

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: Uyai Mose (Come, All You People) by Alexander Gondo (Zimbabwean)

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 recited in Portuguese: Camilla Menassi

Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy No. 64

Scripture Reading: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Lector Reader: Beth H.

¹Hear my teaching, my people. Turn your ears to the words of my mouth.

²I will open my mouth in a parable. I will utter dark sayings of old,

³Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

⁴We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of Yahweh, his strength, and his wondrous deeds that he

has done.

¹²He did marvelous things in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

¹³He split the sea, and caused them to pass through. He made the waters stand as a heap.

¹⁴In the daytime he also led them with a cloud, and all night with a light of fire.

¹⁵He split rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as out of the depths.

¹⁶He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

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.

The Apostles' Creed recited in German: Nicole Robinson

Children's Moment: led by Mary Beth A.

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: (Joyce P., Sandra R., Lana P., Pat B.)

Offertory Music: O-So-So (Come Now, O Prince of Peace) by Geonyong Lee (Korean)

Doxology No. 95

Anthem/Special Song Go Ye Into All The World

Response to the Service: A Service of Word and Table No. 13-15

Communion Stewards: Patty R., Phil R., Paul C., Amy G.

Communion Music: Nasibi (My Portion) by Nabil Wasif Bayawi (Palestinian)

Sermon: "God Tests Our Hearts" Exodus 17:1-7

Response to the Service: Altar Call—if you desire to come to the front for prayer you are welcome to do so.

Closing Hymn: For The Healing of the Nations No. 428

Benediction

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

Postlude: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah Arranged by Hal Hopson (Caribbean)

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.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, IS PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY! LET'S SHOW PASTOR TIM SOME LOVE!

*Offering stewards for October

Oct 8: Billy W., Chris S., John H., Daniel W.

Oct 15: Amy G., Susie W., Susan H., Angie T.

Oct 22: Fred H., Steve P., Paul C., Rob M.

Oct 29: Beth H., Erin H., Patty R., Alberta M.

*Children's Moment for October

Oct 8: Nicole R.

Oct 15: Beth H.

Oct 22: Diane B.

Oct 29: Patty R.

*Greeters for October

Oct 8: Angie T., Alberta M.

Oct 15: Amy G., Patty R.

Oct 22: Joyce P., Tiffany A.

Oct 29: Donna M., Amy G.

*Lector Readers for October

Oct 8: Phil R. Psalm 19

Oct 15: Kim P. Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Oct 22: Natalie S Psalm 99

Oct 29: Rob M. Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Nursery Volunteers for October

Oct 1: Judy H., Amy G.

Oct 8: Cathy G., Donna M.

Oct 15: Paula B., Nicole R.

Oct 22: Amy G., Katie Z.

Oct 29: Judy H., Cathy G.

*Communion Stewards for November 5th

Diane B., Pat B., Sandra R., Angie T.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

Adult Sunday School is Sunday at 10 am.

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

***Women of Trinity**—The next meeting is **TODAY, Oct 1 @ 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 25th @ 6pm** and will be held at the **404 Creamery in BSG**. All are welcome to attend.

The next **Pop’N for Jesus** is scheduled for **Wed, Oct 25th**. Interested in helping? Meet at church or Hardees at 8:30 am!

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. We will have signup sheets in the fellowship hall for folks to volunteer in one hour shifts to help with some of the games!

Methodist Men—The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Oct 9th @ 6 pm**; the meal cost is **\$12 per person**. Please sign up in fellowship hall if you plan to attend. All men are welcome.

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.....

Monday, Oct 2nd, at 6 pm is a **Day with the Bishop at Colonial Heights UMC in Kingsport**. All are welcome to attend.

Next Sunday, Oct 8th, at 3 pm, come to the church parking lot and bring your fur babies for the **Blessing of the Animals**. The owner of **Smelly’s Pet Boutique** will be here and have a basket to be raffled off to attendees—so your fur babies will be blessed and maybe

take home some goodies!

WE GOT YOUR SATURDAYS COVERED THIS MONTH!!

Get ready—it’s **pancake breakfast** time again! The Methodist Men will provide a pancake breakfast on **Saturday, 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!

Saturday, Oct21, from 10-6, we will be doing a water giveaway at the Home Craft Days at MECC. Volunteers are needed and appreciated! Come out and share blessings and check out some amazing crafts and food!

Saturday, Oct 28, is our Fall Festival starting at 3 pm....come enjoy the fun, the games AND PRIZES, the food and stay for the outdoor movie—showing ET! This is a guaranteed fun day for all!!

Tuesday, Oct 31, @ 6 pm is our **annual Trunk or Treat**. Bring the kids, bring your sweet tooth. If you want to participate, bring some candy to hand out and set up, weather permitting, outside!

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.

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!

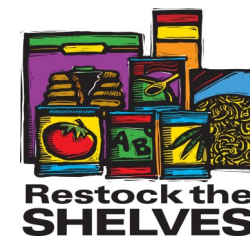
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE September 24th:

Sunday School: 7
In-Person Worship: 74
Facebook Live: 19
Visitors: 1
Heritage Hall Sep 27: 14

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

October 1, 2023



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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Worship begins at 11:00 am

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