

**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.**

**Prelude:** Go Down Moses, traditional spiritual

### 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 worshipping 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:** Nobody Knows the Trouble I see No. 520

### Scripture Reading: Psalm 51:1-17

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love! Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!

<sup>2</sup>Wash me completely clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin!

<sup>3</sup>Because I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always right in front of me.

<sup>4</sup>I've sinned against you-you alone. I've committed evil in your sight. That's why you are justified when you render your verdict, completely correct when you issue your judgment.

<sup>5</sup>Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin, from the moment my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup>And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places; you teach me wisdom in the most secret space

<sup>7</sup>Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup>Let me jear joy and celebration again; let the bones you crushed rejoice once more.

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins; wipe away all my guilty deeds!

<sup>10</sup>Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!

<sup>11</sup>Please don't throw me out of your presence; please don't take your holy spirit away from me.

<sup>12</sup>Return the joy of your salvation to me and sustain me with a willing spirit.

<sup>13</sup>Then I will teach wrongdoers your ways, and sinners will come back to you.

<sup>14</sup>Deliver me from violence, God, God of my salvation, so that my tongue can sing of your righteousness.

<sup>15</sup>Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will proclaim your praise.

<sup>16</sup>You don't want sacrifices. If I gave an entirely burned offering, you wouldn't be pleased.

<sup>17</sup>A broken spirit is my sacrifice, God. You won't despise a heart, God, that is broken and crushed.

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.**

**Guest Speaker Ronnie Carson**

**Children's Moment:** led by Kim Parsons

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.

*Psalm 51:7*

**The Presentation of Tithes and Offering  
(Thank you for your generosity!)**

**Ushers:** (Pat B., Patty R., Amy G., Sandra R..)

"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**

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. In Jesus Name, Amen.

**Offertory Music:** A Medley of Spirituals Arranged by Calli Shell

**Doxology**

**No. 95**

**Anthem:** Mary, Don't You Weep

**Special Music:** Old Time Religion Medley (bulletin insert)

**Sermon:** "You are Gifted" pt 6; 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

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

**Closing Hymn:** I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

No. 521

**Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** He's Got the Whole World in His Hands, traditional spiritual

**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. Today, Ronnie Carson (founder) is 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**—Today, 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— Highlights include:

- The discussion regarding increasing attendance/youth participation resulted in creating a subcommittee consisting of Christy Smith, Joyce Palmer, Nicole Robinson, Katie Botts Zirkle, Susie Whitt and Kim Parsons to develop ideas to revive our youth and children’s participation.
- Pastor Tim talked about the possibility of enhancing our multi-media equipment which would include having monitors in sanctuary and throughout areas of the church. This was tabled until more research has been completed.

**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.

**March is Women’s History Month** and we will focus more on women during the month of March.

**Community Lent Service Schedule:** Thursdays @ Noon; each service will last about 25 minutes and the host church will prepare a light lunch:

- 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  
Facebook: 17  
Visitors: 0

### 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 March, the requested item is Mac n Cheese.

The food item requested for March is single serve mac n cheese.



## The Trinity Companion

February 26, 2023



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