

**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:** Rise Up (Lazarus) by CAIN

### 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:** I Need Thee Every Hour No. 397

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 CEB**

<sup>1</sup>Let God rise up; let his enemies scatter; let those who hate him run scared before him!

<sup>2</sup>Like smoke is driven away, drive them away! Like wax melting before fire, let the wicked perish before God!

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and celebrate before God. Let them rejoice with gladness!

<sup>4</sup>Sing to God! Sing praises to his name! Exalt the one who rides the clouds! The LORD is his name. Celebrate before him!

<sup>5</sup>Father of orphans and defender of widows is God in his holy habitation.

<sup>6</sup>God settles the lonely in their homes; he sets prisoners free with happiness, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

<sup>7</sup>When you went forth before your people, God, when you marched through the wasteland,

<sup>8</sup>the earth shook! Yes, heaven poured down before God, the one from Sinai—before God, the God of Israel!

<sup>9</sup>You showered down abundant rain, God; when your inheritance grew weary, you restored it yourself,

<sup>10</sup>and your creatures settled in it. In your goodness, God, you provided for the poor.

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, all kingdoms of the earth! Sing praises to my Lord. *Selah*

<sup>33</sup>Sing to the one who rides through heaven, the most ancient heaven. Look! God sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

<sup>34</sup>Recognize how strong God is! His majesty extends over Israel; his strength is in the clouds.

<sup>35</sup>You are awesome, God, in your sanctuaries—the God of Israel who gives strength and power to his people! Bless God!

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 Patty Robbins  
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:** Standing on the Promises

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

**Ushers:** (Phil R., Dennis A., Steve P., Chris S.)

"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:** Ballade No. 1 in G Minor by Frederic Chopin

**Doxology** No. 95

**Anthem/Special Song** Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

**Sermon:** "He Will Come Back" Acts 1:6-14

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

**Closing Hymn:** Rescue The Perishing No. 591

**Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** Where the Soul of Man Never Dies Arranged by Johnny Cash

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

**\*Children's Moment for May**  
May 28: Beth Hagan

**\*Greeters for May**  
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** started **TODAY @ 10am**. See Pastor Tim if you're interested in joining the church and/or baptism.

**Trinity Book Club**—Our book is "The Power of a Praying Church" by Stormie Omartian. The next meeting is **Monday, May 22 @ 6pm with a NEW LOCATION—The Ugly Mug; 514 State Rte 610 (Wood Ave); BSG**. All are welcome to attend.

**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.

**Administrative Board Meeting**—cancelled for May. The next meeting will be June 25th @ 12 noon

### 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—TO BE RESCHEDULED.** Does this mean

there's a fish fry in our future????!! If you're interested, Billy Whitt has details!

**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!

**UNION BACK PACK PROGRAM UPDATE:** We submitted a grant application to the Holston Conference for this program and just received word **OUR GRANT REQUEST WAS ACCEPTED TO THE TUNE OF \$5,000—WOO HOO!**

**Hunter's Education Classes scheduled for August 26 and September 30.** These classes run about 6 hours and can be used for concealed weapon permits. See Billy Whitt if you'd like to sign up for one of the classes.

**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 **USE THE SIGN UP SHEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL** or 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 14th:**

Sunday School: 6  
In-Person Worship: 76  
Facebook: 14  
Visitors: 11

#### **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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