

*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.*

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**Prelude:** You Will Never Run by Rend Collective

### 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 worshiping community.

### Chiming of the Hour

#### Call to Worship: I'll Fly Away

Some bright morning when this life is over ~ I'll fly away  
To that home on God's celestial shore ~ I'll fly away

#### CHORUS

I'll fly away, oh glory ~ I'll fly away in the morning  
When I die hallelujah by and by ~ I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then ~ I'll fly away  
To a land where joys will never end ~ I'll fly away

#### REPEAT CHORUS

### Welcome from Pastor Tim and welcome your neighbors

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

**A Time for Prayer:** Pastor Tim

#### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as  
we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** Take Time to Be Holy

No. 395

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 23 CEB

**Lector Reader:** Nicole R

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd. I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup>He lets me rest in grassy meadows; he leads me to restful waters;

<sup>3</sup>He keeps me alive. He guides me in proper paths for the sake of his good name.

<sup>4</sup>Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you are with me. Your rod and your staff—they protect me.

<sup>5</sup>You set a table for me right in front of my enemies. You bathe my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

<sup>6</sup>Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the LORD's house as long as I live.

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 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.

#### The Presentation of Tithes and Offering

**Ushers:** (Chris S., Daniel W., Billy W., Rob M.)

**Offertory Music:** Wayfaring Stranger Arranged by Phillip Keveren

**Doxology**

No. 95

**Anthem/Special Song** Prayer of St. Francis

**Sermon:** "Will You Visit Me?" Matthew 25:31-40

**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

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

**Postlude:** I'll Meet You in the Morning by Albert E. Brumley

**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 September

Sep 17: Susan H., Cecilia R., Beth H., Patty R.

Sep 24: Spencer Q., Dennis A., Gary H., Steve P.

#### \*Children's Moment for September

Sep 17: Kim P.

Sep 24: Cindy A.

#### \*Greeters for September

Sep 17: Ann W., Don W.

Sep 24: Joyce P., Tiffany A.

#### \*Lector Readers for September

Sep 17: Natalie S-Psalm 114

Sep 24: Alberta M-Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

#### Nursery Volunteers for September

Sep 10: Amy G., Donna M.

Sep 17: Katie Z., Cathy G.

Sep 24: Paula B., Amy G.

#### \*Communion Stewards for October 1st

Cindy A., Dennis A., Paul C., Kim P.

Phil Robbins' financial update last week was that we need to 'catch-up' on our offerings—maybe we need Phil to wear this shirt on Sundays until we reach the goal!



The Holston Conference Mission Team went to Mutare, Zimbabwe this past week and hosted a Vacation Bible School at Hilltop UMC. On the 1st day they had 697 children attend; day 2 had 1,387 attending and on the final day, the leaders lost count at 2,500 students. Mutare, Zimbabwe is one of the areas that our district sends backpack school kits.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

**Adult Sunday School** is Sunday at 10 am.

**Choir Practice** is Wednesday at 7 pm.

**Methodist Men**—The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, **Monday, Sep 11th @ 6 pm**; the meal cost is **\$12 per person**—the meeting will be held at **Country Kitchen with burger & fries meal**. Please sign up in fellowship hall if you plan to attend. All men are welcome.

The **Worship Committee** will meet following the worship service on **Sep 17 in the choir room**.

**Administrative Board Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, Sep 17** following the worship service.

**Women of Trinity** —The next meeting is Sunday, **Sep 17th @ 5 pm**. All women are encouraged and welcome to attend.

**Trinity Book Club**—Our book is “The Power of a Praying Church” by Stormie Omartian. The next meeting is **Monday, Sep 18th @ 6pm** and will be held at the **404 Creamery in BSG**. All are welcome to attend.

**SPPR Meeting**—next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, Sep 28 @ 6 pm**

**Fall Festival Planning Mtg**—the next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, Oct 4 @ 6pm**; come and help get this Festival going! It was determined at the first meeting to hold the **Festival on Saturday, Oct 28 from 3-5 pm with food offered from 5-6 and finish with an outdoor movie at 6pm!** Mark your calendars and prepare for a fun filled day!

#### **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! Three specific areas to pray for the church:

- That the message of Jesus Christ will be made clear and simple during our worship services, fellowships and outreach ministries
- That people will accept and understand the message of Jesus Christ
- That opportunities for outreach and growth in the church will continue

**ANOTHER 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!!)**

Worship service at Heritage Hall **every Wednesday at 2:30-3 pm**, all are welcome to attend.

### EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

**Recovery Fest water giveaway—Saturday, Sep 16 from 1-5 pm in Miner’s**

**Park.** Volunteers are needed and so appreciated!

**Hunter’s Education Classes scheduled for September 30.** This class runs 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.** 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.

**Church Rummage Sale—this Fall, we have an abundance of items for our next rummage sale—so much, that we are doing TWO Fall rummage sales.....get ready for some MAJOR BARGAINS! Our first sale will run this week, Monday, Sep 11 through Friday, Sep 15 from 9am-2pm Mon-Thu and 9am-Noon Friday. Volunteers are needed and appreciated!** Our second sale will be in October.....be on the lookout!

Get ready—it’s almost **pancake breakfast** time again! The Methodist Men will provide a pancake breakfast on **Oct 14** in conjunction with the Blue Highway Fest. The women will also have a bake sale going so folks can get some goodies to take with them!

**Mark your calendars!** The Tennessee-based gospel group *Sacred Harmony* is scheduled to be at Trinity to perform on **Sunday, November 12 at 6 pm**. They request a love offering. This will be a musical treat you don’t want to miss!

**\*\*If you were involved in VBS this year, please pick up a survey in the fellowship hall, complete and return it to the office. We need your input to make improvements for next year!\*\***

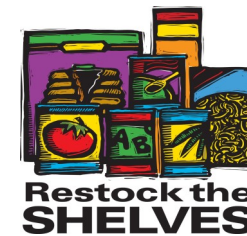
#### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE September 3rd:**

Sunday School: 7  
In-Person Worship: 69  
Facebook Live: 16  
Visitors: 11  
Heritage Hall Sep 6: 16

#### **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 food item requested for September is Chef Boy Ardee—Spaghetios or Ravioli



**ZIMBABWE BACKPACK ITEMS:** Our goal is to fill 60 backpacks. The donation requested for September is a pack of pencils (10-12 pack-NOT mechanical); there is a box in the fellowship hall to deposit supplies.

## The Trinity Companion

September 10, 2023



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