

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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ASCENSION SUNDAY
MAY 17, 2026

No. 20

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 Douglas Chaplow

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hymnal #312
"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal #881
The Apostles' Creed

†GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #71

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal #895

OFFERTORY

†DOXOLOGY Hymnal #94

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Psalm 100
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Dr. Vic Willis
"My Old Persistent Friend"

†RECESSIONAL HYMN Hymnal #715
"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

†BENEDICTION Rev. E. Wayne Curry

†POSTLUDE Douglas Chaplow

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

9:45 a.m.

†WORSHIP SONG "Great Things"

†WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT

†WORSHIP SONG "Cornerstone"

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES Candace Duclos
Senior Director of Christian Education
See Insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†OFFERTORY HYMN "Because He Lives"

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Psalm 100
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

SERMON Rev. Dr. Vic Willis
"My Old Persistent Friend"

†WORSHIP SONG "Riches"

†WORSHIP SONG "Build My Life"

†BENEDICTION Rev. E. Wayne Curry

*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

ASCENSION SUNDAY

11:00 a.m.

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WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT

Rev. E. Wayne Curry

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PRELUDE

Douglas Chaplow

INTROIT

"The Lord of Hosts is With Us"
Chancel Choir

Daniel Gawthrop

† CALL TO WORSHIP

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

Hymnal #312

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal #881

† GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

Hymnal #71

† OPENING PRAYER

† 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"
**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.**

TFWS #2030

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Candace Duclos, Senior Director of Christian Education
See Insert

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

ANTHEM

"Let Us With a Gladsome Mind"
Gregory Hilliard, solo

arr. Alan Ridout

Crucifer | Michael Plagens | **Ushers** | Brent Chumbler, Billy Hilaman, Frank Mercer, Jamie Trulock, Scott Trulock, John Elliott, Linda Bianco, Mike Marschall, Sid Matthew | **Altar Guild** | Renée White, Sarah Teresa Haskell | **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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Rev. E. Wayne Curry

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal #895

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer"

Chancel Choir

Daniel Gawthrop

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Fly Away Medley"
Gregory Hilliard, solo

arr. Mark Hayes/ed. Hilliard

†DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hymnal #94

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 100, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"My Old Persistent Friend"

Rev. Dr. Vic Willis

†RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Hymnal #715

†BLESSING

Rev. E. Wayne Curry

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

"God Be In My Head"
Chancel Choir

Daniel Gawthrop

†POSTLUDE

Douglas Chaplow



Thank you to Rev. Dr. Vic Willis, our guest pastor today.

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

WELCOME

Welcome to worship today! We're glad you are here. Please sign the pew pad to register your attendance. 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...

Joe Wilburn

Mike Quan

Betts Family

MONTHLY COLLECTION

During May, Local Missions will be collecting Visa gift cards in any amount for Residing Hope and electric fans for Elder Care Services. Gift card donations can be left in the offering plate during Sunday services or at the church office. Please include a note designating that the gift card is for Residing Hope. Fan donations can be left in the collection bin in the Welcome Center or Narthex.

CROSS-CULTURAL HOSPITALITY TRAINING

Everyone at Trinity is invited and encouraged to attend a Cross-Cultural Hospitality Training in preparation for a new pastor that will be held here on May 29, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided. There is no charge for lunch, but a love offering will be accepted. Please scan the QR code to register in advance.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Congratulations to all graduates in our Trinity family! Today we honor you during the 9:45 and 11:00 services. Graduates and their families are also invited to gather in the Sewell Memorial Prayer Garden at 10:30 a.m. for breakfast bites, photos, and fellowship.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, May 17

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Chapel Service
8:30 a.m. Yates Heritage Center Open
9:45 a.m. Contemporary Service
8:30/9:45/11:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Directory Photo Sessions
10:30 a.m. Graduate Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Liturgical Service
4:00 p.m. Youth Praise Band
5:00 p.m. UMYF
5:00 p.m. Steel Pans

Monday, May 18

11:00 a.m. Snack Pack Distribution
6:30 p.m. Centering Prayer

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 a.m. Men's Daybreak
9:45 a.m. BFC Staying Strong
11:00 a.m. BFC Variety Mix
12:00 p.m. BFC Party
6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery
6:30 p.m. CAJM Celebration
7:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, May 20

4:15 p.m. Richard Andrews' Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:15 p.m. Trinity Ringers
6:30 p.m. Praise Band
6:30 p.m. Prayers and Squares
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 21

11:00 a.m. Snack Pack Distribution
11:00 a.m. BFC Variety Mix
12:10 p.m. BFC Staying Strong
5:30 p.m. BFO Pickleball

Friday, May 22

10:00 a.m. Friday Study Group
11:30 a.m. Preschool VPK Graduation

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

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



Trinity United Methodist Preschool Graduates

Preschool Class of 2026
High School Class of 2039

Jane Baumann, Christ Classical Academy
Alexander Blanco, Killlearn Lakes Elementary
Zelda Claire Brown, Florida State University School
Emmelise “Emmi” Chappel, Holy Comforter Episcopal School
Lincoln Davis, Kate Sullivan Elementary
Declan Deneen, Conley Elementary
Lily Doherty, Cornerstone Learning Community
Roman Ivester, Hawks Rise Elementary
Ava Kroeger, Chaires Elementary
Sophie LeMay, School of Arts & Sciences
Haper McClure Brooks, Gilchrist Elementary
Oakland Monda, Buck Lake Elementary
Amelia “Mia” Parsons, Gilchrist Elementary
Caleb Ray, Florida State University School
Eleanor “Ellie” Rigg, Gilchrist Elementary
Flora Riggenschach, School of Arts & Sciences
Presley Seay, Christ Classical Academy
Lincoln “True” Zornes, Killlearn Lakes Elementary



Trinity United Methodist Church Preschool
2025-2026 Kelly Forsmans VPK Class

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

honors our

Class of 2026 Graduates

May 17, 2026

Liturgy of Celebration for Our Graduates
Rev. E. Wayne Curry
Candace Duclos, Senior Director of Christian Education

God of truth and knowledge,
by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth.
Bless our graduates as they now finish this course of study.

**We thank you for those
who taught and worked beside them,
and all who supported them along the way.**

Walk with the graduates as they leave and move forward in life.
Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose.

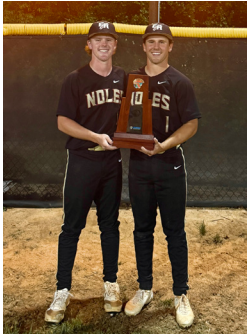
**Strengthen their many talents and skills,
instill in them a confidence in the future you plan,
where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people.**

For the graduates, this truly is a day of new beginnings,
a time to remember and move on,
and a time to believe what love is bringing.

**May they always know that Christ is alive and goes before us,
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings, our God is making all things new.**



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Brayden and Langston Chason

Brayden and Langston are graduating from Florida High. Brayden will continue his education to become an electrician, and Langston will continue his education to become a firefighter.

Sons of Kristin Davis



Aubrey Recks

Aubrey is graduating from Wakulla High School as part of the Honor Court and as a National Merit Scholar. She will attend Boston University in January 2027.

Daughter of Melissa Recks



Laurie Shiver

Laurie is graduating from Leon High School and plans to attend University of Tennessee to study Communications.

Daughter of Stephen and Paige Shiver



Lillian Watters

Lillian is graduating from Florida High and will be attending FSU in the fall to study engineering. She plans to get her master's degree in aerospace engineering and wants to work for NASA.

Daughter of Mike and Sarah Watters

COLLEGE GRADUATES



Emoni Aaron
Bachelor of Science
Psychology
Florida Agricultural and
Mechanical University



Stephanie Foley
Bachelor of Science
Information Technology
Florida State University
Daughter of Janice Foley



Damirah Hemmings
Bachelor of Science
Psychology
Florida Agricultural and
Mechanical University



Julia Claire Huggins
Bachelor of Arts
Music
Florida State University
Daughter of Chip and Sally Huggins



Ciara Morgan
Bachelor of Science
Psychology
Florida Agricultural and
Mechanical University



Elizabeth Plagens
Bachelor of Science
Theme Park and Attraction Management
University of Central Florida
Daughter of Michael and Anne Plagens