

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: Come As You Are by David 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.

Call to Worship

God has set this day before us,
A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

God has set our lives before us,
A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.

God has set God's seal upon our hearts,
So that we might live fully in deep love.

Let us worship God.

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

- Recovery Group (meets in our church) update with Erin Hagan

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.

Congregational Prayer

Lord, we bless you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who ministered to all who came to Him. Give your strength to our brothers and sisters, your children, who are bound by the chains of addiction. Enfold them in your love and restore to each of them the freedom, healing, and peace that only You can provide. Look with compassion on all those who have lost their health and freedom. Strengthen them in the work of recovery and help them find treatment to resist the bodily craving and emotional temptation of addiction. To those who care, work or

advocate for them, grant patience, understanding, wisdom, and a love that perseveres.

Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee **No. 89**

Children's Moment: Led by Diane Botts
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: Women's Team (Amy G., Erin H., Cecilia R., and Lana P.)

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

Faithful One, you have entrusted us with so many gifts that are more important than worldly possessions. You have called us to be stewards of all that you have created. We strive to fulfill your call to be generous stewards by openly sharing the bounty you have placed under our care. We know that we visibly demonstrate our commitment to your work in this world by giving these tithes and offerings. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

Offertory Music: Master, the Tempest is Raging (Peace, Be Still)
(arranged by Rebecca Belliston)

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.

Recovery Soldiers Ministry Team

"A Victorious Choir Service"

Response to Worship : A Modern Affirmation **No. 885**

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,
Infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of Man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in our example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth,**

In Jesus' Name, AMEN.

Closing: Soon and Very Soon **No. 708**

Benediction and blessing of the food

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

Postlude: Living for Jesus (music by Harold C. Lowden)

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.

Announcements

Adult Sunday School is on Sunday at 10 am.

Choir Practice is Wednesday at 7 pm.

Trinity UMC Flooding Response—Help me thank Angela Clendenon, Dennis Ashley, and the Valley Volunteer Fire Department for partnering with us in sending supplies to our neighbors in Kentucky who have been impacted by the recent flooding. Boxes of school supplies, tools, and cleaning supplies have been sent which have valued in the thousands. May the Lord continue to bless and uplift all who have been negatively impacted by the flooding.

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 this morning. During our worship service, the team of women will be leading us in song and sharing their testimonies. After the service, we will be having a lunch in the fellowship hall and all are welcome to eat with us.

(Postponed) Baptism of Aria Faith Zirkle—The baptism of Aria Faith Zirkle has been postponed due to illness. We will inform you when the baptism will take place at a later date. Aria is the daughter of Katie and Cody Zirkle and the granddaughter of Diane & Bob Botts and Debra & Sam Zirkle.

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.

(Rescheduled) Trinity UMC Mini Golf Tournament—Weather permitting, we will have our tournament on Sunday, September 25th at 2 pm. We invited you to meet us at the Big Stone Gap Golf in Frog Level for an afternoon of food, fun, and competition. The admission 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.

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 Friday, September 28th at 9 am.

World Communion Sunday—During the worship service on Sunday October 2nd, we will be observing World Communion Day. This is a good time for us to reflect on the needs of brothers and sisters around the world and to realize that we are a part of the church universal and that all believers of Christ are working towards the same goals. Some of the goals are to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to wait for the return of Christ with great anticipation.

United Methodist Men—The next gathering and meal is Monday October 3rd at 6 pm. More details will be available soon.

UMM Benefit Pancake Breakfast—The breakfast is Saturday October 8th. If you wish to volunteer, you are welcome to help us. Also, tickets are available and each meal is \$6.

Blessing of the Animals—For the second year, we will have a blessing of the animals service on Sunday October 9th at 2 pm. All are welcome to bring their

pets to the service. Our friends from Far Fetched Grooming and Boarding will be with us to give us grooming tips and support.

A Blessing of the Animals witnesses to God’s and Church’s love, care, and concern for creation. As we recognize our mutual interdependence with God’s creatures, the Church’s witness of stewardship of creation is strengthened. The service is a special appeal to those who love animals.

District Day with the Bishop—This year, we are honored to host Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett for District Day 2020 here at Trinity UMC. The gathering will be Wednesday October 12th at 3:30 pm. During her time with us, she will give a presentation, lead us in worship, and will serve communion. This will be a good time for all to meet our new bishop and to ask questions that you may have. All are welcome to attend this event.

Trinity Youth Sponsorship Opportunity—The Youth are already preparing to travel to Resurrection in January 2023. As many of you know, this is the largest expense that the Youth incur. One way to assist the youth with fundraising for the trip is to sponsor a youth to attend Resurrection. The cost is approximately \$150 per student to attend. This amount covers their lodging, transportation, ticket to the event, and six meals (Friday-Sunday). If you would like to sponsor a youth for Resurrection, please speak with Christy Smith (Youth Director).

NOW Team Meeting—The NOW Team will meet on Sunday September 25th following the worship service. If you are interested in the Nurturing, Outreach, and Worship ministries of the church, please consider attending. We will be working on some calendar items/events and discussing a few other topics. There is no set list of members of this team. It is open to all who wish to serve.

Fall Rummage Sale—The Fall Rummage Sale has been set for October 3rd – 7th.

Highlights from our last Board Meeting

- To enhance the security team’s ability to create a safe worship environment for us, the Board approved to purchase six (6) Motorola radios with multiple features for \$2,365. Features include a multi-unit charger and earpieces. The team will also be obtaining quotes to purchase new door locks for the exterior doors.
- The church received \$1000 which the donor requested to be used for the nursery. The Board approved the creation of a Nursery Fund under the designated fund category.
- Treasure Joyce Palmer reported that the church is currently meeting the 2022 budget
- The Board has decided not to move forward with the purchase of the former District parsonage which is located adjacent to our church parsonage.
- The board has approved to have a designated area within the church to collect and store excess items that will be placed in the Blessing Box.
- The Youth Group will be relaunching soon and they will be engaging in fundraising. If you have any questions, contact Christy Smith.

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 18, 2022

By
his
wounds
we are
healed.

Isaiah 53:5, NIV

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