

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.

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Prelude: Praise Medley Arranged by Calli Shell

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: Surely the Presence of the Lord

Announcements (*noted within the bulletin)

A Time for Prayer:

Rev. Timothy Robinson

Opening Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story No. 156

Scripture Reading: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 CEB

¹I take refuge in you, LORD. Please never let me be put to shame. Rescue me by your righteousness!

²Listen closely to me! Deliver me quickly; be a rock that protects me; be a strong fortress that saves me!

³You are definitely my rock and my fortress. Guide me and lead me for the sake of your good name!

⁴Get me out of this net that's been set for me because you are my protective fortress.

⁵I entrust my spirit into your hands; you LORD, God of faithfulness—you have saved me.

¹⁵My future is in your hands. Don't hand me over to my enemies, to all who are out to get me!

¹⁶Shine your face on your servant; save me by your faithful love!

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 Mary Beth Allen

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: Back to the Church in the Wildwood

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 Music: Love Lifted Me Arranged by Alan Jackson

Doxology No. 95

Anthem/Special Song God Really Loves Us

Sermon: "God's Building Project" I Peter 2:4-10

Response to the Service: A Service of Word and Table. No. 13-15

Communion Stewards: Amy G., Beth H., Erin H., Patty R.

Communion Music: Shepherd of Love by John W. Peterson

Closing Hymn: Just As I Am, v.1, 2, 3 & 6 No. 357

Benediction

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

Postlude: Victory in Jesus By E.M. Bartlett, Arranged by Glenda Austin

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 May**

May 14: Alberta M., Beth H., Erin H., Donna M.

May 21: Phil R., Dennis A., Steve P., Chris S.

May 28: Cindy A., Susie W., Joyce P., Amy G.

***Children's Moment for May**

May 14: Patty Robbins

May 21: Diane Botts

May 28: Beth Hagan

***Greeters for May**

May 14: Patty R, Alberta M

May 21: Angie T, Amy G

May 28: Patty R, Joyce P

***Communion Stewards for June 4**

Cindy A., Dennis A., Paul C., Kim P.

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.

Another rummage sale for the record books! So many volunteers helping; so many quality items for sale—we made over \$3,000!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

Adult Sunday School is Sunday at 10 am.

Choir Practice is Wednesday at 7 pm.

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY (AND THIS IS A GOOD ONE!): We are seeking volunteers to work in our nursery! It would be about a 45 minute session following the children's moment in the service. Volunteers will be subject to a background check. Please contact Pastor Tim or the church office if you're interested.

NEW OFFERING! - Ever feel like you need a little more prayer in your life? Join us **every Monday 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.

CLASSES COMING! - Interested in becoming a member or getting baptized....be a mover and a shaker in the church! **New member classes** start **May 21 @ 10am**. See Pastor Tim if you're interested in baptism.

VBS Planning Mtg—This year's VBS will be scheduled for Tuesday through Friday, July 11-14, with a short program during Sunday's worship service. We will be expanding the ages accepted—from 3 to 10 years of age. If you are able to assist in any way, please notify the church office.

Trinity Women's Group—The next meeting is scheduled for **today @ 5 pm**. We will have a guest speaker-Joan Shortt.

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, May 8 @ 6pm**. All are welcome to attend, and please notify the church office if you need assistance with purchasing the book.

EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

Revival Service—**Today @ 7pm**, Pastor Tim will be preaching at a revival service at Swords Creek Community Baptist Church in Swords Creek, 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!?! See any member of the Methodist Men to get your tickets!

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.

Highlights from our last Board Meeting:

- The Nominations & Leadership Committee reported that Lloyd Robinette is the new chair of the Board of Trustees and John Hagan is the new chair of the SPRC. An updated leadership list is available in the church office.
- The Parsonage Committee reported that the broken microwave has been replaced, and they will soon create an inventory of items that should be at the parsonage. Also, the committee is in the process of getting the front porch of the parsonage repaired and modernized.
- The Safety Team reported the need to install safety cameras around the exterior and within the interior of the church. The board approved the purchase of eight cameras which will cost \$1,590.
- To help us discern ways to facilitate church growth, the board approved a survey to be done in the church. The survey will consist of proposed questions regarding worship and other concerns that people may have within our congregation. Administration Board Chair Diane Botts will be sharing more information about this matter soon.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE APRIL 30th:

Sunday School: 9
In-Person Worship: 64
Facebook: 20
Visitors: 1

UPS Back Pack Program

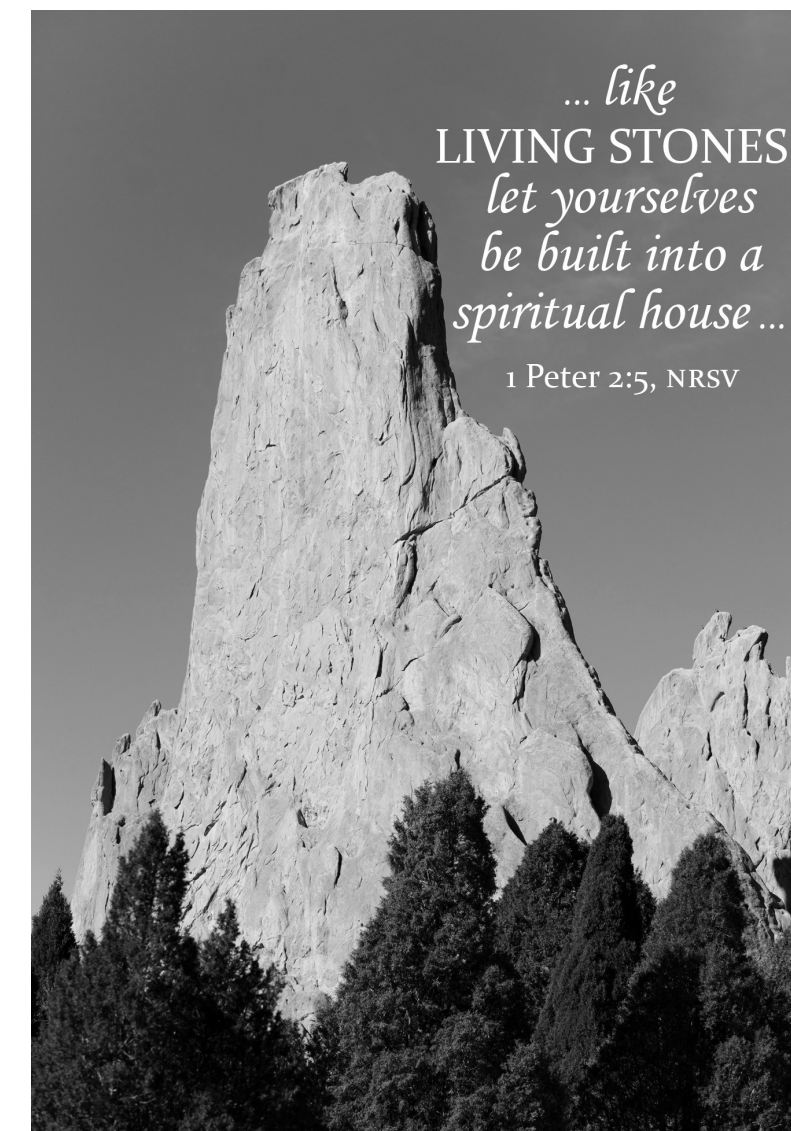
Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of May, the requested item is Juice Boxes.

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



The Trinity Companion

May 7, 2023



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