

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 26, 2026

No. 30

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Services at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m.

†Please rise in body or in spirit.

CHAPEL SERVICE

8:30 a.m.

WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT

**"Because of God's love for us through Jesus Christ,
we exist to worship, grow, and serve."**

PRELUDE

Will L. Thompson
"Jesus Is All the World to Me"
Michael Bryan, piano

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal #117
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hymnal #881
The Apostles' Creed

†GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #71

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 8:26-39

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERTORY

†DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #94

†GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:31-33
"The kingdom of Heaven is like..."
The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
"God Works Beneath the Surface"

†RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal #569
"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

†BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

†POSTLUDE

Hoffman and Showalter
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

9:45 a.m.

†WORSHIP SONG

"Worthy of Your Name"

†WORSHIP SONG

"Who You Say I Am"

†WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33
"The kingdom of Heaven is like..."

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
"God Works Beneath the Surface"

†WORSHIP SONG

"Closer"

†WORSHIP SONG

"Trust In God"

†THE LORD'S PRAYER/BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

*During the worship songs, you are invited to utilize the Prayer Station
by the stained-glass window and light a candle as you pray.*

Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers upon request.

LITURGICAL SERVICE
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 a.m.

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WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT

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PRELUDE

"As the Deer"
Heather Watson, soprano

Martin Nystrom

INTROIT

"This Is the Day"
Heather Watson, soprano; Donna Bryan, alto; Gregory Hilliard, baritone

Daniel Gawthrop

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Hymnal #117

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal #881

Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is the one true church, both apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now reverently declare:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

†GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #71

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

†OPENING PRAYER

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

†SONG OF PEACE

"The First Song of Isaiah"

TFWS #2030

**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Candace Duclos, Senior Director of Christian Education

Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to Kids' Praise in Room 205.

Crucifer | Michael Plagens | **Ushers** | Joe Miller, Betty Miller, Bob Lumsden, Glen Squire,
Joe McGlothlin, Jean Glenn, Mason Bennett | **Altar Guild** | Marilyn Dean
Club Car Drivers | Edward Young, Ben Gilleland, Jimmy Henderson, Ed Dowell

Call the church office at 850-222-1120 to reserve altar flowers for the Sunday services in the sanctuary.

Romans 8:26-39

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ANTHEM

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Rodgers/Wyse
arr. Mott/Handley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal #895

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

George Whelpton

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

OFFERTORY

"Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You"

Jay Althouse

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†POSTLUDE

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Michael Bryan, piano

Hoffman and Showalter



Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams, Senior Pastor | Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith, Associate Pastor
Rev. E. Wayne Curry, Minister of Pastoral Care
Alex Taylor, Director of Contemporary Music | Gregory Hilliard, Director of Traditional Music
Douglas Chaplow, Organist

WELCOME

Welcome to worship today! We're glad you are here. If you're visiting, fill out a Visitor Connect Card or scan the QR code, and on your way out, be sure to see one of our ushers for a small gift to thank you for joining us!



PRAYER REQUESTS

May we pray for you? Prayer cards can be found in the Welcome Center and Narthex. Prayer requests are listed by **name** only. Please lift up in prayer...

Campbell "Soup" Harrison

Julian Mathis

Rhonda Work

Doug Bevis

MONTHLY COLLECTION

During July, Local Missions is collecting school supplies for Frenchtown and Griffin Heights. Donations can be left in the collection bins in the Welcome Center and Narthex.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Our Trinity UMC Preschool has a limited number of openings remaining in the three-year-old class for the 2026-2027 school year. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Director of Preschool Erin Casey at 850-224-8992 or ecasey@tumct.org.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND MINISTRY FAIR

On Sunday, August 9, we will have one service at 11:00 a.m. with Blessing of the Backpacks, as well as our annual Ministry Fair from 10:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be no Sunday School. Come and join us for this great opportunity to learn about the many ministries here at Trinity that you can get involved in!

LAST CALL FOR DIRECTORY PHOTOS!

If you would like to have a directory photo taken by Rev. Curry, our last sessions will be in the parlor after each service on Sunday, July 26, and Sunday, August 2.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

TUMC Youth Week: July 26 - August 1!

Sunday, July 26

8:30 a.m.

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9:45 a.m.

8:30/9:45/11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

Chapel Service

Yates Heritage Center Open

Contemporary Service

Sunday School

Liturgical Service

Youth Praise Band

UMYF

Monday, July 27

11:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Snack Pack Distribution

Centering Prayer

Tuesday, July 28

7:00 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Men's Daybreak

BFC Staying Strong

BFC Variety Mix

Celebrate Recovery

Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, July 29

6:30 p.m.

Praise Band

Thursday, July 30

11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Snack Pack Distribution

BFC Variety Mix

BFC Staying Strong

BFO Pickleball

Friday, July 31

10:00 a.m.

Friday Study Group

DIRECTORY UPDATE

If you would like to have your contact information included in the directory but do NOT want your photo included, please scan the QR code to submit your contact info for the directory.



SCAN THE QR CODES FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT TRINITY



Sunday School



Serving



Fellowship



Giving

Our Vision

The vision of Trinity United Methodist Church is to be a diverse Christian community that leads as a shining beacon of God's love, actively engaging as the heart, hands, and feet of Christ in the world.

Our Mission

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