



TRINITY
United Methodist Church

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Welcome to Trinity!

We pray that you experience the love, joy, and peace of Christ this morning.

We invite you to check out the website (trinityumc.net) to learn more about Trinity and to find out how to get involved.

At Trinity, our mission is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” Our staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have – we are here for you. May God’s love refresh and inspire you today and always.

Please sign the pad in the Guest Book located in each pew. Whether a visitor or member we would like to know that you worshipped with us this morning, and which of our services you attended.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity UMC...

Please contact Rev. Daniel Guenther at dguenther@trinityumc.net.

Kids in Worship

Trinity welcomes all kids in Worship. Worship Bags are available in the Welcome Center to help them engage with the service. *We ask that you return the Worship Bags to the Welcome Center after the service.*

After the Kids Moment at each service, preschoolers and elementary aged kids may attend Kids Worship in the Chapel. They return to the Sanctuary during the offering.

Technicians

Sam Duenckel, Paul Larkum (9 AM)

Sasha and Polina Runyan (11 AM)

Acolytes (11:00 AM)

Candlelighters – Clara Vernon, Elise Vernon

Crucifer – Lauren Vernon

I Believe

This year Trinity is using Society of St. Andrew’s Advent devotional (I Believe) in paper and digital format. Pick up a paper copy in the Narthex or download a digital copy at: https://endhunger.org/docs_church/advent/Advent-Booklet.pdf.

“I was hungry and you fed me.” Matthew 25:35

Prayer... To submit your prayer request or to share a joy with our intercessory prayer chain, contact Judy Oguich (joguich@trinityumc.net or 288-6056 ext. 206). Over 50 persons have committed to praying for our community.

Trinity members and staff pray for the concerns and joys of your heart. If you have a request, fill out a green Pastoral Care Card or the white Trinity Care Team Card (*located in the Guest Book*) and drop it in the offering plate.

“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone,” *1 Timothy 2:1*

Known Member Prayer Concerns

Carol Crowder
Mike Fanelli

Ken Cardoza
David Boring

Bridgette Crable

Pat Cerny

The family of Robin Brewster

Community Prayer Concern

Trinity members' loved ones: Miller Jenkins, Erik DeVriendt

First Responders and Active Service Men and Women

Victims of extreme weather and natural disasters

Victims of war and violence

All Students, Teachers, School Staff, School Administrators, and Bus Drivers

Events and Meetings This Week

TODAY:	9 AM	Modern Worship Service
	10 AM	Discipleship / Sunday School Classes
	11 AM	Traditional Worship Service
	6 PM	Create & Celebrate Covered-Dish Dinner (Trinity Hall) <i>A covered-dish dinner will take place at 6 PM, followed by the crafts (4 for adults and 4 for children). Bring your favorite dish to share!</i>



Monday	11:45 AM 7 PM	Monday Morning Prayer Group (Chapel) Dillard Bible Study Group (ZOOM)
Tuesday	10 AM 6-8 PM	United Women in Faith Circle 1 Gathering <i>... at the home of Bonnie Andrews</i> Pickleball (Trinity Hall)
Wednesday	3 PM 6 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Chair Yoga (Welcome Center) 3M Study Group (Room 317) Praise Team Rehearsal (Choir Room) Trinity Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday	1 PM 6 PM 6:30 PM	Robin Brewster Service and Reception Pastor Daniel's Bible Study (Room 323) United Women in Faith Circle 7 <i>... van departing to Meadow Event Park</i>
Friday	9 AM – 2 PM	Friday Food Collection (Trinity Hall)



Upcoming Events

- 12/22 6 PM Community Christmas Party – Dinner and Games
Trinity will host guests from Home Again for a Christmas celebration and we invite you to join us!
 We are collecting supplies to be given to Home Again and a list of items can be found on our website: www.trinityumc.net/special-events
Volunteers are also needed to assist with activities and to help with clean up after.
 Please sign up if you plan to attend www.trinityumc.net/special-events



- 12/24 4 PM Christmas Eve Instant Kids Pageant
Show up a little before 4 PM and your kids can dress up as an angel, shepherd or an animal! Kids remain seated with their parents until their character is called forward to join the pageant scene.
- 6 PM Christmas Eve Modern Worship Service
 8 PM Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service
 11 PM Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service
- 12/25 and 26 Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday
- 12/29 10 AM One Combined Worship Service / Carol Sing



- 1/1/2025 Church Office Closed for New Year's Day Holiday
- 1/12 10 AM Better Together Coffee Hour (Parlor)

Entrance

✠ Chiming the Hour

Welcome

✠ Prelude

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Trinity Ringers
Peggy Hart, director
arr. Mockelbust

*Call to Worship

written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024

*Children of God, our world is full of the fruit of humanity's greed,
apathy, and neglect for the love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.*

What, then, should we do?

*Our world is also full of the fruit of God's love that wells up all around us,
sustaining us, saving us, reviving us to live as the people of God.*

What, then, should we do?

*God encircles us on every side, Love divine present with us in creation,
in community, and in the anticipated arrival of the infant Emmanuel.*

What then, children of God, should you do?

**We will live in joyful presence with God and neighbor,
turning away from sin and toward a life
with God and one another marked by joy, justice, and mercy.
Amen.**

⚙ *Song

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

✠ *Hymn

Savior of the Nations, Come
(vss. 1-3)

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*Opening Prayer

Rev. Daniel Guenther

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Eternal Creator,

with you each moment of life is full of wonder and surprise.

We pray you to make us watchful as we await the coming of Christ.

Grant that we may not be found sleeping in sin,

but awake and rejoicing in your newness of life.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Joy

John-Scott, Catherine, Eloise, Teddy, and Clara Smith (9:00)

Art and Mary Beth Utley (11:00)

*... With joy you will remember that God's salvation
is already present among us.*

**Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world,
we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another.
We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world,
and we will not stop rejoicing in God,
whose salvation fills us to overflowing
that God's love might flow through us
and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.**

*We light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment
to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors
that in sharing our vulnerable lives
we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together.*

Sung Response

Light the Advent Candle (verse 3)

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✠*Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vss. 5-6)

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Proclamation and Response

*Scripture

Luke 3:7-18

Deanna McCullough (9:00)

Linda Robinson (11:00)

✠*Gloria Patri

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Kids Moment

Jen Williams

Sermon

Presence

Rev. Brian Siegle

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Judy Oguich

*written by Laura Jaquith Bartlett, posted on
the Ministry Matters website <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>.
Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at [https://re-worship.blogspot.com/
2013/01/confession-epiphany-1-c.html](https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/01/confession-epiphany-1-c.html).*

**Creator of the universe, we stand amazed at your power and glory.
We are eager to worship you and offer our praise,
but we are often reluctant to answer
when we hear you calling our name.**

(continued)

Prayer of Confession *(continued)*

**We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary,
but shy away from the river,
lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit.
Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always,
O God.
Renew us with the power of your ever-present love,
and strengthen us to proclaim your justice
throughout the world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Thanksgiving

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

☼*Offertory

Come Oh Redeemer Come

✠*Offertory

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke

*Doxology

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Sending Forth

☼*Song

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

✠*Hymn

Savior of the Nations, Come

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(vss. 4-5)

*Benediction

✠*Postlude

** Please stand as you are able*



Christmas Flower Tributes for 2024

<i>In Loving Memory of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
Ada and Ralph Bivins	Linda Latimer and Nancy McGowan
Ann Sangston	Jim Sangston
Antoine Hobeika	The Halls
Arthur, Audrey, and David Gerhan	Ken and Peggy Hart
Beverly Tresner Clark, My Aunt	Jerry M. Clark
Bob and Beth Hart	Ken and Peggy Hart
Caig Spitzer, our Son; and Mary Lu Windberg, Leila's Sister	Leila and Kirk Spitzer
Carl and Carolyn Robinson	The Fricke and Jones Families
Charles M. and Marjorie H. Browder	Their Family
Chick Hadden	Carole and Mike Dishman
Chick Hadden	Gibbie and Sandy Berry
Christoper Hickman	David and Gayle Hickman
Colleen Berninger	Carole and Mike Dishman
Davis Bottom and Carl Bottom	Hildie Bottom and Family
Dennis and Rick	Marti Parch
Diane Crosby	Pike and Reinking Families
Emily and Charlotte Benton, Our Granddaughters	Colby and Jan Benton
Frances and Mack Dewitt	Margaret and Steve Dewitt
George Pike	Pike and Reinking Families
Gilbert and Rose Stroop	Joyce S. Winters
Helen Long Hart	Roger Hart, Jr., Lisa, Roger, III, Anne Claire, and Charlotte
Jay Robinson	Leila and Kirk Spitzer
Jay Robinson	Cheryl, Pam, and Meredith; David, Jonathan, Adam, and Nathan
Jean and Alf Goodykoontz	Chuck and Cathy Goodykoontz
Jean Hanner	Gibbie and Sandy Berry
Jean Hanner	Chris, Jennifer, Lily Jean, and Nell Stalilonis
John Simpson	Carolyn Simpson
Julian D. Adkins	His Family
Kimberly Keene	Janet S. Keene
Lauren Banks	Susan and Ralph Freeman
Lois and Bernard Hill; Rick Hill; George and Mary Good; Helen Good; Alice Spotts; Ray Slabaugh	Rob and Joanne Spotts

<i>In Loving Memory of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
Maj. General Marshall E. McCabe, MD	Alice McCabe
Marian and Lester Jones	Sara and Waddy Street
Michael Eunice	Ridley Eunice
Michael R. Schoenenberger	Anna, Melinda, and Sid
Mike Eunice	His Sister, Donna Gilbert
Mike Eunice	Carole and Mike Dishman
Mike Skrabala	Reyna Skrabala
Mom and Dad, and My Best Friend, Rusty	Connie Harter Burton
Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rollison, Connie McAdam, Rowena Manning, Dale Ward, Bill Ward, and Brian Rollison	John and Pat Rollison
Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Heatwole	Davis and Sharolyn Heatwole
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Beck & Rev. and Mrs. A.L.G. Stephenson, III	Anne and Ken Beck
Mr. and Mrs. James F. Bailey, Sr.	Sharolyn and Davis Heatwole
My Parents and Grandparents	Gregg Reynolds
Nancy Utley	Art and Mary Beth Utley
Our Dad, Mike Eunice	His Girls
Our Loved Ones	Eric, Judy, Garrett, Natalie, and Abby Oguich
Our Loved Ones	Susan and Ralph Freeman
Our Parents	David and Gayle Hickman
Our Parents	Mike and Susie Hildebrand
Pam Rutledge	Reid, Peyton, Annie, Emma, Blair
Parents: Hilda and Charles Chiles; Betty and Paul Cross	Teresa and Mike Cross
Rick and Alyce West	Kelley and Leila
Robin Brewster	Those Blessed to Call Her Friend
Stephanie Roberts Larry	Peggy and Vernon Roberts
Sylvia Britt	Randy Britt
T. S., Daisy, Jean, and Thomas Shutt	Sarah Shutt
Thomas Wayne Lemon	Anna, Melinda, and Sidney
Virginia Pickering and Ingrid Shomo	Porter and Donna Shomo
Warren and Shirley Overstreet	Pam Overstreet
William and Evelyn Carlton (Dee and PaPa), Our Beloved Parents and Grandparents	Nancy, Rannie Lou, and Bryan

<i>In Honor of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
Amy, Jamie, Caitlin, Jackson, and Alex Bitz	Sara and Waddy Street
Brad and Jan Booker	Carolyn Simpson
Carol Crowder	The Crowder Family
Davis and Bana Caskey	Trinity's Staff
Family and Friends	Kelley and Leila
Gray, Corey, Hilton and Byrd Booker	Carolyn Simpson
Henry and Caroline Beck and Catherine and Jack Malandrino	Anne and Ken Beck
Jane Hobeika	The Halls
Jo Ann Lewis	Circle 6
Judy Oguich	3M, with Love, and Appreciation
Ken Hart	Young at Heart
Linda Robinson	Cheryl, Pam, and Meredith; David, Jonathan, Adam, and Nathan
Mary Hetzel	Bonnie and Joe Andrews
My Children	Alice McCabe
Our Grandchildren and Their Parents	Ken and Peggy Hart
Sandy and Gibbie Berry	The Stalilonis Family
Sarah, Liz, and Audrey	With Love, from Mom
The Amazing Trinity Staff	The Messick Family
The Utleys: Jordan, Kyle, Colt, Tucker, and Karsyn	Art and Mary Beth Utley
Thom Crosby	Pike and Reinking Families
Trinity Staff	Burnett and Nancy Miller
Trinity's Staff and Ministers, and Families	Nancy L. Foley
Young at Heart Steering Committee	Judy Oguich





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The Trinity Foundation will be matching dollar for dollar for the first \$7,500 given to UMFS.

Christmas Eve Worship

**4:00 PM Family Service with
Instant Kids Pageant**
6:00 PM Modern Service
8:00 PM Traditional Service
11:00 PM Traditional Service