

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: This is Our God 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 worshipping community.

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship: This is the Day

Announcements (*noted within the bulletin)

A Time for Prayer:

O Lord our God,
You are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us than we are to seek them, and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Opening Hymn: He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought No. 128

Scripture Reading: Psalm 121 CEB

¹I raise my eyes toward the mountains. Where will my help come from?
²My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.
³God won't let your foot slip. Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.
⁴No! Israel's protector never sleeps or rests!
⁵The LORD is your protector; the LORD is your shade right beside you.
⁶The sun won't strike you during the day; neither will the moon at night.
⁷The LORD will protect you from all evil; God will protect your very life.
⁸The LORD will protect you on your journeys—whether going or coming—from now until forever from now.

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 Cindy Ashley

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 what the LORD calls us: 1 John 3:2-3

²Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when He appears we will be like Him because we'll see Him as He is.
³And all who have this hope in Him purify themselves even as He is pure.

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

Ushers: (Bill W., Steve P., John H., Gary H.)

"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

By Pastor Tim

Offertory Music: Goodness of God by Bethel Music

Doxology *Lift up my eyes to the mountains—* No. 95
where does my help come from?

Anthem: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Special Music: Man of Sorrows Medley arranged by Calli Shell

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

Response to the Service: A Service of Word and Table. No. 7-11

Communion Stewards: Diane B., Pat B., Sandra R., and Amanda S.

Communion Music: There is a Fountain arranged by Greg Howlett

Closing Hymn: To God Be The Glory No. 98

Benediction

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

Postlude: Christ Our Hope in Life and Death by Matt Papa/Keith & Krysten Getty

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

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

12th—Nicole R.
19th—Beth H.
26th—Patty R.

*Greeters for March

12th—Patty R., Amy G.
19th—Alberta M., Joyce P.
26th—Patty R., Amy G.

*Communion Stewards for April 2

Paula B., Donna M., Joyce Palmer

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!

Please complete a Member record update form and return to Amy Garcia's mailbox located across from the bulletin board/choir room. Blank forms are available as you enter the Fellowship Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

Adult Sunday School is Sunday at 10 am.

Choir Practice is Wednesday at 7 pm.

Trinity Book Club—Our next book is “The Power of a Praying Church” by Stormie Omartian. The ISBN number is 0736920773. We will resume our gatherings on **Monday, April 17 at 6 pm**. All are welcome to attend, and please notify the church office if you need assistance with purchasing the book.

Highlight from the last Board Meeting—The board approved for Nicole, Noah and Tim to host an exchange student in the church parsonage. The new student is expected to arrive in August 2023.

Nominations Committee Meeting—We plan to have an updated leadership list available in the near future.

Administration Board Meeting—Our next meeting is Sunday, March 26, immediately after the worship service.

Women of Trinity—The meeting is today, 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.

EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

Black History Month—Thank you all for participating in making this event special and possible. We were blessed to have a comfortable place to worship, great food, quality sound, and a wonderful time of fellowship because of your continued love and care for this church building and our community. We had over 125 people in attendance, and many people are still talking about the wonderful time they had celebrating black history with us. If you missed the event, you can watch it on either our Facebook page or our YouTube page.

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—We will focus more on women during the month of March. We will have a representative from the Girl Scouts on March 19.

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

- **March 9:** First Baptist Church-Wood Ave; guest preacher Rev Sean

Bailey of Legion Memorial UMC; Musical guest Elder Carolyn & Deacon George Smith

- **March 16:** First Christian Church-Wood Ave; guest preacher Rev Eddie or Bud Kilbourne of Cornerstone House of Prayer; Musical guest Ron Short
- **March 23:** Legion Memorial UMC-Powell Valley Rd; guest preacher Brother Tom Williams of Heritage Church of God; Musical guest Dennis Shuler
- **March 30: Trinity UMC;** guest preacher Rev Sandra Jones of Williams Chapel AME Zion; Musical guest Mychelle Lawson
- **April 6:** Christ Episcopal Church-Clinton Ave E; guest preacher Rev Timothy Robinson of Trinity UMC; Musical guest Leonce Hall

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.

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 26th:

Sunday School: 12
In-Person Worship: 64
Facebook: 15

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

March 5, 2023

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

UNWRAP YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS



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