

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mother Church of Savannah Methodism



MORNING WORSHIP

THE 20TH OF SEPTEMBER TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX . 11:00 AM
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Prelude

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
-arr. Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)-

David Rigsby
Organist

Welcome

Amy Utley
Director of Discipleship

Chiming of the Hour

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

Choral Introit

A New Day
-Robert Allan Petker (b. 1955)-

Trinity Sanctuary Choir

*The Call to Worship

Donna Hammontree
Lay Liturgist

One: The Pharaoh decrees death to the foreigner. The power of fear and hate rage around us.

All: In the face of evil, forgive us our complacency.

One: The burning bush flickers beside us. The presence of God invites us.

All: In the presence of the holy, forgive us our lack of notice.

One: The Red Sea waters stand at attention. The threshold of grace is breath-taking.

All: In the company of grace, forgive us our reticence to embrace.

Lead us, great God, through our fear, through our apathy, through our hesitation to find freedom and release in your presence.

We pray in the power of Christ's name Amen.

*Processional Hymn (No. 315)

Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain

Tune: ST. KEVIN



Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pris - on,
 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 Neith - er might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" now we cry to our King im - mor - tal,

God hath brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal;
 who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;

loosed from Phar - aoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst the twelve thou didst stand, be - stow - ing
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" with the Son, God the Fa - ther prais - ing,

led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
 that they peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

*Affirmation of Faith (said by all)

Donna Hammontree

**I believe in Almighty God, who guided
the people in exile and in exodus, the God of foreigners and immigrants.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, who was born
away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger.
When he returned to his own country he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate, was persecuted,
beaten, tortured, and unjustly condemned to death. But on the third day Jesus rose
from the dead to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunited all races.**

**I believe that the Church is the secure home
for all believers who constitute it, who speak the same language and have the same purpose.**

**I believe that the communion of saints begins
when we embrace all God's people in all their diversity.**

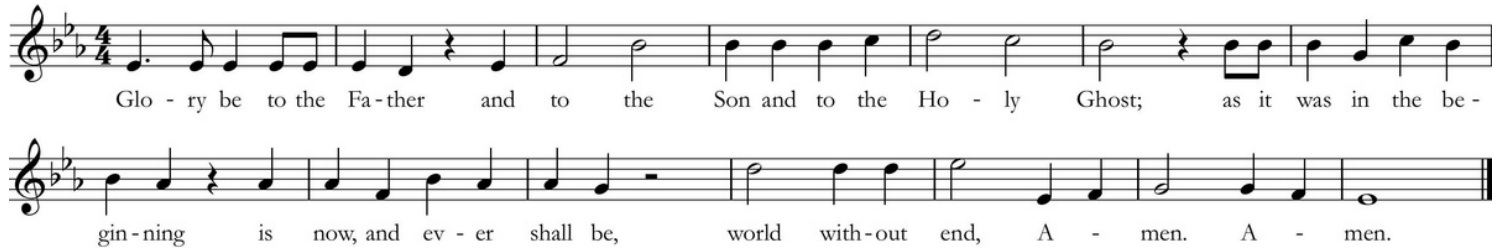
I believe in forgiveness and reconciliation, which makes us all equal before God.

**I believe that in the Resurrection God will unite
us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.**

I believe in life eternal, in which all will be citizens of God's kingdom that has no end. Amen.

*Gloria Patri (No. 71)

Tune: GREATOREX



Ministry Celebration

-Justice Unites Savannah Together-

Kristie Duncan & Peggy Hilleary

*Passing of the Peace

After exchanging the sign of peace, the organ will sound to call the children forward, and others may be seated.

Moment for All Ages

Dawn Wilson
Director of Children's Ministries

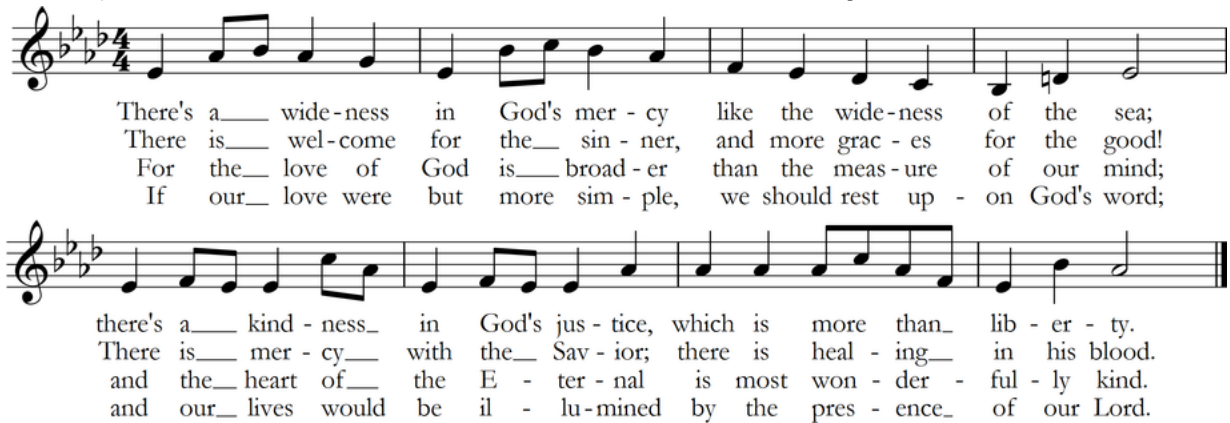
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*Hymn (No. 121)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Tune: WELLESLEY



Morning Prayer

Rev. Wendy Hudson Murphy

The Lord's Prayer (*prayed by all*)

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 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.

Choral Anthem

All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice
-Antonio Vivaldi (arr. Hal Hopson 1933-2025)-

Trinity Sanctuary Choir

*All the earth rejoice with a gladsome voice,
now sing we, "Alleluia, praise the Lord."
Rejoice and sing.*

*Sing alleluia, sing, O praise the Lord.
Sound the trumpet; sound the harp.
Praise the Lord.*

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 14: 14-31, 15: 20-21

Donna Hammontree

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

Patience and Power

Rev. Murphy

Mission Moment

-Sunday Breakfast Mission-

Susan Lamb
Ministry Volunteer

Offertory

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
-John Wyeth (1770-1858)-

David Rigsby

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*Doxology (No. 94)

Praise God from Whom All Blessing 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!

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Closing Hymn (No. 128)

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

Tune: HE LEADETH ME

He lead - eth me: O bless-ed thought! O words with heav-en ly com- fort fraught! What
Some - times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E - den's bow-ers bloom, by
Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ev - er mur-mur nor re - pine; con-
And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-tory's won, e'en
e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me. He
wa - ters still, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis his hand that lead - eth me.
tent, what - ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.
lead - eth me, he lead - eth me, by his own hand he lead - eth me; his
faith - ful fol - lower I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

*Benediction

Rev. Murphy

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso
-G. F. Handel (1685-1759)-

David Rigsby



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Sunday Morning Coffee & Community

Coffee, donuts & a community of friends from 10-11am in the Hospitality Parlor (*behind the Sanctuary*). Join us!

Sunday 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 | office@trinity1848.org.



Sunday Morning Small Groups

Small Groups are offered for adults, youth and children at 9:45am every Sunday, as a time of Bible study, learning activities and fellowship for all ages. Everyone is welcome!

Adult Classes

Deep Dive
Doin' Justice
Smith Small Group
Upper Room Group
(Virtual)

Children & Youth Classes

TrinityKids
(Crib nursery also available)
TrinityKids Choir
Trinity UMYF
Trinity Youth Choir

Ways to Serve in Worship

Worship Hospitality (Greeters & Ushers): contact | ccm@trinity1848.org
Parlor Hospitality: contact Lacy Wilson | office@trinity1848.org
Acolyte | Crucifer: contact Pastor Wendy | wendy@trinity1848.org
Lay Liturgist: contact Pastor Wendy | wendy@trinity1848.org
Trinity Sanctuary Choir: contact David Rigsby | david@trinity1848.org
Trinity Bell Choir: contact David Rigsby | david@trinity1848.org

In Our Prayers

As a family of faith, we bear one another's burdens and share in each other's joys through the power of prayer.

Savannah - the daughter of Barbara Kaempf, Richard Burkhardt, Soon-ok Borden, Young Kim & family, Duane Heefner, Judy DeShea & Chuck Fonner, Jeanmarie Collins & family, Kathy Bailey, Amy Oliver, David Grice, Frances Richardson, Barry Helmey, Ralph & Vermelle Bailey, Clyde Parker, Addam Wood, Mike Cutlip, Harvey Jones, Linda Wing, Gloria Borrello, Dan Noble, Richard Grice, Hubert Baker, Nicky Olubajo.

Albany - Joyce Knight Saddler, Curt Poer, Archer Seely-Wilson, all who are serving in our nation's armed forces.

Please offer prayer requests or updates to the Trinity Care Team by completing a prayer card from the pew rack, meeting with an After-Service Minister, or contacting ccm@trinity1848.com.

Ways of Caring & Healing

Care Team: contact | ccm@trinity1848.org
Stephen Ministry Team: contact | stephen@trinity1848.org or Pastor Wendy
Recovery is Real: contact Carol Pine | 651.291.7236 or pineandpartners@gmail.com

Opportunities to Serve in Justice & Outreach

Backpack Buddies (Gadsden Elementary School): contact Dawn Wilson | dawn@trinity1848.org
Christmas Breakfast Mission: contact Jessica Hensley | 912.596.1159
Justice Unites Savannah Together (JUST): contact Connie Boole | cboole58@gmail.com
Square One: contact Cale Hall | cale@trinity1848.org
Sunday Breakfast Mission: contact Jessica Hensley | 912.596.1159
Stitch-A-Hug: contact Tiffani Waters | watersoystershack@gmail.com
United Women in Faith: contact Dewilla Hooper | dewillahooper@yahoo.com

Opportunities to Connect

Band of Mothers: contact Jessica Hensley | 912.596.1159
The Gathering (of 20-somethings): contact Amy Utley | amy@trintiy1848.org
Community Groups (for all ages & stages): contact Amy Utley | amy@trinity1848.org
Telfair Squares Lunch Bunch: contact Wayne Ervin | 912.346.5895 or waynedervin67@gmail.com
Ladies Out to Lunch: contact Mary Ann Traver | 912.604.0956 or maryann.traver@gmail.com
or Judy DeShea | judydeshea@gmail.com

Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser

We are going to have a Youth Spaghetti Lunch today, September 20, as a fundraiser for their fall youth camp! Come immediately after worship to the Fellowship Hall for a spaghetti lunch, and please prepare to donate and support our youth. For more information on our youth group, contact Youth Director Ava Pickens at ava@trinity1848.org.

New Member Class



Join us on **Sunday, September 20**, at 12:00 PM for a New Member Class! Sept. 20 will begin with Methodism 101 - A brief overview of The United Methodist Church. We will continue this 3-session experience with our Sept. 27 Lunch & Learn, The Sacraments - The importance of Holy Communion & Baptism, and then an Oct. 3 Trinity 101 - An introduction to Trinity UMC, its ministries, and how to use your spiritual gifts. Sign up today!

Band of Mothers

Our Band of Mothers will meet immediately after church (about 12:15 PM) on **Sunday, September 20**. We will start with a book study of Brené Brown's *Atlas of the Heart*. Trinity mothers of ALL kinds (children birth to post-graduate, birth, adoptive, foster, and more) are welcome to join us for any of our monthly meetings. Childcare is available if requested in advance. For more details on this event, text Jessica Hensley with any questions at 912-596-1159!

Wed. Choir Rehearsals Begin

Love music? Love to sing? Don't think you're ready for the Met Opera Chorus? Then we're looking for you! Join us on Wednesday evenings at our Sanctuary Choir rehearsals from 7 - 8:30 PM in the 2nd Floor Music Suite. No audition required; all are welcome to sing! Contact Interim Music Director David Rigsby at 562-708-6169 (talk/text) or david@trinity1848.org.

Stitch-a-Hug

Join the Stitch-A-Hug ministry as we learn new skills and assemble scarves to give as Christmas gifts to our unhoused friends. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Some supplies will be provided. If you have supplies or a portable sewing machine you're able to share, contact Tiffani Waters at 404-528-5961. Beginners are welcome! Whether you knit, crochet, or want to help assemble, write notes, or pray over the scarves, there is a place for you. If you have made scarves to donate, please bring them to the church during business hours (M-Th, 9 AM - 2 PM) this week so we can update our count. Join us in our goal to donate 200 scarves by December 20th, 2026.

Telfair Squares

Telfair Squares' monthly lunch group will meet at 11:30 AM on Thursday, **Sept. 24**, location: The 5 Spot Sandfly 7360 Skidaway Rd Unit E-1, Savannah, GA 31406. All are invited to join us for lunch! For more information on this event or to RSVP, contact Wayne Ervin at waynedervin67@gmail.com or 912-346-5895.

District Unification

Read more about the unification of the North and South Georgia Conferences of the United Methodist Church, and an update from our Bishop, Robin Dease! The Georgia Unifying conference will be held on Saturday, September 26, to celebrate and prepare for the formation of the new Georgia Annual Conference.



Square One: Signup Today!

We need volunteers for the weekly square-walking ministry! Join us at 9:30 AM, offering water, fruit, and friendship to our unhoused neighbors. To get involved with Square One, you can sign up to volunteer on a specific date at the form linked here, or contact Cale Robert Hall at 912-308-7247 or cale@trinity1848.org for more information on this ministry.



Lunch & Learn



Our next Lunch and Learn discipleship seminar will be held on **Sunday, September 27** in the Fellowship Hall. Our topic will be The Sacraments— Baptism and Holy Communion. This will also be part 2 of our new member series, but all are welcome to attend! Join us for an experiential workshop to gain a better understanding of the two recognized sacraments in the UMC. We will be utilizing the top-rated resources, “By Water and the Spirit” and “This Holy Mystery.” Lunch & Learn seminars end at 1 PM so you can eat with us, or go get lunch elsewhere after the event — everyone is welcome to attend! Registration is required to reserve lunch or childcare, but walk-ins are welcome. For more details, contact Amy Utley at amy@trinity1848.org.

United Women In Faith

Attention women of the church! Our District UWF Annual meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 3** at Connexion Church, 5411 Skidaway Road in Savannah. Registration begins at 9:30 AM and the meeting begins at 10 AM. A light breakfast and lunch are provided so we need a good count of who will come. The most IMPORTANT thing to remember is that our own Rev Wendy Hudson Murphy will be our speaker and we need everyone to come and support her! It's also a good time to meet women from across the district who care about helping women, children and youth like we do. Be sure to put this on your calendar! Contact Dewilla Hooper at dewillahooper@yahoo.com for information or to RSVP.

Trinity 101



Join us on **Sunday, October 4** for Trinity 101 - An introduction to Trinity UMC, its ministries, and how to use your spiritual gifts in service to God and others. This will be the 3rd session in our New Member Series, but you can still sign up if you've not attended the other classes in the series, to join us and learn more about who we are and why!

Ladies Out To Lunch

All women are invited to the monthly "Ladies Out To Lunch" at 11:30 AM on **Thur, October 8**. Location: TBD. To RSVP, please contact Mary Ann Traver at 912-604-0956 or maryann.traver@gmail.com or Judy DeShea at judydeshea@gmail.com.

All-Ages Worship Service

On **Sunday, October 11** we will have an all-ages worship service! Bring the whole family to the sanctuary at the regular service time, as we enjoy a special morning together.

Header Color Key



Red: Church-wide Events



Orange: Children's Min.



Yellow: Community Events



Blue: Care & Missions



Purples: Small Groups



Pink: Women's Ministries

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Connect With Us

Sunday, September 20

6:00am - Sunday Breakfast Mission | 6 E. State Street
9:45am - TrinityKids | 2nd Floor
9:45am - Trinity UMYF | 3rd Floor Youth Lounge
**UMYF-United Methodist Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grade)*
9:45am - Adult Small Groups | 3rd Floor
10:00am - Coffee & Community | Hospitality Parlor
11:00am - Morning Worship | Sanctuary
12:15pm - Youth Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser | Fellowship Hall
12:15pm - New Member Class session #1 | location??
12:15pm - Band of Mothers | Room #317

Monday, September 21

4:00pm - Committee on Lay Leadership | Google Meets

Tuesday, September 22

5:30pm - Staff Parish Relations Committee mtg | Parsonage

Wednesday, September 23

6:30pm - Stitch-a-Hug group stitching | Fellowship Hall
7:00pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 2nd Floor Music Suite

Thursday, September 24

11:30am - Telfair Squares Lunch Bunch
5 Spot Neighborhood Kitchen | 7360 Skidaway Rd, Savannah (Sandfly)

Saturday, September 26

10:00am - GA Unifying Conference of the UMC
Duluth GA | ZOOM - www.sgaumc.org

WELCOME!

Please scan the QR code
(or sign in on a pew card)
to let us know you're here.



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Please visit our website
to learn more about the ways
to live and love and find
your place in Christ
at Trinity UMC

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September 13th Worship Attendance
Savannah - 117 | Albany Home Group - 7
Online - 74

Beyond this week ...

Sept 27 | Discipleship Lunch & Learn
Sept 27 | "Hope Has Many Voices" Concert
Sept 27 | UWF "2026 Soup Sale" begins
Oct 4 | World Communion Sunday
Oct 6 | Board of Trustees mtg
Oct 8 | Ladies Out to Lunch
Oct 8 | Committee on Finance
Oct 10 | Blessing of the Animals
Oct 11 | United Women in Faith lunch mtg
Oct 15 | Creation Care-GIPL Event
Oct 17 | "And Justice For All" Conference Workshop
Oct 22 | Telfair Squares Lunch Bunch
Oct 23 | PRIDE Worship Service
Oct 24 | First City PRIDE Celebration
Oct 25 | Discipleship Lunch & Learn
Oct 25 | UWF "2026 Soup Sale" pickup day
Oct 29 | Savannah Community Group

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