

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: The King of Love (The King Has Come) by Stuart Townend

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 four
Think of joy forevermore
Christ child in a stable born
Gift of love that Christmas morn**

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love

Readers: Galyean Family

Reader One: When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, "But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah....from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day." (Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us,

proclaiming, "But you, O **Trinity United Methodist Church**, from you shall come forth for me..." What? What might God be calling forth from us?

Congregation: God invites us to receive the promise of God's salvation and the sustenance of God's mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God's invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

Reader Two: We light this cancel of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God's promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God's love for all creation.
Light the fourth 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: O Little Town of Bethlehem No. 230

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Diane B.
****THE NURSERY IS NOW OPEN****

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ushers: Pat B, Joyce P, Lana P, Sandra R
OFFERTORY PRAYER: Pastor Tim

God of our future, whose compassion is unlimited, all that we have is yours and to you we shall render account for all you have given us. As we offer you these gifts we enjoy from your bounty, grant that we may live well, love generously, and seek first your kingdom, on earth as in heaven, through Jesus Christ our most kind Judge and Saviour. Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC : Canticle of the Turning arranged by Mark David Johnson

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: Mary Did You Know

SERMON: "When Two Favored People Met" Luke 1:39-55

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: There's a Song in the Air No. 249

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE: Christmas Time is Here by Lee Mendelson & Vince Guaraldi

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	
NEW FISCAL YEAR JULY TO JUNE	
TUMC 24/25 BUDGET	\$161,500.00
WEEKLY GOAL	\$3,105.77
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING	\$4,797.17
YEARLY BUDGET TO DATE	\$74,538.48
YEARLY OFFERINGS TO DATE	\$69,541.64

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 @ 10 am

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

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

CHOIR PRACTICE: EVERY Wednesday @ 7 pm

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- Jan 12. This month’s meeting is moved out a week. All are welcome to attend.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: 2nd Monday @ 6 pm – Jan 13. Meeting is held at Country Kitchen. All men are welcome to attend.

EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—Our Epiphany Service, the 47th Annual Festival: Nine Lessons and Carols, will be January 12, 2025, at 5 pm. You don’t wanna miss it!

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).

REMINDER: Tuesday @ 6 pm is our Candlelight Service. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!



***Offering stewards for December**
Dec 29: Cathy G, Susan H, Steve P, Chris S

***Children’s Moment for December**
Dec 29: Nicole R

***Greeters for December**
Dec 22: Tiffany A, Amy G
Dec 29: Amy G, Donna M

***Advent/Lector Readers for December**
Dec 24: Advent 5-Tipton family
Dec 29: Natalie S—Psalm 148

Nursery Volunteers for December
Dec 22: Amy G, Donna M
Dec 29: Amy G, Nicole R

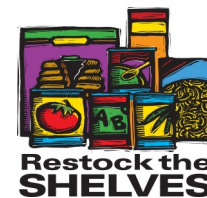
***Communion Stewards for Dec 24**
Tim R

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

- Sunday School: 4
- In-Person Worship: 55
- Facebook Live: 27
- Visitors: 0
- MEOC Bible Lesson: 15
- Heritage Hall : 16
(Special Unit only)

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 22 , 2024



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Worship begins at 11:00 am

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