

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: The Lord of the Dance by Ronan Hardiman

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: 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: Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus No. 462

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 51:1-12

READER: Caitlyn S.

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

²Wash me completely clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin!

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

⁴I'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.

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

⁶And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places; you teach me wisdom in the most secret space.

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

⁸Let me hear joy and celebration again; let the bones you crushed rejoice once more.

⁹Hide your face from my sins; wipe away all my guilty deeds!

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

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

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

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 Pastor Tim.

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ushers: Susie W, Amy G, Sandra R, Joyce P

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Let us pray,

God of the ages, we share our tithes and offerings this day, but we acknowledge that most of the time, we are clinging tightly to what we have, afraid we might lose something we need and afraid somehow there won't be enough to live our lives. The scarcity mindset overtakes us, and it robs us of the joy of our days. Remind us that Jesus has called us to be ready to let go of this life so that we might claim the abundance of life eternal. In our redeemer's name, we pray, In Jesus' Name, Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Calon Lan (A Pure Heart) by John Hughes

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: Londonderry Air

SERMON: A Person's Greatest Wish John 12:20-26

RESPONSE TO THE SERVICE: ALTAR CALL – at this time if you desire to come to the front for prayer you are welcome to do so.

CLOSING HYMN: Blessed Assurance No. 369

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE: Celtic Alleluia by Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker

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.

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.

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 | \$3,020.00 |
| YEARLY BUDGET TO DATE | \$30,576.90 |
| YEARLY OFFERINGS TO DATE | \$27,182.73 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is Sunday at 10am.

CHOIR PRACTICE is Wednesday at 7pm.

It's time to start planning!! **VBS Planning Meeting is scheduled TODAY** following the breakfast fundraiser. 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**.

Volunteers—Greeters; if you are, or would like to be, a greeter, please plan to attend a short meeting after the worship service on **April 14**.

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.....

If you would like to contribute or assist in any way to the Easter Cross flowers, please see Beth Hagan.

TODAY following the worship service we will have a **fundraiser breakfast!** A basket will be set out for a love donation. Proceeds go to the church budget. Plan to attend for some great food and fellowship!

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.

Mark your calendars and clean out those closets! The Church Rummage Sale is scheduled for Wed-Fri, May 1-3, this year from 9 am to 2 pm each day! We will need volunteers on Monday and Tuesday that week to setup. Please see Kathleen if you're able to assist.

BSG Ministerial Lent Schedule

Services start at Noon and are followed w/light lunch

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 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 24: Fred H

Mar 31: Diane B

*Greeters for March

Mar 24: Alberta M, Angie T

Mar 31: Joyce P, Amy G

*Lector Readers for March

Mar 24: Beth H-Psalm 31:9-16

Mar 31: Paula B-Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Nursery Volunteers for March

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 Mar 10

Sunday School: 5

In-Person Worship: 68

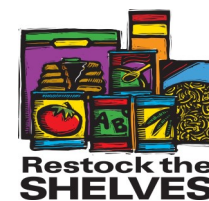
Facebook Live: 14

Visitors: 3

Methodist Men: 12

Heritage Hall: cancelled

I Am a Church Member Review: 6



UPS BACKPACK PROGRAM

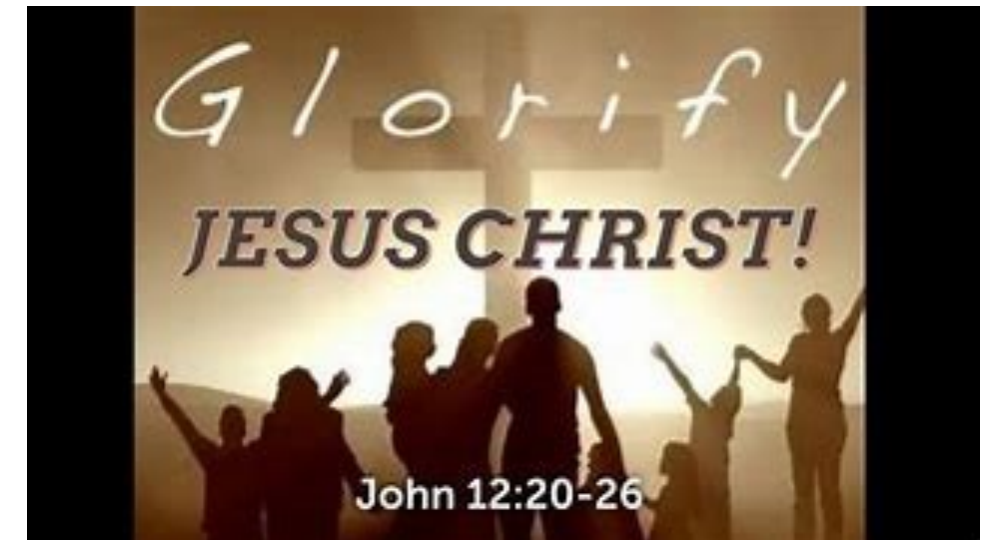
Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. The food item requested for March is single serve mac n cheese.

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 17, 2024



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