



TRINITY
United Methodist Church

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The Great and Powerful



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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

Betsy Estes, Paul Larkum (9 AM)

J. C. Brooks (11 AM)

Acolytes (11:00 AM)

Candlelighters – Adeline Vernon, Elise Vernon

Crucifer – Laurel 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	Bridgette Crable	Pat Cerny	Mike Fanelli
Eric Zimmerman	Jane Hobeika	Joyce Cardoza	

The family of Linda Lewis (sister of Vernon Roberts)

The family of Montie Largin (brother-in-law of Pat Rollison)

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

Entrance

✙ Chiming the Hour

Welcome

✙ Prelude

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

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*Call to Worship

*from The Visit of the Magi—Epiphany Sunday,
on The Calvin Institute of Christian Worship*

*O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:*

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

*O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:*

The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

*O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:*

**The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,
making us joint heirs**

of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

*O come, let us worship the Lord,
for God has done wondrous things!*

⚙ *Song

Blessed Be Your Name

✙ *Hymn

The First Noel (vv. 1-3)

UMH 245

*Opening Prayer

Rev. Judy Oguich

written by Peter Haynes

Light of Christ,

awaken us this hour to the glory of your presence in our midst.

Shine among us in such a way that the darkness

without and within may be pushed back,

such that we might truly see what is really real.

Help us to recognize our sin for what it is.

Enable us to behold the world as you created it to be,

as you created us to be.

Empower us to move from darkness to light, from sin to new life.

May your light within us shine through into worship this day,

as all days.

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*Opening Prayer *(continued)*

**This we pray in the name of the Word made flesh,
the light which is the light of all people. Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

May the Lord be with you. And also with you.

✧*Song

Awaken the Dawn

✠*Hymn

We Three Kings

UMH 254

Proclamation and Response

*Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Anne Beck (9:00)

Jan Benton (11:00)

✠*Gloria Patri

UMH 70

Kids Moment

Jen Williams

Sermon

The Great and Powerful

Rev. Daniel Guenther

Response to the Word

adapted from From Wonderings, Writings, and Scribbles

**God of light and darkness,
we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us,
but we have turned away and followed other paths.
We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart,
with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, Holy One.
Strengthen our faltering steps
and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

**Lift up your eyes
and see the grace of God poured out into your lives.
The light of God shines through the darkness.
Our hearts rejoice for Christ is in our midst. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

✠ Offertory

Christ is The Life of The World

✠ Offertory

What Child is This?

*16th cent. English melody
William C. Dix*

*Doxology

UMH 95

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Giving of the Bread and the Cup

Sending Forth

✠ *Song

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

✠ *Hymn

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

UMH 179

*Benediction

✠ *Postlude

** Please stand as you are able*



Events and Meetings This Week

TODAY:	9 AM	Modern Worship Service
	10 AM	Discipleship / Sunday School Classes
	11 AM	Traditional Worship Service
	4-6 PM	Youth Group (Student Center) <i>[Note time change!]</i>

Monday 11:45 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group (Chapel)

Tuesday	11 AM	United Women in Faith Circle 6 <i>lunch at The Tavern</i>
	6-8 PM	Pickleball (Trinity Hall)

Wednesday	3 PM	Chair Yoga (Welcome Center)
	4:30-7:30 PM	Upward Basketball Practice (Trinity Hall)
	6-7:30 PM	3M Study Group (Room 317)
	6:30 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:30 PM	Trinity Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)



United
Women
in Faith

Thursday	10 AM	United Women in Faith Program (Room 324) <i>Nurturing Vulnerable Kids, with Janet Sommerville</i> <i>We will also install and dedicate our 2025 officers.</i>
	4:30-8:30 PM	Upward Basketball Practice (Trinity Hall)
	6 PM	Pastor Daniel's Bible Study (Room 323)
	7 PM	United Women in Faith Circle 10 <i>at the home of Bana Caskey, with Daniel Parks</i>

Friday	9 AM – 2 PM	Friday Food Collection (Trinity Hall)
	4-6 PM	Upward Basketball Practice (Trinity Hall)

Saturday 8 AM – 4 PM Upward Basketball Games (Trinity Hall)

Upcoming Events

1/8	6-7:30 PM	New 3M Study Begins (Room 317)
1/9	6 PM	New Pastor Daniel's Study Begins (Room 323)
1/12	10 AM 12:30 PM	Better Together Coffee Hour (Parlor) Confirmation Orientation (Student Center)



1/13	7-8:30 PM	New Dillard Bible Study Begins (Zoom)
1/14	5:45-7 PM	Pub Theology @ WayGone Brewery



1/15	5:30-7:30 PM	Student Parents Social @ ShoreDog Cafe
1/21	2 PM	Young at Heart Program: (Welcome Center) <i>Peggy Watson talks about OSHER</i>
1/22	1:30-2:30 PM	New Pastor's Bible Study Begins (Room 323)
1/26	10 AM	Better Together New Member Class Begins (Parlor)
1/27	9:30-11 AM	New Monday Morning Study Begins (Room 323)