

*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.\*\***

**We welcome Trinity Bass today!**

**Prelude:** Trumpet Voluntary

**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:** Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy No. 340

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:105-112 CEB**

**Lector Reader:** Alberta Mitchell

<sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey.

<sup>106</sup>I have sworn, and I fully mean it: I will keep your righteous rules.

<sup>107</sup>I have been suffering so much—LORD, make me live again according to your promise.

<sup>108</sup>Please, LORD, accept my spontaneous gifts of praise. Teach me your rules!

<sup>109</sup>Though my life is constantly in danger, I won't forget your Instruction.

<sup>110</sup>Though the wicked have set a trap for me, I won't stray from your precepts.

<sup>111</sup>Your laws are my possession forever because they are my heart's joy.

<sup>112</sup>I have decided to keep your statutes forever, every last one.

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 & VBS Report:** led by Beth H

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.

We had 18 children attending over the 4 days and 30 volunteers for VBS this year!

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** Rondeau

**The Presentation of Tithes and Offering**

**Ushers:** (Fred H., Daniel W., Phil R., John 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:** Contrapunctus I

**Doxology** No. 95

**Anthem/Special Song** Farondole

**Sermon:** "A Radical Sower" Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

**Closing Hymn:** Nearer My God To Thee No. 528

**Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** Just a Closer Walk

**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 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 23: Kim P

Jul 30: Diane B

**\*Greeters for July**

Jul 23: Alberta M., Tiffany A.

Jul 30: Amy G., Joyce P.

**\*Lector Readers for July**

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

Jul 30: Natalie S (Psalm 105:1-11, 45b)

**Nursery Volunteers for July**

Jul 16: Nicole R., Judy H.

Jul 23: Cathy G., Donna M.

Jul 30: Paula B., Katie Z.

**\*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 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 17th @ 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, August 14 @ 6 pm**; the meal cost is **\$12 per person and will be a fish fry**. All men are welcome to attend.

**Women of Trinity (like that name, kinda catchy ain't it?)**—The next official meeting will be **August 6 @ 5 pm**. All women are encouraged and 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—THIS FRIDAY, July 21st!** It's rumored that

the fish had conflicts with the original date. If you're interested, Billy Whitt has details!

**Our first "rekindled" movie night** is scheduled for **Friday, July 21st @ 7 pm**. Since it's too hot and gets dark too late, our first one will be held indoors in the Fellowship Hall! The movie showing will be **Balto**, based on a true story that inspired the Iditarod race. Come out to enjoy the movie, have a lil popcorn and enjoy the fellowship!

**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!!** Please bring a dish to pass and note it on the signup sheet in the fellowship hall, 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.

**Amy will be Out of Town Thursday, Jul 20—Tuesday, Jul 25**

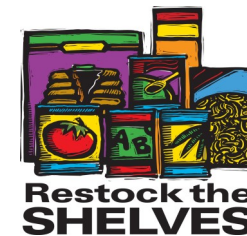
### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE July 9th:

Sunday School: 6  
In-Person Worship: 62  
Facebook Live: 12  
Visitors: 0  
Heritage Hall July 12th: 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 16, 2023



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