

**Today's liturgical color is green which marks "Ordinary Time." Ordinary time is any time of year between Easter and Advent and between Christmas and Lent. Green symbolizes life, hope, and anticipation.**

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

**\*\*DISCLAIMER: Trinity UMC utilizes videography to live stream all sanctuary worship services to social media. Service will be available for replay and images, likenesses, and audio may be captured to be used as thumbnails on each TUMC ran website. If you have any concerns, please notify the church office staff.\*\***

**PRELUDE:** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus arranged by Craig Curry

#### 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— I Saw The Light

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin,  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in;  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night-  
Praise the Lord!—-I saw the light.  
I saw the light, —-I saw the light,—  
No more in darkness, no more in night; —  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight-  
Praise the Lord! —-I saw the light.

**WELCOME from Rob Moore and welcome your neighbors**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (\*noted within the bulletin)

**A TIME FOR PRAYER:** Rob Moore

#### 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:** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence No. 626

#### Light the Advent Candle

Light the Advent candle one  
Now the waiting has begun  
We have started on our way  
Time to think of Christmas Day

**First Sunday of Advent: Hope**

**Readers:** Shell Family

**Reader One:** From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, "The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah" (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

**Congregation: While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God's grace already at work in our midst.**

**Reader Two:** We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here – the days when God's kingdom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

*Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.*

#### Light the Advent Candle Chorus

Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Shining in the cold winter night:  
Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** Kim P.

**\*\*THE NURSERY IS NOW OPEN\*\*** First Sunday of

#### THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Ushers:** Gary H, Rob M, Spencer Q, Phil R

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Rob Moore

**OFFERTORY MUSIC :** Anticipation for Christmas by Lindy Kerby

#### DOXOLOGY

No. 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** What Child Is This Angela Roman

**SERMON:** "The Righteous Branch and the Budding Fig" Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:27-33

**RESPONSE TO THE SERVICE: ALTAR CALL** – At this time if you desire to come to the front for prayer, you are welcome to do so.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED:** No. 881

**CLOSING HYMN:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel No. 211

#### BENEDICTION

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

**POSTLUDE:** Hope Has a Name by Passion

**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.

Here's a snapshot of our current budget numbers:

TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
<b>*NEW FISCAL YEAR JULY TO JUNE*</b>	
<b>TUMC 24/25 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$161,500.00</b>
<b>WEEKLY GOAL</b>	<b>\$3,105.77</b>
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING	\$3,151.16
YEARLY BUDGET TO DATE	\$65,221.17
YEARLY OFFERINGS TO DATE	\$58,970.47

#### METHODS OF GIVING

We have several ways for you to support the ongoing ministries and operating expenses of our church:

- bring an offering to the Sunday worship and put in the collection plate
- use the drop box at the back of the church
- mail a check to the church
- set up recurring payments with your bank
- online donation via website Subsplash—use the following address on your computer, tablet or phone:  
<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/FJ4VNG>  
this secure website allows you to make a donation/offering in any amount, in any frequency (weekly, monthly, etc), and to select a specific purpose/fund for your donation. You can complete one of the cards located in the pews and put in offering plate to alert the office that you have made an online donation OR you can scan the QR Code below. With any of the electronic methods, you will need to establish an account prior to your first gift. Afterwards, you can simply sign in to your account.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT. (Online Giving Scan)



Wanna check out our Facebook page-scan here!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: EVERY Sunday at 10am**

**HERITAGE HALL WORSHIP: EVERY Wednesday at 1:30-3:30 pm**, all are welcome to attend

**MINDFUL MOVING GROUP: Every Wednesday at 5:30 pm**; walking &/or moving to music w/Donna Mahan's direction. All are welcome to attend.

**CHOIR PRACTICE: EVERY Wednesday at 7pm**

**BIBLE LESSON-MEOC Participants:** Every 3rd Wednesday @ 11 am in the Fellowship Hall

**WOMEN OF TRINITY: 1st Sunday @ 5 pm— TODAY; Please bring any extra Christmas gift bags you can donate to bag up the Heritage Hall gifts.** All women are welcome to attend.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING: 2nd Sunday following worship service- Dec 15. This month's meeting is moved out a week.** All are welcome to attend.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN: 2nd Monday @ 6 pm – Dec 9.** Meeting is held at Country Kitchen. All men are welcome to attend.

### EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

Shameless plug (I have asked for forgiveness as I type this!): I pray God's grace shines on Jacob n Hope's wedding today (Amy's grandson).

Get your creative juices flowing—the **BSG Christmas Parade will be Thursday, December 5th. This year's theme is The First Noel.** Ok people let's do this, we have a 2nd place ribbon to defend!!!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The choir will present Handel's Messiah Next Sunday, December 8 @ 4PM!** If you know of any community members that would like to sing with us, spread the word! **Lets fill the church!!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** We are planning a lil paint party on **Monday, Dec 9 @ 5—8 pm.** All supplies are provided, cost is \$35/ per person. Just bring a plate of cookies to share and take home a painting to proudly gift or hang in your home!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: You don't wanna miss this—Peggy Beverly's 100th birthday celebration! Saturday, Dec 14 - 2-4pm @ The Fox House..** please—your presence is the only gift Peggy requests!

**Trinity UMC Staff Christmas Bonus**—to show our appreciation to the staff members of Trinity, through the month of December you can give a monetary gift which will be divided between the following staff members: Joyce Palmer (treasurer); Tiffany Stallard Adams (admin/production asst); Amy Garcia (church secretary); Rick Galyean (music director); Calli Shell (pianist); and Ian Maxie (custodian)

### \*Offering stewards for December

Dec 8: Amy G, Patty R, Cecilia R, Susie W  
Dec 15: Dennis A, John H, Daniel W, Billy W  
Dec 22: Pat B, Joyce P, Lana P, Sandra R  
Dec 29: Cathy G, Susan H, Steve P, Chris S

### \*Children's Moment for December

Dec 8: Beth H  
Dec 15: Mary Beth A  
Dec 22: Diane B  
Dec 29: Nicole R

### \*Greeters for December

Dec 8: Margaret B, Dotty B  
Dec 15: Alberta M, Joyce P  
Dec 22: Tiffany A, Donnie J  
Dec 29: Amy G, Donna M

### \*Advent/Lector Readers for December

Dec 8: Advent 2-Zirkle family  
Dec 15: Advent 3-Rich family  
Dec 22: Advent 4-Galyean family  
Dec 24: Advent 5-TBD  
Dec 29: Phil R—Psalm 148

### Nursery Volunteers for December

Dec 1: Judy H, Paula B  
Dec 8: Cathy G, Donna M  
Dec 15: Amy G, Nicole R  
Dec 22: Judy H, Donna M  
Dec 29: Paula B, Cathy G

### \*Communion Stewards for Dec 8

Paula B, Donna M, Joyce P, Alberta M

### \*Communion Stewards for Dec 24

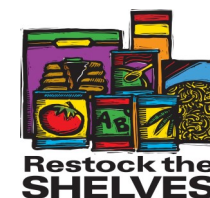
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### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday School: 8  
In-Person Worship: 73  
Facebook Live: 22  
Visitors: 2

### UPS BACKPACK PROGRAM

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. The food item requested for December is juice boxes—apple or grape



**DISASTER RELIEF ROOM:** We have a designated room upstairs to house hygiene, home and some clothing for local disaster (fire, etc) victims. If you have any extra items to add to this room, please see Dennis or Cindy.

# The Trinity Companion

## December 1, 2024



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