

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: Great Things by Phil Wickham

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

We gather this morning to remember our call:
To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

We bring with us the events of the week in the world and in our lives,
Trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the midst of it all.

We gather here, and see those who are doing justice, who are kind beyond measure, who set the example for humility.
With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the purpose of faith,

Let us worship God.

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

A Time for Prayer:

Scripture to encourage you in the faith: Jeremiah 29:11

¹¹I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the LORD; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope.

Pastoral Prayer: Led by Pastor Tim

Opening Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing **No.** 400

Children's Moment: Led by Pastor Tim

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!)

We are projected to meet our 2022 budget goals

Ushers: Men's Team (Ruben A., Dana B., Paul C., and Dennis A.)

⁶What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also read a generous crop.

⁷Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way, you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

Offertory Prayer: by Pastor Tim

Offertory Music: Abide with Me arranged by Greg Howlett

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: He Looked Beyond My Fault

Sermon: "Don't Forget the Outcasts" Luke 15:1-10

Response to Worship : A Service of Word and Table **No.** 8-11

Communion Stewards: Diane B., Amy G., Patty R., and Angie T.

Closing: Amazing Grace **No.** 378

Benediction

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

Postlude: I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (traditional African-American Spiritual)

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 candle lighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and



Announcements

Adult Sunday School is on Sunday at 10 am.

Choir Practice is Wednesday at 7 pm.

Praise, Worship, and Singing Service—Help me thank Rick Galyean for putting together a wonderful worship service for us last Sunday!

Pop-N-for Jesus—Help me thank Betty Fleenor for organizing the event. We had a wonderful time serving the students and faculty at Mountain Empire Community College. Our next service day is Wednesday September 28th at 9 am.

Administrative Board Meeting—Our next meeting is today immediately following the worship service.

Trinity UMC Mini Golf Tournament—Today 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. The admission fee is \$7 and you can donate for the food. Please sign the sign-up sheet so we will know how much food we need to prepare. Let's see who will get the best score. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Ashley.

United Methodist Men—The next gathering is tomorrow 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.

Recovery Awareness Month—September is Recovery Awareness Month and we want to be in prayer for all who need or are in the process of recovering from harmful addictions. To show our support our friends from Recovery Soldiers Ministries in Elizabethton, TN, will be joining us on Sunday, September 18th. During our worship service, the team of women will be leading us in song and they will be sharing their testimonies. After the service, we will be having a lunch in the fellowship hall and all are welcome to eat with us.

Baptism of Aria Faith Zirkle—On Sunday, September 18th during our worship service, we will be baptizing Aria. Aria is the daughter of Katie and Cody Zirkle and the granddaughter of Diana & Bob Botts and Debra & Sam Zirkle. During the vows, we will be asking the congregation to remember their baptisms and to make a commitment to nurture Aria's Christian journey with their prayers, support, and witness.

Trinity Book Club—We are relaunching our book group and you are welcome to attend. We will meet on Monday, September 19th at 6 pm. The book that we will be reading and discussing is "Enemies of the Heart" by Andy Stanley. The ISBN is 9781601421456 and you can find the book new for around \$10-15.

American Red Cross and VA State Fire Marshal's Office—On Saturday, September 17 from 9 am–1pm there will be a free smoke alarm installation event in Wise County. If you need a smoke alarm or want to volunteer your services, contact (423) 341-8471.

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

*Offering Stewards for September 2022

September 18th—Amy G., Erin H., Cecelia R., and Lana P.
September 25th—John H., Daniel W., Ruben A., and Phil R.

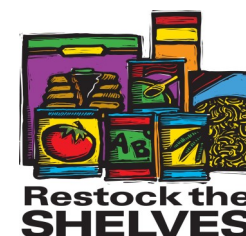
*Children's Moment for September 2022

September 18th—Diane B.
September 25th—Beth H.

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 September 11, 2022



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