

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. God loves you and so do we! Due to the increased number of cases of the COVID-19 Omicron variant, we ask that both vaccinated and unvaccinated attendees wear a mask during worship services. If you do not have a mask, we have masks available for you in the narthex. The Church Council is monitoring this situation closely and will inform you of any changes in the future. We appreciate your willingness to provide a safe worship environment for all during this challenging season that we are living in.

Prelude: The Lord of the Dance by Ronan Hardiman

Lighting of the Candles

Greeting:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
 The risen Christ is with us.
Praise the Lord!

Announcements, Board Meeting Highlights, and 2022 Lenten Services:

A Time for Prayer:

Scripture on Prayer:

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. ⁷Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

Congregational Prayer:

**We draw near to you Almighty God, united as
 brothers and sisters within your kingdom.
 Gathered together, we lift our eyes to see your face.
 Expectant with faith, we lay our lives before you.
 Lord, may your Holy Spirit transform us, may
 your light shine upon us and bring peace.
 We open our ears to hear your good news,
 we open our ears to hear your truth, and we open our
 hearts to receive your endless love. In the name of Jesus we
 pray, AMEN.**

Opening Hymn: Blessed Assurance

No. 369

Scripture Reading: Psalm 27 (CEB)

The LORD is my light and my salvation.
 Should I fear anyone?
 The LORD is a fortress protecting my life.
 Should I be frightened of anything?
²When evildoers come at me trying to eat me up—
 it's they, my foes and my enemies,

who stumble and fall!
³If an army camps against me,
 my heart won't be afraid.
 If war comes up against me,
 I will continue to trust in this:

⁴I have asked one thing from the LORD—
 it's all I seek:
 to live in the LORD's house all the days of my life,
 seeing the LORD's beauty
 and constantly adoring his temple.

⁵Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling
 during troubling times;
 he will hide me in a secret place in his own tent;
 he will set me up high, safe on a rock.

⁶Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me,
 and I will offer sacrifices in God's tent—
 sacrifices with shouts of joy!
 I will sing and praise the LORD.

⁷LORD, listen to my voice when I cry out—
 have mercy on me and answer me!

⁸Come, my heart says, seek God's face.
 LORD, I do seek your face!
⁹Please don't hide it from me!
 Don't push your servant aside angrily—
 you have been my help!

God who saves me,
 don't neglect me!
 Don't leave me all alone!

¹⁰Even if my father and mother left me all alone,
 the LORD would take me in.

¹¹LORD, teach me your way;
 because of my opponents, lead me on a good path.

¹²Don't give me over to the desires of my enemies,
 because false witnesses and violent accusers
 have taken their stand against me.

¹³But I have sure faith
 that I will experience the LORD's goodness
 in the land of the living!

¹⁴Hope in the LORD!
 Be strong! Let your heart take courage!
 Hope in the LORD!

This is the word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

No. 70

Children's Moment: Lead by Pastor Tim
 At this time, children can come forward or you can bring your child to the alter
 steps to hear and participate in the children's reflection.

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings: Thank you for Giving to this Church!

Ushers: Dennis, Phil R., Paul C., and John H.

Offertory Prayer:

All things come from you, O God,
 and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.
 You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image.
 When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
 You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.
 All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.
 And so, in gratitude for all your gifts,
 we offer you ourselves, and all that we have,
 in union with Christ's offering for us.
 By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
 and one in ministry to all the world;
 through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Offertory Music: Ave Maria by Franz Schubert. Transcribed by Eric Rusk

Doxology

No. 95

Choral Anthem: Londonderry Air

Sermon: "Be a Model for Christ" Philippians 3:17—4:1

Response to the Word: Affirmation **No. 888**
 Reading from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20

Closing Hymn: I Love To Tell The Story **No. 156**

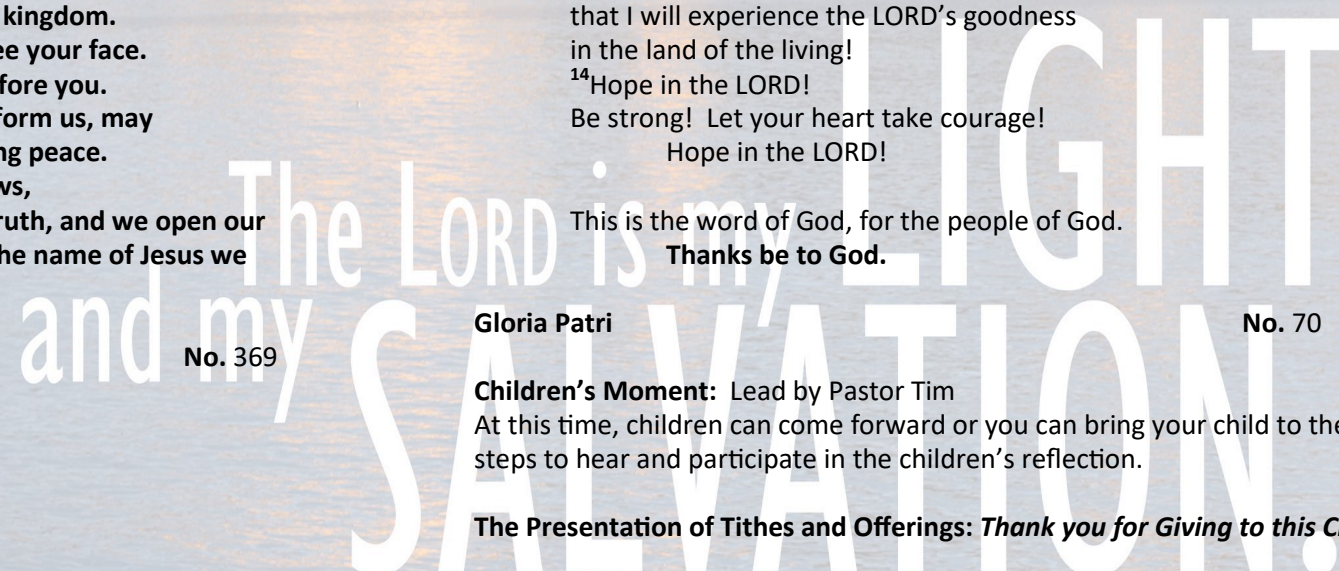
Benediction

Postlude: Celtic Alleluia by Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

2022 Community Lenten Services

Each service begins at 12 noon and will be followed by a light lunch prepared by the host church. All donations received will go to the Food Bank.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SPEAKER/ MUSICAL GUEST</u>
03/17/22	Trinity UMC-BSG	Rev. Bud Kilbourne Donna & Major Griffey
03/24/22	Frist Baptist (Wood Ave)	Rev. Greg Townsend Chris Rose Keaston Maggard
03/31/22	Legion UMC	Rev. David Rose Ron Short
04/07/22	First Christian Church	Rev. Garrett Sheldon Williams Chapel AME Zion
04/14/22	Williams Chapel AME Zion	Elder Carolyn Smith Mychelle Lawson



Psalm 27:1

Announcements

Adult Sunday School is on Sunday at 10 am.

Youth Gathering this evening at 5 pm.

Book Study and Discussion is Monday at 6 pm.

No Bible Study for the month of March.

Apprentice Study is Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

Choir Practice is Wednesday at 7 pm.

Trinity United Methodist Church Committee List—There are committee lists available at each of our information stations in the church which show who is a part of each committee. Please feel free to take a copy for future use.

Lent 2022—This year, Lent takes place from Wednesday, March 2nd to Saturday, April 16th. Lent is the season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. During the season of Lent, it is encouraged for all to prepare, focus, and reminisce on Jesus' time in the wilderness before he started his public ministry. To help you focus on Jesus' time in the wilderness, you can give up something or start a healthy or productive routine for the forty days of Lent. Here are some ideas: you can offer forgiveness to someone, check-in on loved ones, refuse to give negative feedback, stop frivolous spending, or stop eating your favorite junk food. As you can see, there are a lot of things that you can do during this season. If you decide on a new routine, do it for the sake of honoring the Lord.

Community Lenten Service and Lunch—Our day to host is Thursday, March 17th at 12 pm noon. Rev. Bud Kilbourne will be sharing the devotion and Donna & Major Griffey will be the musical guest. All are welcome to come and all donations received will be sent to the Food Bank.

Administrative Board Meeting—Our next board meeting is Sunday, March 20th following service. If you have completed a committee report, please attend the meeting.

Committee Reports—We ask that all committees and circles meet to talk about duties and goals for 2022. A report about our plans for the year of 2020 needs to be prepared for our March or April 2022 Administrative Board Meeting. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Tim. Below is the list of the groups within the church that are to give a report.

Trustees Board	UMM
Kitchen Team	Financial Committee
Memorial	Outreach (NOW/SONS/water)
SPRC	Parsonage Committee
Worship Committee	Ladies Circle
	Worship Committee

Sunday Song Service—We will have a special song service on Sunday, March 27. Music Director Rick Galyean will share details in the days ahead.

New Membership Class—If you want to be a member of Trinity UMC, there will be a class on Sunday, April 3rd at 10 am. Please let Pastor Tim know if you plan to come to class.

Highlights from our last Administrative Board Meeting—Due to your generosity to our church and our growth of online viewers, the Board approved to update our media equipment in the church. The upgrade consists of new camcorders, a live stream switcher, an Apple MacBook 13.1 M1 Processor, and new wires and cables. The total cost for these components and installation is \$3,694. The upgrade will significantly enhance the sound and picture quality of our media outlets which will help us reach further beyond our church walls. We are excited about this upgrade and believe that this will benefit those who are unable to make our in-person worship service.

The Board has approved to sponsor and support the Union Little League with a \$100 contribution. Due to this contribution, the church will have a banner on the fence at the little league baseball field in Bullit Park.

The Board has approved for the usage of Subsplash. Subsplash is an online giving platform that allows people to donate to the church through a webpage. More information will be forthcoming about how you can give through this account.

*Offering Stewards for March 2022

Sunday 20th- Alberta, Pat B., Donna, and Lana

Sunday 27th- Spencer, Ruben A., Dennis, and Paul C.

UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Back Pack Program with a specific kind of food. The food item for March is individual serving Mac n Cheese.



The Trinity Companion March 13, 2022 Season of Lent



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