

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: 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: This is the Day

Announcements (*noted within the bulletin)

A Time for Prayer:

Rev. Timothy Robinson

Opening Hymn: Blessed Assurance No. 369

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23 Common English Bible version

¹The LORD is my shepherd. I lack nothing.

²He lets me rest in grassy meadows; he leads me to restful waters;

³He keeps me alive. He guides me in proper paths for the sake of His good name.

⁴Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because You are with me. Your rod and Your staff—they protect me.

⁵You set a table for me right in front of my enemies. You bathe my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

⁶Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the LORD's house as long as I live.

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.**

Special Guest—Girl Scouts Representative

Children's Moment: led by Beth Hagan

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: (Fred H., Chris S., Spencer Q., Daniel W.)

"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

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. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Offertory Music: Goodness of God by Bethel Music

Doxology No. 95

Anthem: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God Carl Mueller

Special Music: What Wondrous Love Is This John Carter
Euphonium Solo Psalm 23: 1

Sermon: "Breakthrough is Near"

Response to the service—Altar Call, if you desire to come to the front for prayer, you are welcome to do so.

Closing Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing No. 400

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.

***Offering stewards for March**
26th— Cindy A., Susie W., Joyce P., Amy G.

***Children's Moment for March**
26th— Patty R.

***Greeters for March**
26th—Alberta M., Amy G.

***Communion Stewards for April 2**
Paula B., Donna M., Joyce Palmer; Alberta Mitchell

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!

New feature on bulletin board—Trinity's Classified Corner; got something to sell or trade, looking for something, lost something.....let Amy know and we will post it on the bulletin board! Take a peek! (there's already something posted....wanna know what it is—check the board!!)

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.

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

Methodist Men—The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 10**; a sign up sheet is located inside the fellowship hall; please sign up if you are planning to attend. The meal cost is \$10 per person.

Safety Team—The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 11 @ 6pm**.

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.

Women of Trinity—The women’s meeting was successful - devotion, fellowship and a meal was shared. The group will be participating in a few upcoming projects including bereavement kits and a mission project for underprivileged children in Zimbabwe. The next meeting will be held on **April 1 @ 9am** in conjunction with a sanctuary cleaning project.

EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

Birthdays—a monthly calendar listing our members birthdays of the month is posted in the hallway next to the choir room so check it out! Blank member record update forms are available as you enter the Fellowship Hall and this is how we can share birthday info-if you haven’t already, please take a form to complete and return to Amy Garcia.

Spring Worship Gathering—Monday, March 20th at 5:30 pm, come bring in the season of Spring with us on a high note by joining us for an evening of contemporary worship. We will have a visiting praise team with us to lead in worship. The team consists of David Goodman, Trevor Meade, Abby Peterson and Katie Salyers. Please help us get the word out into the community.

Change for Children—We are now receiving loose change to benefit children’s ministries within the Holston Conference and in other United Methodist ministries around the world. Each year, people and organizations receive these funds through grants. These grants support new and existing ministries with economically disadvantaged children from birth to age 12 and their families. If you want to donate loose change, you can place your donation in the designated buckets located throughout the church building.

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 during today’s service.

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

- **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

Little League Baseball Opening Day—On Saturday, March 25, please join us at Bullitt Park to hand out free pizza and to share the love of Jesus to our friends and neighbors. We will start around 11 am, and we will be there until all of the pizza is gone. If you want to help in any way, please talk to either Katie or Cody Zirkle.

Spiritual Gifts Inventory—“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” - 1 Peter 4:10. This link will provide the inventory exercise to determine your specific gifts:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en>

A Spaghetti Supper fundraiser will be hosted by Women of Trinity group on April 16 at 12:30pm in the fellowship hall. Mark your calendars and share the info! The Methodist Men have volunteered for clean up duty—bring your aprons guys! All proceeds will be used to furnish backpacks filled with school supplies for underprivileged children in Zimbabwe.

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 fellowship hall.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE MARCH 12th:

Sunday School: 5
In-Person Worship: 51
Facebook: 24
Visitors: 1

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 19, 2023



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