

**Today's liturgical color is white which symbolizes joy and festivities.**

**To help promote the happenings in our church, you can share our services and events to the community on your Facebook page.**

**Prelude:** Unstoppable God by Elevation Worship

### 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:** There's Within My Heart a Melody No. 380

### Scripture Reading: I Peter 1: 17-23 CEB

<sup>17</sup> Since you call upon a Father who judges all people according to their actions without favoritism, you should conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your dwelling in a strange land.

<sup>18</sup> Live in this way, knowing that you were not liberated by perishable things like silver or gold from the empty lifestyle you inherited from your ancestors.

<sup>19</sup> Instead, you were liberated by the precious blood of Christ, like that of a flawless, spotless lamb.

<sup>20</sup> Christ was chosen before the creation of the world, but was only revealed at the end of time. This was done for you,

<sup>21</sup> who through Christ are faithful to the God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory. So now, your faith and hope should rest in God.

<sup>22</sup> As you set yourselves apart by your obedience to the truth so that you might have genuine affection for your fellow believers, love each other deeply and earnestly.

<sup>23</sup> Do this because you have been given new birth—not from the type of seed that decays but from seed that doesn't. This seed is God's life-giving and enduring word.

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 Parsons

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.

**Anthem/Special Song** Go Ye Into All The World

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

**Ushers:** (Cindy A., Susie W., Joyce P., Amy G.)

"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 Music:** Many and Great, O God Native American Melody

**Doxology** No. 95

**Anthem/Special Song** The Lord's Prayer

**Sermon:** "Thank You Lord, For Blessing Me" Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

**Response to the Service: Altar Call,** if you desire to come to the front for prayer, you are welcome to do so.

**Closing Hymn:** Precious Lord, Take My Hand No. 474

### Benediction

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

**Postlude:** Get All Excited by William J. Gaither

**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 April**

30th— Spencer Q., Paul C., Alberta M., Patty R.

**\*Children's Moment for April**

30th—Nicole R.

**\*Greeters for April**

30th—Alberta M, Patty R

**\*Communion Stewards for May 7**

Amy G., Beth H., Erin H., Patty R.

**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 postings....wanna know what it is—check the board!!)

**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.

Bargain Hunters get ready; mark your calendars—it's almost time for our **Spring Rummage Sale—May 1-5!** If you can volunteer to assist, we will feed ya!



**RUMMAGE SALE**

## 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 today immediately following the worship service.

**NEW OFFERING!** - Ever feel like you need a little more prayer in your life? Join us on **Mondays from 5:30-6 pm** for an informal prayer meeting, come and be blessed!

**NEW OFFERING!** - Worship service at Heritage Hall **every Wednesday at 2:30-3 pm**, all are welcome to attend.

**VBS Planning Mtg**—Plan to attend this meeting as we prepare for this year's VBS sessions! The planning meeting will be **Apr 30 immediately following the worship service**. Let's make this year even better than last year!

**Trinity Women's Group**—The next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, May 7 @ 5 pm**. We will have a guest speaker-Joan Shortt. Please sign up if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.

**Methodist Men**—The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 8 @ 6 pm; the meal cost is \$12 per person**. Three Forks will cater for us and prior to the meeting, sandwich order lists (located on the table entering the fellowship hall) will need to be completed by those planning to attend. All men are welcome to attend.

**Trinity Book Club**—Our next book is "The Power of a Praying Church" by Stormie Omartian. The ISBN number is 0736920773. The next meeting is **Monday, April 24th @ 6pm**. All are welcome to attend, and please notify the church office if you need assistance with purchasing the book.

**Laity Sunday**—**April 30th** with special guest speaker D.S. Jeff Lambert. We will also welcome Rev. Ben Harding into membership via transfer.

### EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

**Pop-N-for-Jesus**—Our next opportunity to serve the students & staff members of Mountain Empire Community College is **Wednesday, April 26th at 9 am**.

**Revival Service**—On **Sunday, May 7th**, Pastor Tim will be preaching at a revival service at Swords Creek Community Baptist Church in Swords Church, VA (Pastor Dr. Matthew Jessee). If you want to join for worship, you are welcome to do so. The address is 3305 Kents Ridge Rd., Swords Creek, VA 24649.

**Vision Day Training:** A day of training is available **Saturday, May 13th, from 9:30am to 3:30 pm** at Wesley Memorial UMC in Johnson City, TN. During this training, people will learn how to envision ways they may step deeper into missions. One way is by brainstorming how to connect with people our church may not be currently engaging. Another way is by exploring creative ways of being the church in today's world. If you are interested in attending this day of training, please notify the church office.

It's time for breakfast again—mark your calendars! The Methodist Men will be providing a **pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 27th**—can ya smell the bacon yet!?!

**Our Spaghetti Supper fundraiser** was a HUGE success. We were able to raise almost \$900 for the Zimbabwe project! All proceeds will be used to furnish backpacks filled with school supplies for underprivileged children in Zimbabwe.

**Change for Children**—If you want to donate loose change, you can place your donation in the designated buckets located throughout the church building. The **last day to donate to this project is Sunday, May 28th**.

**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 APRIL 16th:

Sunday School: 5  
In-Person Worship: 91  
Facebook: 18  
Visitors: 14

### UPS Back Pack Program

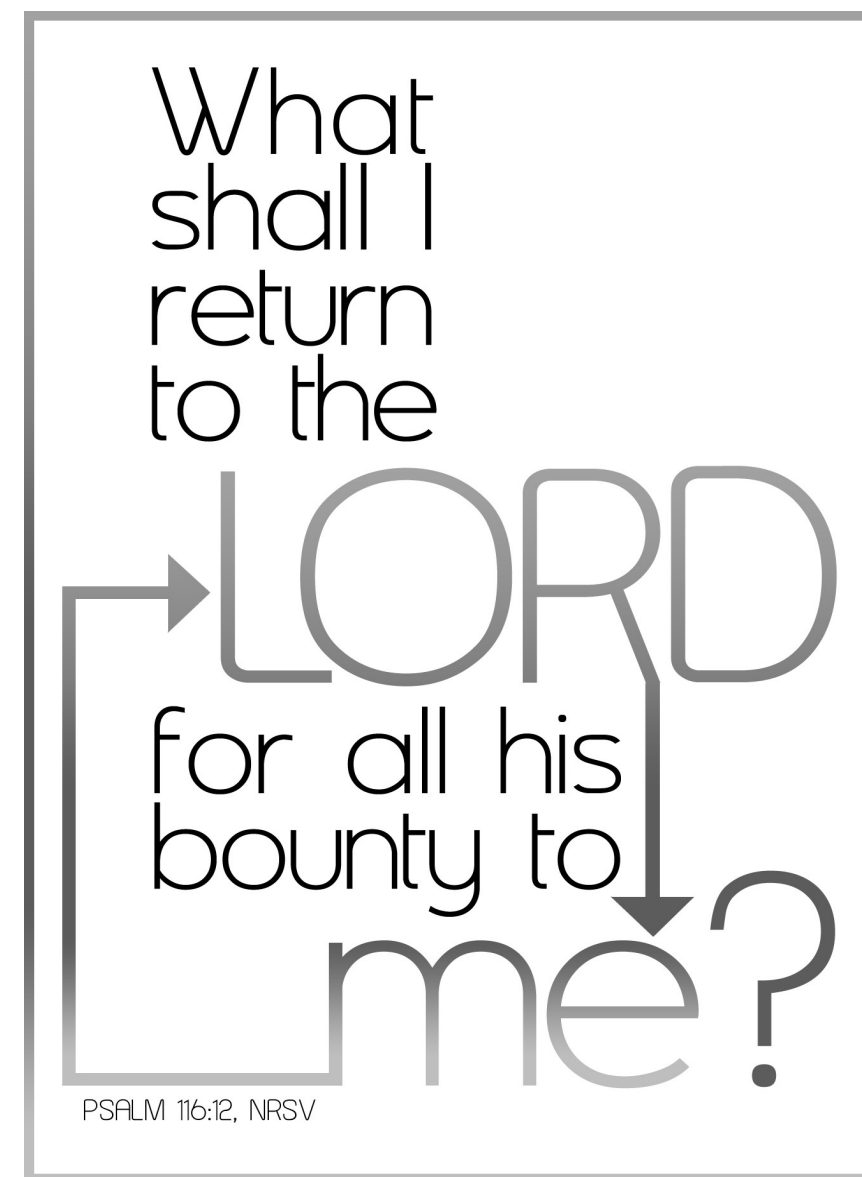
Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of April, the requested item is Juice Boxes.

The food item requested for April is juice boxes—apple or grape.



## The Trinity Companion

April 23, 2023



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