mar 24: Spencer Q, Steve P, John H, Billy W

Mar 31: Paul C, Gary H, Alberta M, Cecilia R

*Children's Moment for March

Mar 3: Kim P

Mar 10: Mary Beth A

Mar 17: Beth H

Mar 24: Fred H

Mar 31: Diane B

*Greeters for March

Mar 3: Donny J, Patty R

Mar 10: Margaret B, Dotty B

Mar 17: Donna M, Amy G

Mar 24: Alberta M, Angie T

Mar 31: Joyce P, Amy G

*Lector Readers for March

Mar 3: Rob M-Psalm 19

Mar 10: Phil R-Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Mar 17: Caitlyn S-Psalm 51:1-12

Mar 24: Beth H-Psalm 31:9-16

Mar 31: Paula B-Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Nursery Volunteers for March

Mar 3: Cathy G, Judy H

Mar 10: Amy G, Paula B

Mar 17: Donna M, Cathy G

Mar 24: Judy H, Donna M

Mar 31: Amy G, Cathy G

*Communion Stewards for March 3:

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE Feb 18

Sunday School: 3

In-Person Worship: 52

Facebook Live: 25

Visitors: 4

Heritage Hall Feb 21: 30

UPS BACKPACK PROGRAM

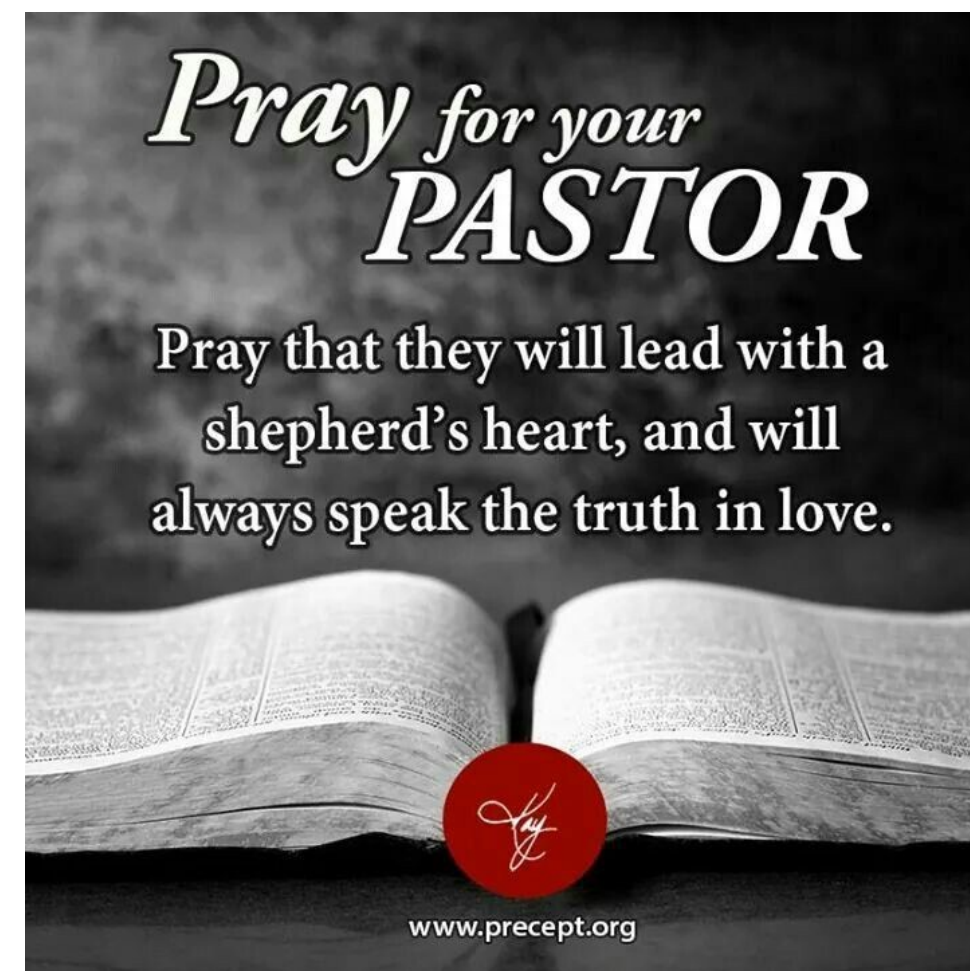
Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. The food item requested for March is single serve mac n cheese.

ZIMBABWE BACKPACK ITEMS: Our goal is to fill 60 backpacks. March is cash donations to NOW team fund. Dropoff deadline is 6/3/24.

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

The Trinity Companion

February 25, 2024



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