

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: Jesus, Tempted in the Desert Herman J Stuempfle Jr & Thomas J Williams

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

OPENING HYMN: What Wondrous Love Is This No. 292

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: Diane B.

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ushers: Erin H., Susan H., Alberta M., Cecilia R.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Meditation on MORNING SONG (Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days) Pamela Robertson

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING: John 3:1-17 New Revised Standard Version

Lector: Angela R

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be

astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC: Sweet Hour of Prayer

SERMON: The Promise

CLOSING HYMN: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

No. 359

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*noted within the bulletin)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley Traditional Spiritual

Here's a snapshot of our current budget numbers:

TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
TUMC 26 CY BUDGET	\$166,000.00
WEEKLY GOAL	\$3,192.31
SEMI/ANNUAL OFFERINGS	
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING	\$1,900.76
YEARLY BUDGET TO DATE	\$25,538.48
YEARLY OFFERINGS TO DATE	\$21,318.12

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 meeting is **TODAY @ 5pm** held at **Moon Dog Pizza**. 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 **2nd 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 scheduled for **Mar 17 @ 4:30 pm**. Please contact Amanda Salyer if you are able to assist with deliveries.

EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

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: Trinity will be **packing bags for the Union Backpack Program on Tuesday, Mar 10 @ 5pm** at Union Primary School Cafeteria. Come join us if you are able to assist!

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

BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION ATTENDANCE:
IN PERSON-90; FACEBOOK-17

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday School: 6

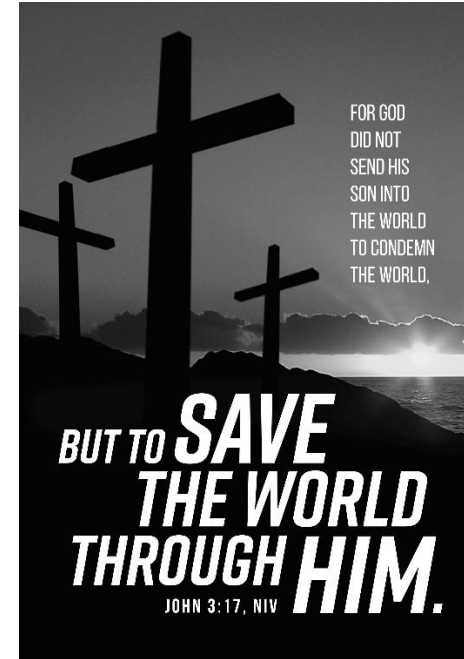
In-Person Worship: 38

Facebook Live: 21

Visitors: 1

The Trinity Companion

March 1, 2026



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