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:** At Your Name by Phil Wickham

#### 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'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er; I'll fly away; to a home on God's celestial shore; I'll fly away I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away; when I die, Hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away

**WELCOME from Pastor Tim and welcome your neighbors** 

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

A TIME FOR PRAYER: Pastor Tim

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:** Wonderful Words of Life No. 600

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 19

READER: Rob M.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to you, Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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 Kim P.

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ushers: Lana P. Erin H. Alberta M. Beth 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:** Panis Angelicus by Cesar Franck

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:** Go Down Moses

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE No. 13-15

Communion Stewards: Diane B., Pat B., Sandra R., Angie T.

**COMMUNION MUSIC**: O Come to the Altar by Elevation Worship

**SERMON:** I AM A CHURCH MEMBER

Chapter 5: I Will Lead My Family to Be Healthy Church Members

**RESPONSE TO THE SERVICE: FIFTH 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:** God Be With You Till We Meet Again No. 672

#### **BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE:** May the Peace (Benediction) by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

**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 peop le 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.

# 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.

#### THE SIXTH PLEDGE

I am a church member.

This membership is a gift. When I received the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, I became a part of the body of Christ. I soon thereafter identified with a local body and was baptized. And now I am humbled and honored to serve and to love others in our church. I pray that I will never take my membership for granted, but see it as a gift and an opportunity to serve others and to be a part of something so much greater than any one person or member.

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	\$2,404.00
YEARLY BUDGET TO DATE	\$24,461.52
YEARLY OFFERINGS TO DATE	\$20,565.73

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Heaven is declaring God's glory; the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>One day gushes the news to the next, and one night informs another what needs to be known.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Of course, there's no speech, no words-their voices can't be heard-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>but their sound extends throughout the world; their words reach the ends of the earth. God has made a tent in heaven for the sun.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>The sun is like a groom coming out of his honeymoon suite; like a warrior, it thrills at running its course.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>It rises in one end of the sky; its circuit is complete at the other. Nothing escapes its heat.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>The Lord's instruction is perfect, reviving one's very being. The Lord's laws are faithful, making naïve people wise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>The Lord's regulations are right, gladdening the heart. The Lord's commands are pure, giving light to the eyes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Honoring the Lord is correct, lasting forever. The Lord's judgments are true. All of these are righteous!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>They are more desirable than gold-than tons of pure gold! They are sweeter than honey-even dripping off the honeycomb!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>No doubt about it; your servant is enlightened by them; there is great reward in keeping them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>But can anyone know what they've accidentally done wrong? Clear me of any unknown sin

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>and save your servant from willful sins. Don't let them rule me. Then I'll be completely blameless; I'll be innocent of great wrongdoing.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MEETINGS AND SUCH......

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is Sunday at 10am.

CHOIR PRACTICE is Wednesday at 7pm.

Admin Board Meeting is TODAY following the worship service.

Women of Trinity meet TODAY at 5 pm—all women are welcome to attend.

Methodist Men is Monday, Mar 12 @ 6pm. All men are welcome to attend.

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!

The next POP'N FOR JESUS is scheduled for Wed, Mar 27, 2024. Interested in helping, contact Betty Fleenor for details.

Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for April 10 @ 6pm.

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......**

NEW MEMBER/BAPTISM SUNDAY—March 10th! If you are interested in joining the church, please contact Pastor Tim or the office.

\*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

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.

### **BSG Ministerial Lent Schedule**

# Services start at Noon and are followed w/light lunch

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 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 10: Mary Beth A Mar 17: Beth H Mar 24: Fred H Mar 31: Diane B

#### \*Greeters for March

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 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 April 7:

Paula B, Donna M, Joyce P, Alberta M

# **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE Feb 25**

Sunday School: 5 In-Person Worship: 65 Facebook Live: 17 Visitors: 3

#### **UPS BACKPACK PROGRAM**

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock **SHELVES** 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**

March 3, 2024



# **Trinity United Methodist Church**

203 E 1st St. South Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Worship begins at 11:00 am

Pastor—Rev. Timothy Robinson
Office: (276) 523-0789
Cell Phone & Text: (276) 393-6499
www.trinityumc-bsg.net