

This week's liturgical color is green which symbolizes our time for growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ. This season which is known as "ordinary time" starts after Pentecost and ends at the Christmas season.

Prelude: Gather Us In by Marty Haugen

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.

Call to Worship

Let your lights shine!
Let your hearts be glad!

God is faithful to us, and God rules in love.
Then let us worship God.

Announcements and Highlights from our last Board Meeting (*noted within the bulletin)

A Time for Prayer:

Scripture on Trust: Proverbs 3:5-6 (CEB)

⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart;
don't rely on your own intelligence.
⁶Know him in all your paths,
and he will keep your ways straight.

Congregational Prayer

Lord God, let us never forget all that you do for us on a daily basis. Sustain your people with the hope of your salvation and the other countless blessings you provide with your continuous presence in our lives. Lead us to live our lives in testimony to your incredible blessings, that your love may be known and experienced by all those we serve and work with, in Jesus' name.

Opening Hymn: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian **No. 402**

The Baptismal Covenant II **No. 39-43**
Holy Baptism for Luke Andrew Hagan

At this time, we ask the parents and sponsors of Luke to come forward with Luke to present themselves before the congregation.

An introduction of Luke to the congregation.

Special Music: This Child by The Blythe Family

Children's Moment: Let 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.

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

Ushers: Women's Team (Amy G., Lana P., Susie W., and Joyce P.)

In everything I have shown you that, by working hard, we must help the weak. In this way we remember the Lord Jesus' words: "It is more blessed to give than receive." (Acts 20:35)

Offertory Prayer:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this money to
offer, the fruit of our labor and the skills
you have given us.

Take us and our possessions to do your work in the world.
Blessed be God for ever and in Jesus Name we pray, AMEN.

Offertory Music: Lead Me to Calvary arranged by Greg Hewlett

Doxology: **No. 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above the Heavenly Host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Anthem: Wayfaring Stranger arranged by Calli Shell

Sermon: "Baptism Really Matters" Acts 2: 38-41

Response to the Word:

A time of prayer and a time to remember or make new to you, your baptism:

At this time, we will have a time for you to remember your baptism. You may come to the baptismal font to dip your fingers in the water. While you are doing so, you can remind yourself of the fact that your sins have been forgiven, you have new life in Christ, and that you are a part of the family of God.

Special Music: Reminiscence by Donald W. Sorah

Closing Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

No. 577

Benediction

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

Postlude: Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It arranged by Greg Howlett

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 our the lighted candlelighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

Announcements

Adult Sunday School is on Sunday at 10 am.

Choir Practice is Wednesday at 7 pm.

Baptism of Luke Andrew Hagan—During the worship service, we will be celebrating and honoring the baptism of Luke Andrew Hagan. Luke is the son of Morgan and Jessee of Fall Branch, TN. Please be aware that participation is important since both family and the church will be asked to support in the nurturing of Luke Andrew's faith journey. You can do this by praying for him, teaching him, and pointing him towards the ways of the Lord, and by financially supporting Luke as he develops in life.

Pastor's Vacation—Tim will be on vacation from Friday, September 2nd through Tuesday, September 6th. If you have an emergency, please contact either church lay leaders Kim Parsons or Rob Moore.

Praise, Worship, and Singing Service—On Sunday, September 4th, we will have a special praise service led by our Music Director Richard Galyean. This will be a high-powered service that you will not want to miss. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and family members to worship with us.

Administrative Board Meeting—Our next meeting is Sunday, September 11th, immediately following the worship service.

Trinity UMC Mini Golf Tournament—On Sunday, September 11th at 2 pm, we invite you to meet us at the Big Stone Gap Golf in Frog Level for an afternoon of food, fun, and competition. Let's see who will get the best score.

United Methodist Men—The next gathering is Monday, September 12th at 6 pm.

Trinity UMC Flooding Response—We will continue our effort in helping our neighbors in Kentucky who have been devastated by flooding. We will be accepting the following items until September 16th:

School Supplies—pencils, pens, wide-ruled notebooks and loose-leaf paper, binders of various sizes, and backpacks.

Tools—rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows.

Pop-N-for Jesus—The fun has begun again! Wednesday September 7 and Wednesday September 28th. Breakfast at Hardee's at 8:30 am then meet at Mountain Empire Community College at 9 am. Everyone is welcome to come and fellowship with students and staff at the college.

Highlights from our last Board Meeting

- Due to membership growth and the lack of funding for the Union Middle School Band, the program needed funding to purchase school issued instruments. Trinity UMC's board voted and approved to donate \$1,000 to the Union Middle School Band program. With this money, a flute, clarinet, trumpet, and a trombone will be purchased and issued to students.
- The Board continues to consider and reason if purchasing the former district parsonage (adjacent to our current parsonage) is in the church's

interest or not.

- Pastor Tim discussed the need for the security team to have a budget line item for security practices and needs such as equipment beginning January 2023.

Mailing Addresses of our long distant friends and members:

- Bill and Judy Cole
100A Varne Circle
Farmville, VA 23901
- Sandra Marshall
547 Callaway Court
Chattanooga, TN 37421

*Communion Stewards for Sunday September 11, 2022

Diane B., Amy G., Patty R., and Angie T.

*Offering Stewards for September 2022

September 4th—Alberta M., Pat B., Sandra R., and Angie T.
September 11th—Ruben A., Dana B., Paul C., and Dennis A.
September 18th—Amy G., Erin H., Cecelia R., and Lana P.
September 25th—John H., Daniel W., Ruben A., and Phil R.

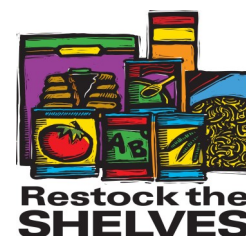
*Children's Moment for September 2022

September 4th—
September 11th—
September 18th—
September 25th—

UPS Back Pack Program

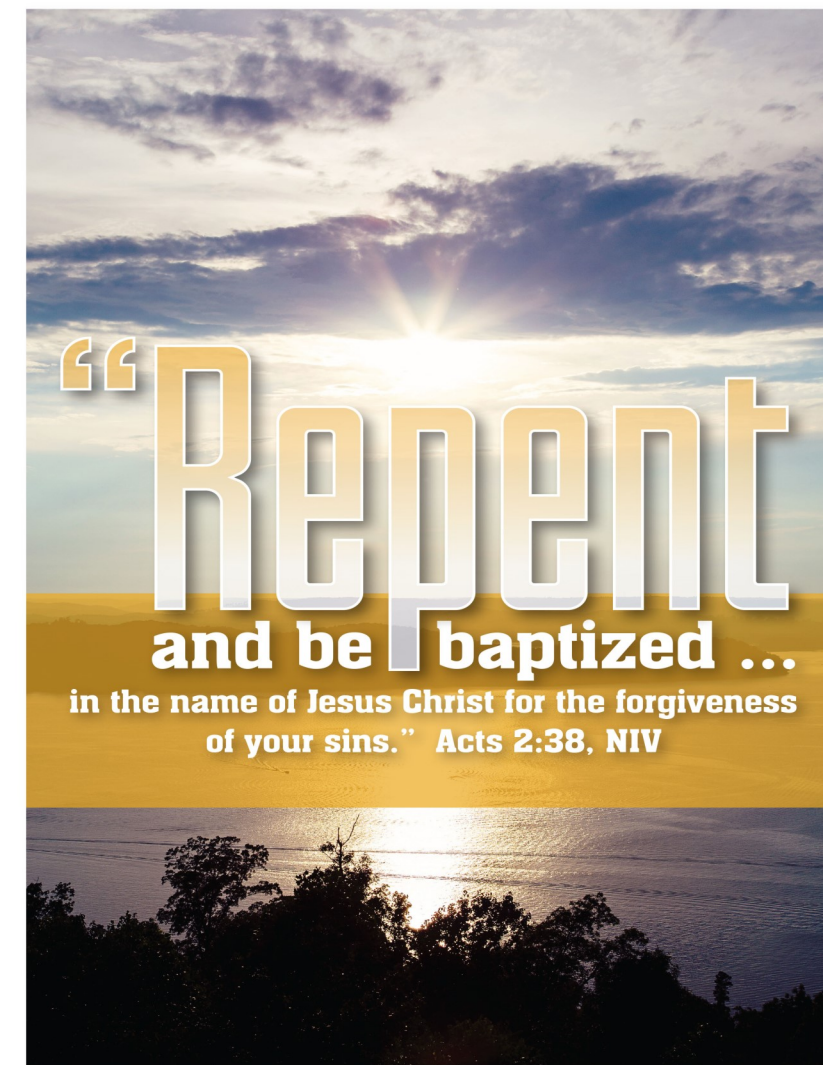
Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of September the requested item is Chef Boy Ardee.

The requested types are SpaghettiOs or Ravioli. Please make sure that the cans have the pop top lids.



The Trinity Companion

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