

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. God loves you and so do we! Due to the increased number of cases of the COVID-19 Delta variant, we ask that both vaccinated and unvaccinated attendees wear a mask during worship services. If you do not have a mask, we have masks available for you in the narthex. The Church Council is monitoring this situation closely and will inform you of any changes in the future. We appreciate your willingness to provide a safe worship environment for all during this challenging season that we are living in.

Prelude: Come As You Are by Crowder

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome

Announcements

Prayer

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23 (NSRV)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He makes me to lie down in green pastures;**

he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,**

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

**your rod and your staff-
they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

Gloria Patri

No. 70

Opening Hymn: Shall We Gather at the River

No. 723

Choral Anthem: Turning Point

Recovery Awareness Message: Shirley Smith (Founder of His Ministries in BSG)

Testimony and Reflections: Erin Hagan

Special Music: Chain Breaker by Zach Williams (soloist—Calli)

Prayer: (At this time, you can grab a candle to pray for someone who needs recovery or is in recovery.)

Musical Interlude: You Say by Lauren Daigle

Closing Hymn: Victory in Jesus

No. 370

Offertory

Benediction

Postlude: Who You Say I Am by Hillsong Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Study will be in the Fellowship Hall on Monday at 6:00 pm.

Bible Study will be in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday at 11:00 am.

Apprentice Book Study will be Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Choir practice will be on Wednesday at 7:00 pm. The choir has started to prepare for the Christmas Cantata.

There will be a baby shower for Rebekah Spurlock Owens on Saturday, September 25 at 2 pm at Kenny and Martha Spurlock's home.

The Fall Yard Sale will be during the week of November 1st– 5th.

Highlights from the Church Council Meeting

The Church Council voted to donate at least \$25 for this year to the following missions: *Missionaries Around the World*, *Appalachia Service Project*, *UMCOR Disaster Response in U.S.*, and *Change for Children*.

The Church Council is delighted to report that the new HVAC systems in both the church and the parsonage have been paid for. We appreciate all who have donated for this important investment.

Jack McClanahan shared a lot of useful information about the Afghanistan refugees and the possibility for our church to lead a community effort to sponsor a family. Unfortunately, at this time we are not able to sponsor due to factors out of our control, but the Council is willing to revisit this opportunity in the future.

Side Note

September is also Suicide Awareness Month and is observed in conjunction with Recovery Awareness due to the overlapping focus of mental health importance and the fact that EVERYONE is affected.

There is a special event, *Relate & Release Suicide Awareness Night*, that is being held in Knoxville, TN, (1218 E. Magnolia Ave—across from Headliners) on Wednesday, September 22 beginning at 5 pm. This event is for everyone. There will be dinner, an art workshop offered by Canvas Can Do Miracles (ccdmiracles.com), a balloon release, youth presenters, survivors, and emotional support.

Please pass this information along to our family, friends, brothers, and sisters that are close enough to take advantage of the program.

The Trinity Companion Sunday September 19, 2021



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& I shall not want

PSALM 23:1

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