

*Today's liturgical color is blue which symbolizes hope. During the season of Advent, we remember our reason that hope is in our life. We are assured that God keeps his promises and on that first Christmas, He sent his only son Jesus Christ to fulfill His promise of salvation to us.*

*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:** Glory (Let There Be Peace) by Matt Maher

#### 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—** Emmanuel, Emmanuel No. 204  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel

**WELCOME from Pastor Tim and welcome your neighbors**

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

#### A TIME FOR PRAYER:

##### 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.**

#### Light the Advent Candle

**Light the Advent candle two  
Think of humble shepherds, who  
Filled with wonder at the sight  
Of the child on Christmas night.**

**Second Sunday of Advent: Peace**

**Readers:** Zirkle Family

**Reader One:** The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and

refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness" (Malachi 3:2b-3)

**Congregation:** In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.

**Reader Two:** We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

*Light the second 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.**

**OPENING HYMN:** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus No. 196

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** Beth H.

#### THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Ushers:** Amy G, Patty R, Cecilia R, Susie W

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Pastor Tim

**OFFERTORY MUSIC :** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arranged by Greg Howlett

**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:** Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth duet-Calli Shell & Rick Galyean

**A Service of Word and Table** No. 13-15

**Communion Stewards:** Paula B, Donna M, Joyce P, Alberta M

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

**\*\*THE NURSERY IS NOW OPEN\*\***

**SERMON:** "He Has Visited Us" Luke 1:67-79

**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.

**CLOSING HYMN:** Break Thou The Bread of Life No. 599

#### BENEDICTION

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

**POSTLUDE:** The Peace Carol by Bob Beers (as performed by John Denver and the Muppets)

**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                  | <b>\$1,579.00</b>   |
| YEARLY BUDGET TO DATE                 | \$68,326.94         |
| YEARLY OFFERINGS TO DATE              | \$60,549.47         |

#### 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– Jan 5th;** 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.....**

**The Messiah will be performed today at 4 pm. Martha Painter, harpist, will be performing prior to the Messiah from 3:30 until 4 pm. A reception and meal will follow the performance. 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 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 15: Mary Beth A  
Dec 22: Diane B  
Dec 29: Nicole R

**\*Greeters for December**

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

**\*Advent/Lector Readers for December**

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 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 24**

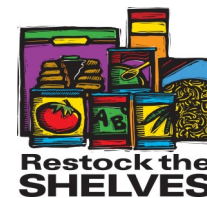
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**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Sunday School: 5  
In-Person Worship: 38  
Facebook Live: 22  
Visitors: 0

**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 8 , 2024**



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**Worship begins at 11:00 am**

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