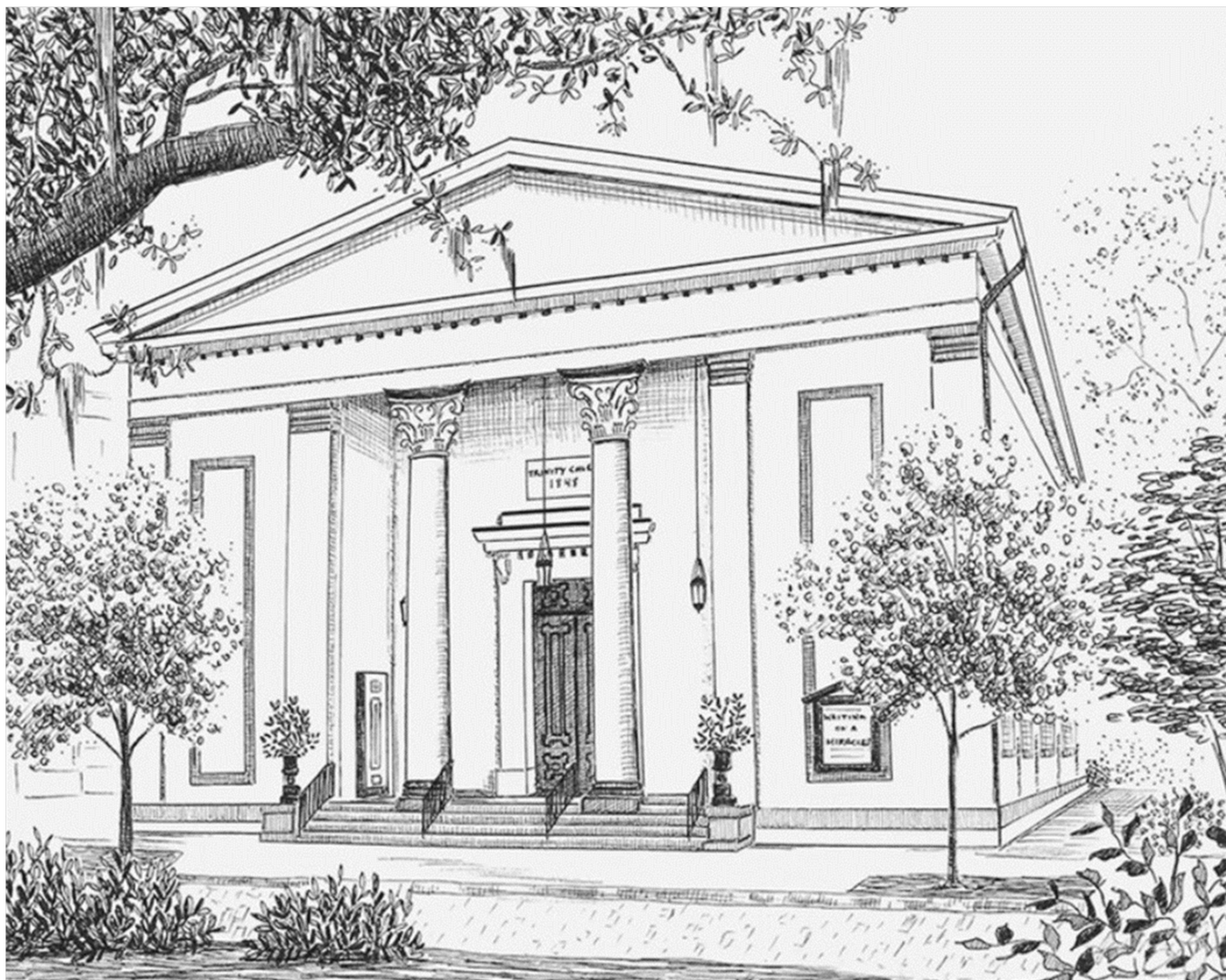


TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mother Church of Savannah Methodism



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE 3RD DAY OF MAY TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

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MORNING WORSHIP

May 3, 2026 . 11:00AM

Dr. Jared Register

Prelude

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

Donna Hammontree

Leader: Easter people, don't let your heart be confused. There is always plenty of room, and a sure way to get there.

All: Where is this place with room for all of us?

Jesus says, "The place is where I am going."

And how do we find it?

By believing, and trusting, and learning from Christ Jesus.

Lord, unite our belief and our living.

Guide us to know the Father is the Son, and the Way is the destination and the path.

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: GREATORIX



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.

Morning Prayer

Dr. Gosden

*Hymn (No. 188)

Christ Is the World's Light

Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er; born in our
Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er; no one can
Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er; sold once for
Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er; give God the
dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er. If we have seen him,
serve him and de - spise an - oth - er. Who else u - nites us,
sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er; he, who re - deems us,
glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther; give God the glo - ry,
we have seen the Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
one in god the Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!
reigns with God the Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
God with us, my broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

*Scripture Reading

John 14 : 1 - 14

Donna Hammontree

Choral Anthem

Trinity Sanctuary Choir

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 Sunday Morning Breakfast outreach ministry

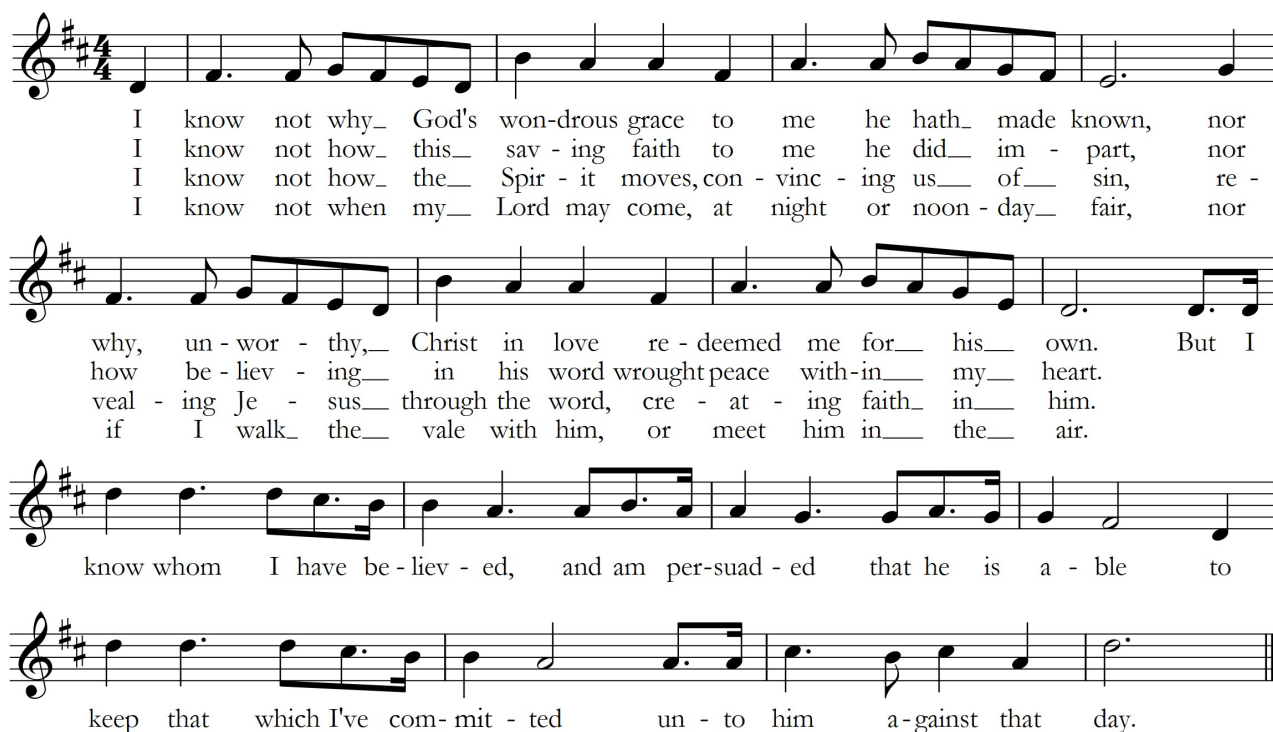
Prayer after Communion

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Closing Hymn (No. 714)

I Know Whom I Have Believed

Tune: EL NATHAN



*Benediction

Dr. Gosden

Postlude

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Debbie Loughney in honor of Claudia Venherm on her retirement, celebrating 27 years of service researching the Georgia coast at Skidaway Institute of Oceanography.

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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 - Joe Smith, Soon-ok Borden, Tom Nichols & family in the loss of JoAnn, Young Kim & family, Chuck Fonner, Jeanmarie Collins & family, Kathy Bailey, Anne Rambo, Amy Oliver, David Grice, Frances Richadson, Barry Helme, 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 ccm@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, 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 pineandpartners@gmail.com or 651.291.7236.

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 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 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.

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 info contact Tiffani Hollis: watersoystershack@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 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 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 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 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.

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 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 or 912.210.1583) or Peggy Hilleary (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) or Mark Waters (marksfps@gmail.com) for more details.



Opportunities to Connect

Coffee & Community - Coffee, donuts and a community of friends 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 4th Thursday of each month. Contact Wayne Ervin at 912.346.5895 or 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 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:30am for food, fun and friendship. RSVP: Mary Ann Traver at 912.604.0956 or cwtmat@coastalnow.net or Judy DeShea at

Join The Events Today!

The Trinity UWF, will meet today, **Sunday, May 3**, in the Fellowship Hall after morning worship, or at about 12:15 PM for their monthly meeting. May topic: "Dreams of More." Speaker: Judy DeShea. Contact Dewilla Hooper at dewillahooper@yahoo.com for more info or to RSVP.

JUST (Justice Unites Savannah Together) presents a Living History Panel on Our Civil Rights Heritage this afternoon from 3:30 - 5:00 PM at St. Philip AME Church, 613 MLK Jr. Blvd. All are welcome, and you can contact Connie Boole for more info at cboole58@gmail.com.

The Savannah Children's Choir will hold their 20th Anniversary Concert here at Trinity this evening, at 5:30 PM, and the event is open to the public. Suggested donation: \$10.

Mother's Day Brunch & Choir

Join us at 11:00 AM on **Sunday, May 10** as our Trinity Children's Choir helps lead worship for a special Mother's Day morning service! We will also have a light lunch to celebrate our mothers at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. For more information or to join the choir, contact our Director of Music, Jared Register at jregistermusic@gmail.com.

Ladies Out To Lunch

All women are invited to join the monthly "Ladies Out To Lunch" for food, fun and fellowship at 11:30 AM on Thursday, May 14. Location: Western Sizzlin Buffet - 230 US-80, Pooler, GA 31322. For more information, location details or to RSVP, contact Mary Ann Traver at 912-604-0956 or cwtmat@coastalnow.net or Judy DeShea at judydeshea@gmail.com.

Sunday Breakfast Mission

On **Sunday May 17**, we will continue our breakfast-serving mission at 6 E. State Street for our neighbors in homelessness! Signup below to volunteer from 6:00 - 8:15 AM for the next breakfast mission. Please reach out to Jessica Hensley at 912-596-1159 if you have questions, would like to volunteer, or would like to know more about this ministry!



Graduation Sunday

If you are, or know anyone graduating this spring (or who graduated in the fall), please let us know so that we can celebrate them on **Sunday, May 17**. Email Communications Director Hannah Hoffman at hannah@trinity1848.org with your grad's details, including name, degree/institution graduating from, and a photo so we can celebrate them!

Band of Mothers

Our monthly meetings are coming to an end for the Spring semester with a special gathering at 5:00 PM on Sunday, May 17. Want to learn more? Reach out to Jessica Hensley at 912-596-1159 with any questions. At Band of Mothers, you'll find friendship and laughter while you socialize, process, learn, and grow together. Mothers of all kinds are welcome to join our group at any time!

Savannah Community Group

Do you seek deeper joy and meaningful connection? As an urban church with a broad geographical membership, we want to bring Adult small groups "closer to home" for you! Our first opportunity is at the Ardsley Park home of Kelly Styles and Barry Welker on **Thursday, May 21** for the first Savannah Community Group at 5:30 PM. All stages of life are welcome! RSVP for this event with the form here. We hope to offer similar groups soon that meet regularly in Effingham, Pooler, Richmond Hill, and the islands. Contact Amy Utlely at amy@trinity1848.org for info or to volunteer.



Lunch & Learn Seminar

The May Lunch & Learn Discipleship Seminar will be on **Sunday, May 24** from 12:15 to 1:00 PM. Join us to discover the sacred spiritual balance of Creation and Creativity, consider a Hebrew understanding of environment-alism, hear about Trinity's new Creation Care ministry, and explore ideas for a SING (Spirituality in Nature gathering). All are welcome! Registration required for lunch or childcare, but walk-ins are welcome. Contact: Amy Utlely at amy@trinity1848.org.



This Week at Trinity Church

Sunday, May 3 (today)

TrinityKids ~ 9:45am-12:15pm | 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

Savannah Children's Choir Concert ~ 5:30pm | Sanctuary

JUST Living History event ~ 3:30pm | St. Philip AME

Monday, May 4

JUST School Board event ~ 7pm | ConneXion Church

Wednesday, May 6

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

Beyond This Week at Trinity

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*

Pentecost | *May 24*

Discipleship Lunch & Learn | *May 24*

SCAD Choir Concert | *May 27*

Telfair Squares Lunch Bunch | *May 28*

The Order of Business at Trinity

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

Church Council lunch mtg | *May 17*

South GA Annual Conference | *May 31-June 2*

Recent Attendance

Apr 19 (Savannah): 124

Apr 19 (Albany): 16

Apr 19 (Online): 41

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Backpack Buddies Volunteers

Packer - *Deb Loughney* | Driver - *Barry Welker*

Trinity Kids Check-in

Children of all ages are always welcome in our services! We have a children's moment every Sunday at the beginning of our 11:00 AM worship service, then afterwards, children 12 and under are invited to go back to the children's space in our education building for Children's Church. If children are going to join us for Children's Church, please make sure to check them in with this form!

Contact our Director of Children's Ministries for more information at dawn@trinity1848.org.



Check-In



VBS 2026 Is On June 15-18: Child Registration Is Open!

This year we will again partner with Isle of Hope UMC for a "Snowball Mountain Challenge" VBS from June 15-18. Kids will embark on a high-energy journey filled with fun games, creative activities, and meaningful lessons as they explore how to grow in their faith and face challenges with courage. Registration is \$20 per attendee; register your child or to volunteer at the link above. Contact Beth Parr for info at bparr@iohumc.com or 912-663-7466.

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