

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.

To help promote the happenings in our church, you can share our services and events to the community on your Facebook page.

Prelude: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (featuring Jason Bailey on trumpet) arranged by Christian Garcia and Andrea J. Tressler

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.

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship

Special Selection from Trinity UMC Choir

Announcements (*noted within the bulletin)

A Time for Prayer:

Scripture to encouragement: 1 Chronicles 16:11

¹¹Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Tim

Opening Hymn: We Gather Together

No. 131

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100 CEB

¹Shout triumphantly to the LORD, all the earth!

²Serve the LORD with celebration!
Come before him with shouts of joy!

³Know that the LORD is God—
he made us; we belong to him.
We are his people,
the sheep of his own pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanks:
enter his courtyards with praise!
Thank him! Bless his name!

⁵Because the LORD is good,
his loyal love lasts forever:
his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

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 Kim P.

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.

Scripture about God's love for children: Matthew 19:14

¹⁴"Allow the children to come to me," Jesus said. "Don't forbid them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people like these children."

The Presentation of Tithes and Offering

(Thank you for your generosity!)

"God loves a cheerful Giver!" 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Ushers: Women's Team (Cecilia R., Pat B., Amy G., and Erin H.)

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together.

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

Offertory Music: Thanksgiving Medley by Jennifer Eklund

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: Thanksgiving (A Medley of Hymns) with Jason Bailey, trumpet

Sermon: "Be Thankful for Jesus" Luke 23:33-43

Response to Worship: The Apostles' Creed

No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Closing Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

No. 102

Benediction

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

Postlude: Thank You Lord by Chris Tomlin ft. Thomas Rhett and Florida Georgia Line

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.

New Member Class is Sunday, November 27th.

Trinity Book Club is on Monday at 6 pm. The book discussion is based on the text "Enemies of the Heart" by Andy Stanley. The ISBN is 9781601421456 and you can find the book new for around \$10-15.

Church Christmas Float—We are in the process of creating a Christmas float for the BSG Christmas parade scheduled for Thursday, December 1st at 6pm. If you want to volunteer in any way, please talk to Beth Hagan.

New Member and Baptism Classes—If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, our classes have started and we will meet again on November 27th. The new membership class is being held in the Wicker Room/Library (the room off of the Fellowship Hall). If you would like to be baptized, we can start a class for you so please contact either Rob or Tim to set this up.

Trinity Security Team Meeting—Our next meeting is Thursday, December 8th at 6 pm. If you want to be on the Trinity security team or just interested in their progress, you are welcome to come.

Christmas with the Pottery Shop—Our 2nd annual painting with the local pottery shop is scheduled for Saturday, November 26th, at 11 am. The gathering will take place in our Fellowship Hall and we will have more details in the week ahead. If you plan to attend, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the chancel rail.

Administrative Board Meeting—Our next meeting is this afternoon immediately after the worship service. This meeting is of great importance since we will be discussing why many churches within the United Methodist Church are choosing to disaffiliate from the denomination. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

Christmas Cantata—Please mark your calendars that our cantata is Sunday, December 4th and will be performed during our worship service. This year's performance is "An Appalachian Christmas" written by our music director, Rick Galyean. There is still time for you to participate in the choir and if you desire to do so, come to practice on Wednesday at 7 pm.

Communion Sunday—For the month of December, we will offer communion to you on Sunday December 11th.

Christmas in the Gap—We are happy to announce that Christmas in the Gap is scheduled for Saturday, December 17th at the Big Stone Gap Welcome Center. Dennis Ashley (SON's Ministry) will be there to serve the people in our community with gifts and food. If you want to donate, participate, or have questions, please contact Dennis.

Church Walkie Talkies—We are grateful to report that we discovered, with the help of Dana Barlow, a more cost-efficient walkie talkie brand that is compatible with the type that we initially planned to purchase. Instead of paying \$2,936.83, we paid \$653.91 for our new walkie talkies.

Blessing Box—If you want to bring food or other items for the blessing box, you can place your donated items in the labeled plastic bin located in the church fellowship hall.

Hanging of the Greens—We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, November 27, following the worship service. A light hors d'oeuvre style lunch will be available or you may choose to go eat and then come back to assist. There are many different tasks to do to prepare the church visually for the upcoming Christmas season.

TUMC Youth Fundraiser—The TUMC Youth will be selling Chocolate Covered Peanut Butter and Chocolate Covered Coconut Trees for a fundraiser. The trees are \$5.00 each and payment is due with the order (see bulletin insert to order). Please see Christy Smith if you have any questions. Trees will be available for pickup on Sunday, December 18 (alternate arrangements can be made as needed). The trees will be made on Sunday, December 11 following the worship service, if you wish to assist with making them.

Offering Stewards for November
27th—Chris S., Dennis A., Gary H., Phil R.

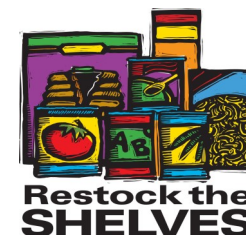
Children's Moment
27th—Cindy A.

Communion Sunday Stewards for December 11
Diane B., Amy G., Patty R., and Angie T.

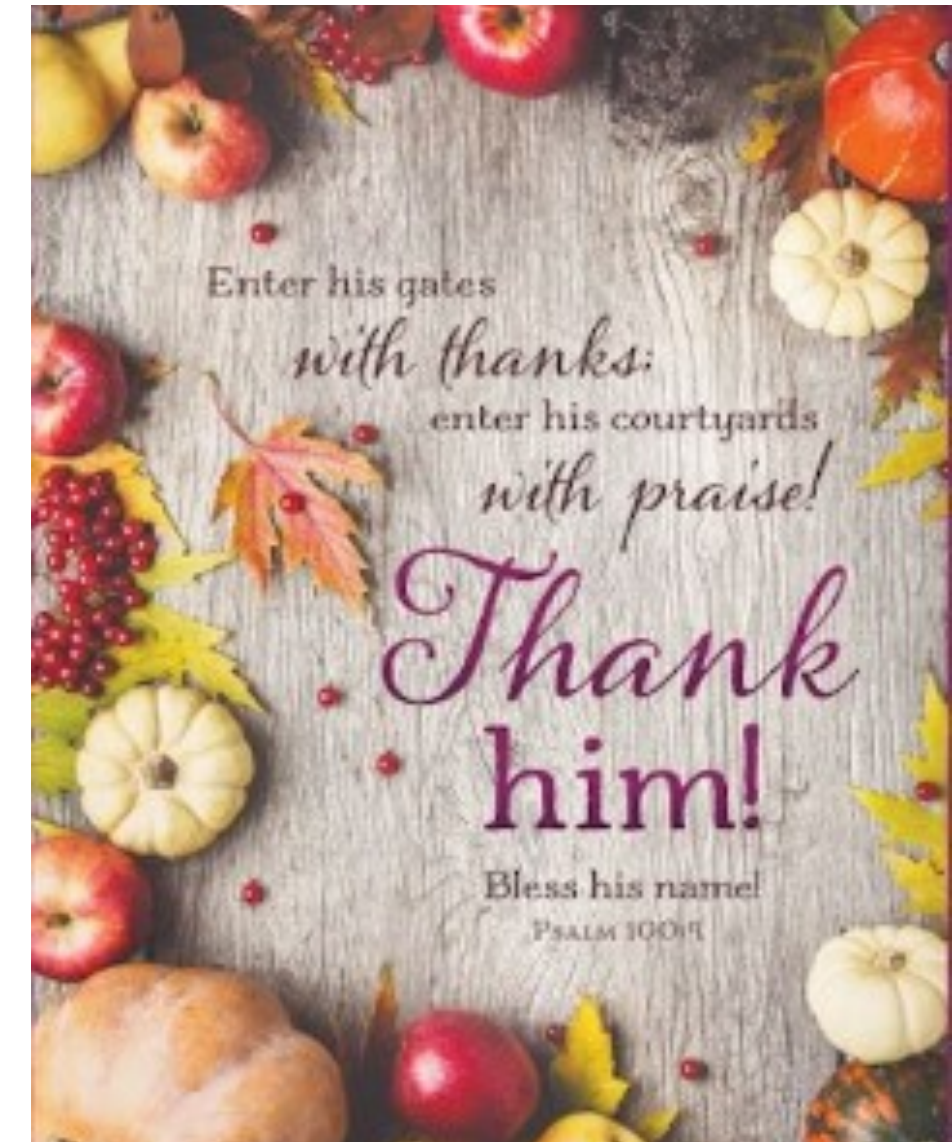
UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of November, the requested item is Breakfast Bars.

The requested flavors are Apple/Cinnamon or Strawberry.



The Trinity Companion November 20, 2022



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