

*Today's liturgical color is green which symbolizes growth used in the Seasons after the Epiphany and after Pentecost.*

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

**\*\*DISCLAIMER: Trinity UMC utilizes videography to live stream all sanctuary worship services to social media. Service will be available for replay and images, likenesses, and audio may be captured to be used as thumbnails on each TUMC ran website. If you have any concerns, please notify the church office staff.\*\***

**Prelude:** No One Like You by Crowder

#### 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:** Soon and Very Soon No.706

**Welcome from Pastor Tim and welcome your neighbors**

**Announcements** (\*noted within the bulletin)

**A Time for Prayer:**  
Pastor Tim

**Opening Hymn:** Leaning on the Everlasting Arms No. 696

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:25-30 CEB**

**Lector Reader:** Donny Jenkins

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you've hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have shown them to babies.

<sup>26</sup> Indeed, Father, this brings you happiness.

<sup>27</sup> "My Father has handed all things over to me. No one knows the Son except the Father. And nobody knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest.

<sup>29</sup> Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves.

<sup>30</sup> My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light."

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 Nicole R

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.

Children are a gift! Psalm 127:3

<sup>3</sup>No doubt about it: children are a gift from the LORD; the fruit of the womb is a divine reward.

**Anthem/Special Song** Everything by Lauren Daigle

**The Presentation of Tithes and Offering**

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

***Thank you for your generosity! Due to your willingness to support the church, we were able to support United Methodist ministries near and abroad, such as school supplies for children in Zimbabwe and the Union backpack program here in Big Stone Gap along with our own Blessing Box.***

"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:** Be Thou My Vision arranged by Greg Howlett

**Doxology** No. 95

**Anthem/Special Song** In This Very Room by Ron Harris  
Duet: Bob Horne (Tenor) and Calli Shell (Soprano)

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

**Communion Stewards:** Diane B., Pat B., Sandra R., Angie T.

**Communion Music:** Feed Us Lord by Greg Scheer

**Sermon:** "The Fight For Your Life" Romans 7:15-25a

**Closing Hymn:** O How I Love Jesus No. 170

**Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** Sweeter As the Days Go By arranged by Mosie Lister

**Please join us in the fellowship hall for the baptism of Crystal and Amira!**

**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 July**

Jul 16: Fred H., Daniel W., Phil R., John H.

Jul 23: Angie T., Susan H., Cathy G., Pat B.

Jul 30: Gary H., Billy W., Susie W., Alberta M.

**\*Children's Moment for July**

Jul 16: Beth H

Jul 23: Kim P

Jul 30: Patty R

**\*Greeters for July**

Jul 16: Ann W., Don W.

Jul 23: Alberta M., Tiffany A.

Jul 30: Amy G., Joyce P.

**\*Lector Readers for July**

Jul 16: Natalie S (Psalm 119:105-112)

Jul 23: Beth H (Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24)

Jul 30: Alberta M (Psalm 105:1-11, 45b)

**Nursery Volunteers for July**

Jul 9: Donna M., Amy G.

Jul 16: Nicole R., Judy H.

Jul 23: Cathy G., Donna M.

Jul 30: Paula B., Katie Z.

**\*Communion in July rescheduled to July 9th**

Diane B., Pat B., Sandra R., Angie T.

**\*Communion Stewards for August 6th**

Paula B., Donna M., Joyce P., Alberta M.

**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!!)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

Adult Sunday School is Sunday at 10 am.

Choir Practice is cancelled for July 12 and 19th. Next practice is scheduled for July 26.

**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!

**ANOTHER NEW OFFERING!:** Get up early, put on those walking shoes and join us for a **Prayer Walk—Saturdays @ 7:30 AM (yes that does say 7:30 AM, not a typo!!) starting on the 15th this month.**

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** are being held on Sunday mornings **@ 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, July 10th @ 6pm and will be held at the 404 Creamery in BSG**. All are welcome to attend.

**Methodist Men**—The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 10 @ 6 pm; the meal cost is \$12 per person**. All men are welcome to attend.

**Women of Trinity (like that name, kinda catchy ain't it?)**—There will be a **short meeting after the service today to discuss action items for July**. The next official meeting will be **August 6 @ 5 pm**. All women are encouraged and welcome to attend. Look for information upcoming for an Outdoor Movie Night!

### 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!**

**BAPTISM SUNDAY—TODAY immediately following the service, we will be baptizing Crystal and Amira.** Come celebrate with us as we welcome them into the life of the church!

**Methodist Men Fishing Trip—rescheduled to July 21st.** It's rumored that the fish had conflicts with the original date. If you're interested, Billy Whitt has details!

**VBS** —This year's Vacation Bible School is THIS WEEK **Tuesday through Friday, July 11-14 from 9am-12 noon**, with a short program during Sunday's worship service.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS—SATURDAY, JULY 29TH @ 11 am** til the cows send us home..... Church Picnic at the Whitt's house-5822 Stone Creek Rd, BSG!! If you'd like to bring a dish to pass, contact Susie or Kathleen, hot dogs will be provided! Swimming, games and great fellowship will be had by all.

**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

**BSG Clergy Group meets on the 4th Tuesday at 6 pm.** For the past two months, clergy members in the area have been meeting to discuss ways to work together to strengthen God's ministries in our area. Please keep this group in your prayers so they may provide positive influences in our community.

**Joyce will be Out of Town Saturday, Jul 15—Sunday, Jul 23**  
**Amy will be Out of Town Thursday, Jul 20—Tuesday, Jul 25**

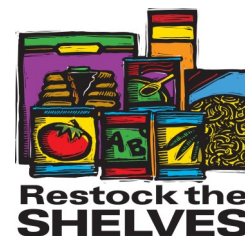
### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE July 2nd:

Sunday School: 7  
In-Person Worship: 37  
Facebook Live: 18  
Visitors: 0  
Heritage Hall July 5th: 18

### 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 July, the requested item is cash donations—they are worth \$.12 more on the dollar due to tax exempt status.

The food item requested for July is cash donations—used to stock the food pantry for the start of school.



## The Trinity Companion

July 9, 2023

Thanks  
be to **God**  
through  
**Jesus Christ**  
our  
**LORD!**

Romans 7:25

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