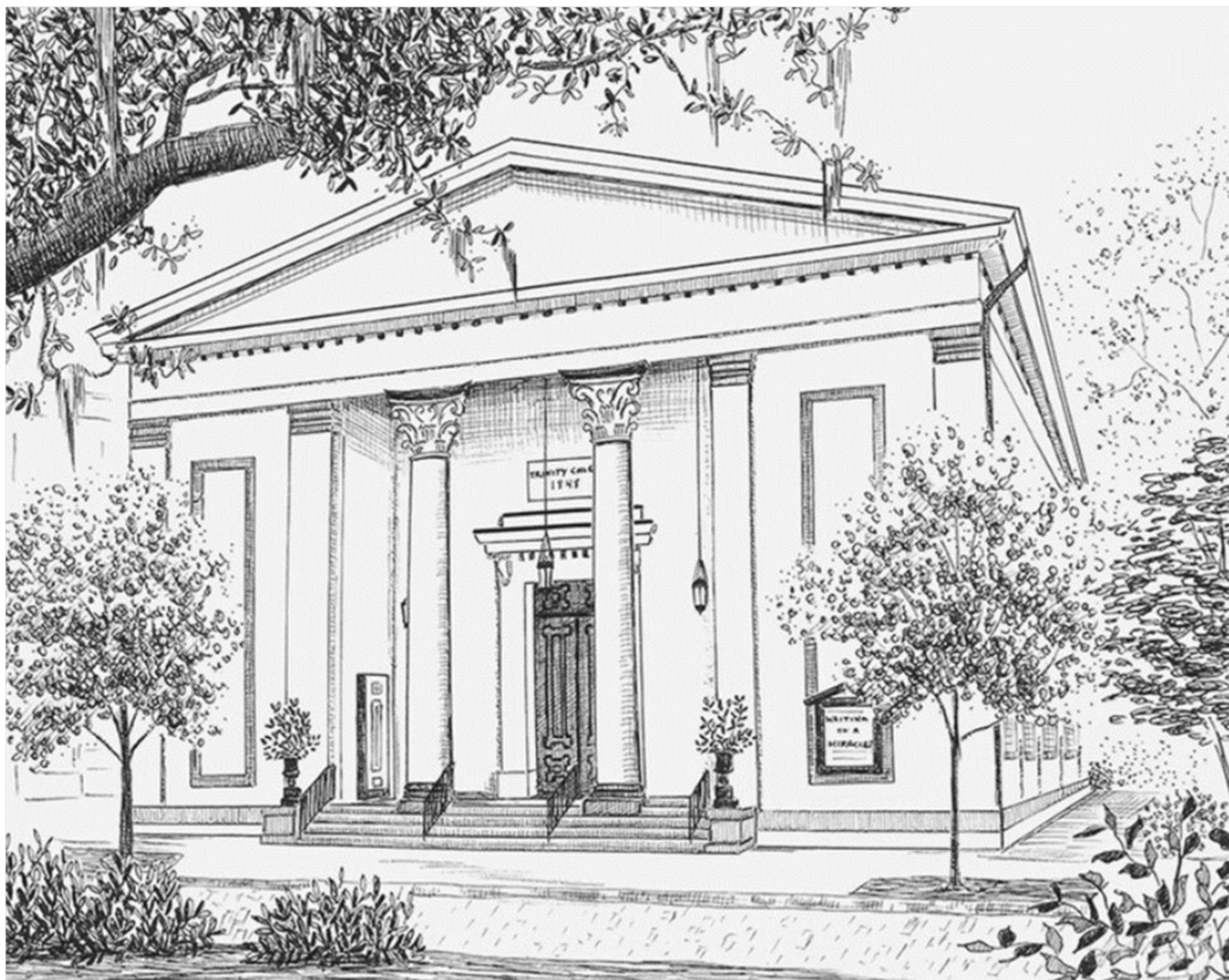


# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Mother Church of Savannah Methodism*



2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

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# MORNING WORSHIP

April 12, 2026 . 11:00AM

Prelude

Dr. Jared Register

Welcome

*Please register your attendance on a pew card or use this QR code.*



Chiming of the Hour

*† At the sound of the chimes, please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

Choral Introit

Trinity Sanctuary Choir

\*Call to Worship

Dewilla Hooper

*Leader: They say Christ is risen . . . .*

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

*The resurrected Christ says, "Peace to you. Receive the Holy Spirit. Forgive other's sins. Believe!"*

***With resurrected peace and faith and doubt and our fresh Easter grace, let us worship!***

\*Processional Hymn (No. 304)

***Easter People, Raise Your Voices***

Tune: REGENT SQUARE



Eas-ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us  
Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing here be - low. For our Lord em -  
Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur - rec - tion song. When in trou - ble



heav - en's choic - es; heaven - ly mu - sic, let it ring.  
pow - ered us to tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe.  
move the fast - er to our God who rights the wrong.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - tory now we go.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heaven - ly throngs.

Invitation to the Table (*Bulletin page 5*)

Rev. Dr. Ben Gosden

Confession & Pardon (*Bulletin page 5*)

\*Gloria Patri (No. 71)

Tune: GREATOREX



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the



Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning is



now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end, A - men. A - men.

\*Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment

Dawn Wilson  
Director of Children's Ministries

Morning Prayer

Dr. Gosden

\*Hymn (No. 318)

**Christ Is Alive**

Tune: TRURO

Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing, His cross stands emp - ty  
 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant years in  
 Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un - moved by  
 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or, scorn, or  
 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to this and  
 to the sky. Let streets and homes with prais - es  
 Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the here and  
 hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the midst of  
 wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet loves the  
 ev - ery age, till earth and all cre - a - tion  
 ring, His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 now and dwell in ev - ery place and time.  
 life, our Sav - ior in the God - head reigns.  
 more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

\*Scripture Reading

**John 20 : 19 - 31**

Dewilla Hooper

Special Music

Sermon

Dr. Gosden

Offertory

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\*Doxology (No. 94)

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the  
 Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Lord's Prayer (prayed by all)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by the 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 who 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.*

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

+Today's Communion Offering is designated  
for our Square One outreach ministry

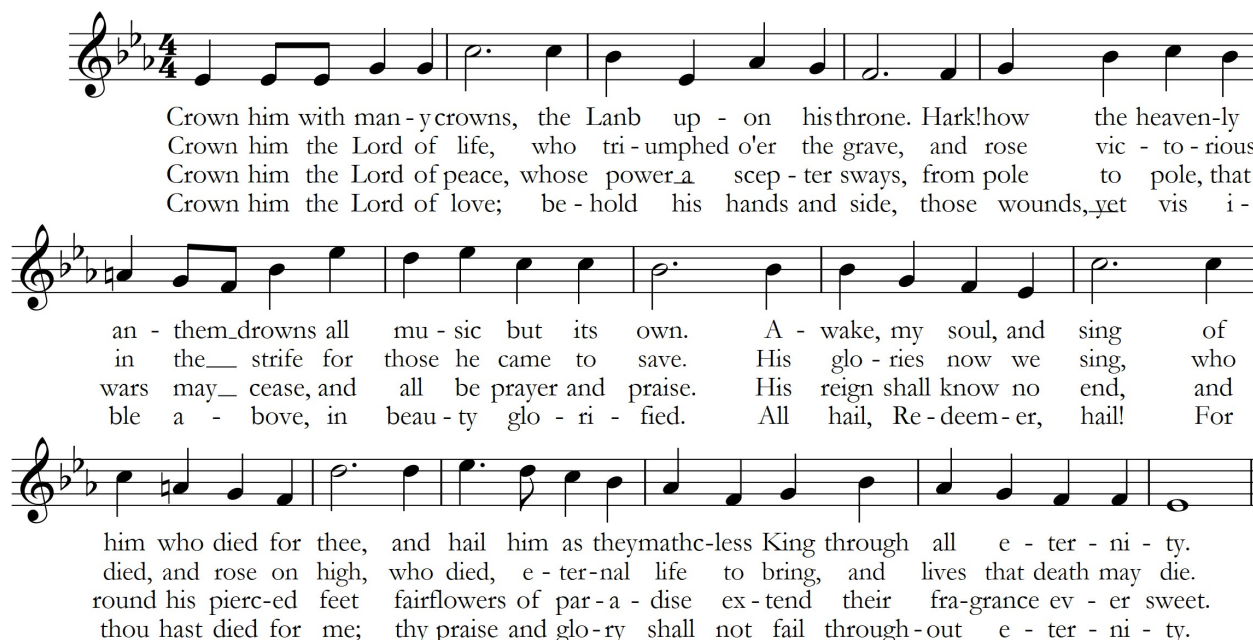
Prayer after Communion

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Closing Hymn (No. 327)

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Tune: DIADEMATA



\*Benediction

Dr. Gosden

Postlude

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# The Service of Communion for Easter

## Invitation to the Table

*Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

## Confession & Pardon

**People:** *Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.*

*We have failed to be an obedient church.*

*We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us we pray.*

*Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Pastor: Hear the good news:*

*Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

**People:** *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People:** *And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

***We lift them up to the Lord.***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.*

*You formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.*

*You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.*

*And so, with you people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.*

*By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.*

*By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.*

*Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of the darkness into his marvelous light.*

*When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.*

*On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

*Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

*On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.*

*And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

***Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

*Pour out your Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.*

*Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.*

*By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.*

*Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## Opportunities for Caring & Healing

**Prayer List** - Tom Nichols & family in the loss of JoAnn, Soon-ok Borden, Chuck Fonner, Jeanmarie Collins & family, Kathy Bailey, Anne Rambo, Amy Oliver, David Grice, Frances Richadson, Barry Helmey, Ralph & Vermelle Bailey, Clyde Parker, Addam Wood, Mike Cutlip, Duane Heefner, Harvey Jones, Linda Wing, Gloria Borello, Dan Noble, Richard Grice, Hubert Baker, Nicky Olubajo.

From our Albany congregation: Curt Poer, Archer Seely-Wilson, all who are serving in our nation's armed forces.

**Care Ministry** - A ministry with opportunities to provide care for each other through prayer circle, card writing, home communion, bereavement meals, and financial peace. Contact [cm@trinity1848.org](mailto:cm@trinity1848.org) for more information.

**Stephen Ministry** - A ministry in which trained and supervised lay people provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges. If you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, email [stephen@trinity1848.org](mailto:stephen@trinity1848.org), or contact Pastor Ben Gosden.

**Recovery is Real** - A team of Trinity members who understand addiction and recovery. We can offer an informed, compassionate and confidential response if you or a loved one is struggling. Contact: Carol Pine at 651.291.7236 or [pineandpartners@gmail.com](mailto:pineandpartners@gmail.com).

## Opportunities to Serve

**Backpack Buddies** - Trinity Church serves our partner school (Gadsden E.S.) to supply weekend food for at-risk students. Pre-packaged, ready-to-eat food items or monetary donations are collected year-round for this ministry. Contact Dawn Wilson at [dawn@trinity1848.org](mailto:dawn@trinity1848.org) for more information, or to volunteer for weekly deliveries.

**Justice Unites Savannah Together (JUST)** - is an interfaith, interracial coalition of 25+ local congregations advocating for justice in Savannah-Chatham County. For more information, contact Trinity Church/JUST liaison Connie Boole at [cboole58@gmail.com](mailto:cboole58@gmail.com) or 912.210.1583.

**SquareOne** - an opportunity to serve our neighbors with Christ's radical hospitality and relationship in the squares of downtown Savannah. For more information contact Cale Hall at [cale@trinity1848.org](mailto:cale@trinity1848.org).

**Sunday Breakfast Mission** - an opportunity to partner with the Lutheran Church of the Ascension to serve our neighbors with hospitality, relationship and *breakfast*. We assemble and deploy breakfast teams every other month. Watch the bulletin and the weekly newsletter for teams sign-ups for the next event.

**Stitch-A-Hug** - an opportunity to use or learn new knitting/crochet skills in preparation for Christmas Breakfast 2026. For more information contact Tiffani Hollis: [tjhollis78@gmail.com](mailto:tjhollis78@gmail.com).

**Altar Flowers** - You are invited to sponsor our altar flowers for Sunday worship. Sponsorships are \$80 and can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one or special occasion. Scan this QR code or contact Lacy Wilson.



**United Women in Faith** - All women are invited to the mission of Trinity UWF! Potluck lunch meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month in Fellowship Hall following worship. Contact Dewilla Hooper at [dewillahooper@yahoo.com](mailto:dewillahooper@yahoo.com) for details.

## Opportunities to Learn & Grow

**TrinityKids** - Trinity Kids is our ministry with children. Children aged 0-2 are welcome in our nursery on the 2nd floor. Children aged 2-up are welcome to join our children's Sunday Small Group at 11am featuring curriculum-based music, motion, and learning. Please contact Dawn Wilson at [dawn@trinity1848.org](mailto:dawn@trinity1848.org) with any questions or other interest in Trinity Kids.

**TrinityKids Choir** - 2nd through 8th graders are invited to participate. Rehearsals are held in the 2nd floor music suite on Sunday mornings at 9:45am (*during the school year*). Schedule and opportunities to sing in worship set seasonally. Contact Dawn Wilson at [dawn@trinity1848.org](mailto:dawn@trinity1848.org) for more information.

**Trinity UMYF** (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) - 6th thru 12th grade youth are invited to join us in the 3rd Floor Youth Lounge, Sundays at 9:45am, to hang, chat, learn and grow! Contact Youth Coordinator Ava Pickens at [ava@trinity1848.org](mailto:ava@trinity1848.org) for more info.

**Upper Room Small Group** - An ongoing study group that meets on Zoom, Sundays at 10am, led by Mark Jackovich. If you would like to join this group, please email Mark at [jackovich@bellsouth.net](mailto:jackovich@bellsouth.net).

**Smith Small Group** - We meet in-person on Sundays at 9:45am, room #317. We question, discuss and learn from one another as we study topics of faith and discipleship. Contact Linda Smith at [lsmith629@comcast.net](mailto:lsmith629@comcast.net) for more information.

**Doin' Justice** - An adult class that meets in room #316, to study & discuss acts of justice. Currently we are viewing clips of the documentary *Traces of the Trade: A Story of the Deep North*. Drop in & join us any Sunday. Contact Connie Boole ([cboole58@gmail.com](mailto:cboole58@gmail.com) or 912.210.1583) or Peggy Hilleary ([p\\_hilleary@yahoo.com](mailto:p_hilleary@yahoo.com) or 404.449.1170) to learn more about this small group.

**Young-ER Adults** - Our newest adult small group, aimed toward the 30-50 crowd, designed to build a community of adults in the middle of life's busy schedule. Find us on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in room #315. Contact Bee Smith ([brittany.l.smith17@gmail.com](mailto:brittany.l.smith17@gmail.com)) or Mark Waters ([marksfps@gmail.com](mailto:marksfps@gmail.com)) for more details.

## Opportunities to Connect

**Sunday Morning Hospitality** - Fellowship, donuts and coffee in the Hospitality Parlor (*behind the Sanctuary*), from 10:00-11:00am. Join us!

**Band of Mothers** - We are a group of moms, sharing life at all its ages and stages. We meet the 3rd Sunday of each month, room #317, following morning worship. Please text Jessica Hensley with any questions at 912.596.1159.

**Telfair Squares** - We are a group of active older adults who gather for lunch and a great time of food and fellowship the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. Contact Wayne Ervin at 912.346.5895 or [waynedervin67@gmail.com](mailto:waynedervin67@gmail.com) for more information or to RSVP. April location: Wang's II | 7601 Waters Avenue-Savannah.

**Ladies Out to Lunch** - Join us every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 11:30am for food, fun and friendship. RSVP: Mary Ann Traver at 912.604.0956 or [cwmat@coastalnow.net](mailto:cwmat@coastalnow.net) or Judy DeShea at [judydeshea@gmail.com](mailto:judydeshea@gmail.com). May lunch location: TBA.

## United Women In Faith

The Trinity United Women in Faith, or UWF, will meet today, **Sunday, April 12**, in the Fellowship Hall immediately after morning worship. All women are invited to join as speaker Caroline Josey Karoki discusses "The Price of Hope." She is the director of this documentary film about the courageous journey of young girls in Kenya as they escape trauma (FGM and child marriage).

**The film will be shown today at the Savannah Visitor Information Center (301 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd) today from 2 - 4 PM.** Dorcus and John Parit (from whose perspective the film was made as they work to rescue the girls in Kenya) will join in on a moderated discussion with audience members after the film.

UWF potluck lunch meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month, and families and spouses are always invited to join. Contact Dewilla Hooper at [dewillahoopers@yahoo.com](mailto:dewillahoopers@yahoo.com) for more information or to RSVP.

## Creation Care Events

Trinity UMC is hoping to ignite a new ministry focused on the care of God's creation as it is affected by our physical space and resources. Join us for a composting class led by Jenny Watkins, with a meeting to follow, at 10:00 AM on **Saturday, April 18**, at Tom Triplett Park in Pooler.

We will also attend Earth Day Savannah on **Friday, April 24** from 4 - 7 PM at Daffin Park. This annual community celebration is dedicated to environmental sustainability and conservation in the Coastal Empire. Visit GIPL's table to connect with other faith-based Coastal Green teams, and find eco-activities, workshops, a repair tent, and other nonprofit exhibits. For more info, contact Leisel Weatherford at [leiselkemp@gmail.com](mailto:leiselkemp@gmail.com) or 912-220-7830.

## Band of Mothers

Mothers of all kinds are welcome at the next Band of Mothers meeting on **Sunday, April 19** at 12:15 PM; childcare is provided for all meetings at the church. At Band of Mothers, you'll find friendship and laughter while you socialize, process, and learn as we grow in our faith together. To learn more, reach out to BOM leader Jessica Hensley at 912-596-1159.

## Telfair Squares

All are invited to attend the Telfair Squares luncheon at 11:30 AM on Thursday, April 23 at Wang's II Chinese Restaurant in Savannah. This lunch group of active older adults gather for food and fellowship on the 4th Thursday of every month. For more info or to RSVP, contact Wayne Ervin at [waynedervin67@gmail.com](mailto:waynedervin67@gmail.com) or 912-346-5895.

## Lunch & Learn Seminar

Join us for the next Lunch & Learn Discipleship Seminar on **Sunday, April 26** from 12:15 to 1:00 PM. Join us as we explore Henri Nouwen's call to "reach out" & move from isolation to *radical* hospitality. Nancy Malcom will join us as a discussion facilitator on themes of community, belonging and inclusion. Seminars end promptly at 1:00 PM so you can eat with us, or go get lunch elsewhere after the event. Everyone is welcome to attend! Registration is required if you wish to order a boxed lunch or reserve childcare. Walk-ins are welcome if you want to join last minute or bring a friend. For more details, contact Amy Utley at [amy@trinity1848.org](mailto:amy@trinity1848.org).



## The Gathering

### Calling All 20-Somethings!

Calling all 20-somethings! Our newest small group, "The Gathering," is being created just for you. To learn more, please submit this form. For more details on this new group, contact Amy Utley at [amy@trinity1848.org](mailto:amy@trinity1848.org).



**VBS June 15-18 2026**  
**Registration Is Now Open!**



**Register for Middle & High School Summer Camps!**

## This Week at Trinity Church

Sunday, April 12 (today)

TrinityKids ~ 9:45am | 2nd Floor

TK **CHILDRENS CHOIR** Rehearsal ~ 9:45am | 2nd Floor Music Suite

Trinity UMYF\* ~ 9:45am | 3rd Floor Youth Lounge

*\*UMYF-United Methodist Youth Fellowship (6th grade-12th grade)*

Adult Small Groups ~ 9:45am | 3rd Floor

Morning Worship ~ 11am | Sanctuary

United Women in Faith lunch mtg ~ Fellowship Hall


Wednesday, April 15

Trinity Handbell Rehearsal ~ 6-6:50pm | Balcony Choir Loft

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ~ 7-8:30pm | 2nd Floor Music Suite

*Adults & high school students are invited to participate*

Saturday, April 18

 Creation Care: Composting Class + committee mtg ~ 10am  
Tom Triplett Park | 100 Tom Triplett Road-Pooler

## Beyond This Week at Trinity

Band of Mothers | April 19

Telfair Squares Lunch Bunch | April 23

Discipleship Lunch & Learn | April 26

United Women in Faith lunch mtg | May 3

*Mother's Day* | May 10

**CHILDRENS CHOIR** in Worship | May 10

Ladies Out to Lunch | May 14

Sunday Breakfast Mission | May 17

Band of Mothers | May 17

## The Order of Business at Trinity

Board of Trustees mtg | Apr 7 | 5:30pm

Committee on Finance mtg | May 14 | 5:30pm

Church Council lunch mtg | May 17

### Easter Attendance

Apr 5 (Savannah): 364

Apr 5 (Albany): 25

Apr 5 (Online): 56

### March 2026

Operating  
Income \$51,659

Operating  
Expenses \$33,738

## Backpack Buddies Volunteers

Packer - Jessica Hensley | Driver - Dawn Wilson

## Church Discipleship Survey

We have developed a member engagement & discipleship survey to learn more about how you, the congregation, engage with the church, and how your demographics and real-life dynamics effect what you want and need from us at Trinity. We hope to find ways to best meet you where you are in life and offer accessible, meaningful experiences to grow more deeply in Jesus' love and service. Please take this quick survey using the link here, or the link in your weekly newsletter; thank you for your help!



Take The  
Survey

## Sunday Morning Parking

If you've parked in the Robinson parking garage (behind the church), you can show your bulletin to the parking attendant on your way out to get FREE parking. This parking privilege is available until 2pm on Sundays.

There is also FREE parking available on the street and around the Square, but we ask that you please avoid parking on the corners of the Square so tour buses can get through.

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