

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: Only Jesus by Casting Crowns

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

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

God is our refuge and strength

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: I Sing the Almighty Power of God

No. 152

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19

Lector Reader: Phil R.

¹ Heaven is declaring God's glory; the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.

² One day gushes the news to the next, and one night informs another what needs to be known.

³ Of course, there's no speech, no words— their voices can't be heard—

⁴ but their sound extends throughout the world; their words reach the ends of the earth. God has made a tent in heaven for the sun.

⁵ The sun is like a groom coming out of his honeymoon suite; like a warrior, it thrills at running its course.

⁶ It rises in one end of the sky; its circuit is complete at the other. Nothing escapes its heat.

⁷ The LORD's Instruction is perfect, reviving one's very being. The LORD's laws are faithful, making naive people wise.

⁸ The LORD's regulations are right, gladdening the heart. The LORD's commands are pure, giving light to the eyes.

⁹ Honoring the LORD is correct, lasting forever. The LORD's judgments are true. All of these are righteous!

¹⁰ They are more desirable than gold— than tons of pure gold! They are sweeter than honey— even dripping off the honeycomb!

¹¹ No doubt about it: your servant is enlightened by them; there is great reward in keeping them.

¹² But can anyone know what they've accidentally done wrong? Clear me of any unknown sin

¹³ and save your servant from willful sins. Don't let them rule me. Then I'll be completely blameless; I'll be innocent of great wrongdoing.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to you, LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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 Nicole R.

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: (Billy W., Chris S., John H., Daniel W.)

Offertory Prayer: Let us pray,

Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Music: Me On Your Mind by Matthew West & Anne Wilson

Doxology

No. 95

Anthem/Special Song Come, Thou Fount

Sermon: "God's Sharecroppers" Matthew 21:33-46

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

Closing Hymn: Because He Lives

No. 364

Benediction

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

Postlude: Blessed Be Your Name by Matt Redman

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.

**TODAY IS PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY!
LET'S SHOW PASTOR TIM SOME LOVE!**

***Offering stewards for October**

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 15: Beth H.

Oct 22: Diane B.

Oct 29: Patty R.

***Greeters for October**

Oct 15: Amy G., Patty R.

Oct 22: Joyce P., Tiffany A.

Oct 29: Donna M., Amy G.

***Lector Readers for October**

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 8: Amy 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.

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.

Trinity Book Club—Our book is “The Power of a Praying Church” by Stormie Omartian. The next meeting is **Monday, Oct 16th @ 6pm** and will be held at the **404 Creamery in BSG**. All are welcome to attend.

The next **planning meeting** for the **Fall Festival** is **Wednesday, Oct 16, at 6 pm**. Please plan to attend as we work to finalize this festival! Sign up sheet to volunteer at game stations is in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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

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. Pastor Tim is in high demand, they have requested two services each Wednesday in two separate areas of Heritage Hall!

EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

TODAY 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. See any member of the Methodist Men to get your tickets. The women will **also have a bake sale** going so folks can get some goodies to take with them!

Saturday, Oct 21, 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!! **If you are able and willing, please sign up to volunteer to cover some of the game stations—sign up sheet in fellowship hall.**

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!

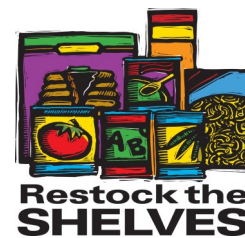
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE October 1st:

Sunday School: 5
In-Person Worship: 63
Facebook Live: 19
Visitors: 0
Heritage Hall Oct 4: 15

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 October, the requested item is ramen noodles.

The food item requested for October is ramen noodles—chicken or beef.



ZIMBABWE BACKPACK ITEMS: Our goal is to fill 60 backpacks. The donation requested for October is a dry erase set (markers/eraser/cleaning spray); there is a box in the fellowship hall to deposit supplies.

The Trinity Companion

October 8, 2023



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