

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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We welcome the Wise Guys to our service today!

Prelude: Jupiter Chorale Holst

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 No.328

Announcements (*noted within the bulletin)

A Time for Prayer:
Rev. Timothy Robinson

Opening Hymn: My Hope is Built No. 368

Scripture Reading: Psalm 66:8-20 CEB

⁸All you nations, bless our God! Let the sound of His praise be heard!

⁹God preserved us among the living; He didn't let our feet slip a bit.

¹⁰But You, God, have tested us—You've refined us like silver,

¹¹trapped us in a net, laid burdens on our backs,

¹²let other people run right over our heads—we've been through fire and water. But You brought us out to freedom!

¹³So I'll enter Your house with entirely burned offerings. I'll keep the promises I made to You,

¹⁴the ones my lips uttered, the ones my mouth spoke when I was in deep trouble.

¹⁵I will offer the best burned offerings to You along with the smoke of sacrificed rams. I will offer both bulls and goats. *Selah*

¹⁶Come close and listen, all you who honor God; I will tell you what God has done for me:

¹⁷My mouth cried out to Him with praise on my tongue.

¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart, my Lord would not have listened.

¹⁹But God definitely listened. He heard the sound of my prayer.

²⁰Bless God! He didn't reject my prayer; He didn't withhold His faithful love from me.

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 Diane Botts

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: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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

Ushers: (Alberta M., Beth H., Erin H., Donna M.)

"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: Sonata No. 2 Pezel

Doxology No. 95

Anthem/Special Song Beethoven's Fifth Arranged by Doughty

Recognition of Mothers

Sermon: "The Ongoing Presence of God" John 14:15-21

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

Closing Hymn: He Touched Me No. 367

Benediction AND HAS HEARD MY PRAYER.

PSALM 66:19, NIV

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

Postlude: Ashokan Farewell Arranged by Rick Galyean

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 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 21: Patty Robbins

May 28: Beth Hagan

*Greeters for May

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 POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE OF THE CHOIR ROOM. We will be posting activities, schedules, etc. on this bulletin board. 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.

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.

Blessings and ministries overflow from our church!:

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!

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 joining the church and/or baptism.

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 15 @ 6pm**. All are welcome to attend, and please notify the church office if you need assistance with purchasing the book.

Trinity Women's Group—The next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, June 4th @ 5 pm**.

Methodist Men—The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 12 @ 6 pm**; the meal cost is **\$12 per person**. All men are welcome to attend.

EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

Are y'all checking out the bulletin board across from the office? New stuff gets posted all the time! Occasionally we get correspondence addressed to the church that is definitely worth sharing—you can now see these items in a special spot on the bulletin board—I guarantee you wanna see these items!

Methodist Men Fishing Trip—May 18. Does this mean there's a fish fry in our future???! If you're interested, Billy Whitt has details!

Recovery Fest Water Giveaway—May 20th, 1-5 pm in Miners Park downtown. If you'd like to volunteer to hand out water and be a part of this ministry, come downtown Saturday afternoon!

May 27th-Gathering in the Gap—is seeking youth volunteers; it's a day filled with music, food, fun-what better type of volunteering is there?!interested youth should contact Gretchen Cope @ (276) 523-1322.

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!

VBS —This year's Vacation Bible School will be scheduled for **Tuesday through Friday, July 11-14 from 9am-12 noon**, 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.

Change for Children—If you want to donate loose change you still have a little time left to empty those piggy banks and pockets! - 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 May 7th:

Sunday School: 8
In-Person Worship: 73
Facebook: 11
Visitors: 7

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

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