TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Vol. 46 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST No. 45
NOVEMBER 8, 2026

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.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Douglas Chaplow

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

PRELUDE "Petit Piece pour Orgue" César Frank
Douglas Chaplow, organ

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hymnal #715
"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal #881
The Apostles' Creed

†GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #71

LITANY AND PRAYER FOR VETERANS DAY
See inside

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal #895

OFFERTORY arr. Linda Scholes
"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"
Vocal Ensemble

†DOXOLOGY Hymnal #94

†GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-13
"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
"Time Spent Waiting Is Never Wasted Time"

†RECESSIONAL HYMN Hymnal #720
"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

†BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

†POSTLUDE Karl August Kern
"Nachspiel C-dur"

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

9:45 a.m.

†WORSHIP SONG "Help Me Lord"

†WORSHIP SONG "Raise a Hallelujah"

†WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

LITANY AND PRAYER FOR VETERANS DAY
See inside

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN "Old Rugged Cross"

†GOSPEL LESSON
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†WORSHIP SONG "Sweet By And By"

†WORSHIP SONG "When the Angels Carry Me Home"

†BENEDICTION

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
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11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE — "Petit Piece pour Orgue" — César Frank
Douglas Chaplow, organ

INTROIT — "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" — Daniel E. Gawthrop
Chancel Choir

†CALL TO WORSHIP — From Psalm 78 — Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

We come to worship our God and to learn more of God's wonders.
How great and wonderful is our Compassionate God.
We come with open ears and hearts, ready to discover God's mysteries and miracles.
How generous and caring is our Unchanging God.
We gather to share our common history and the enrichment it brings.
All praise and honour to God for past and present blessings, and for God's merciful love and grace. Amen.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN — "Rejoice, the Lord is King" — Hymnal #715

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — The Apostles' Creed — Hymnal #881

†GLORIA PATRI — Hymnal #71

†OPENING PRAYER

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 — "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" — Hymnal #349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

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** | Brent Chumbler, Billy Hilaman, Jamie Trulock, Scott Trulock, Linda Bianco, Mike Marschall, Sid Matthew
Altar Guild | Ann Melder, Mary Ann Moore, Beverly Burleson, Meg Hilaman
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.

ANTHEM "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" arr. Linda Scholes
Chancel Choir

LITANY AND PRAYER FOR VETERANS DAY

For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and have lived upright lives and ministered to others. **We give thanks to you, O God.**

For those who served their country and those who gave even their lives in that service.
We give thanks to you, O God.

For those veterans whom we neglect and who suffer mental illness or physical challenges because of their service. **We ask for your mercy, O God.**

For all people who inhabit this land with all its liberties.
We give thanks to you, O God.

For all the ways in which you call us to love beyond our division, hurt and pain.
We give thanks to you, O God.

The minister prays a prayer of blessing.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal #895

PRAYER RESPONSE "Lead Me, Lord" Daniel E. Gawthrop
Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY "Patriotic Medley" Bates/Howe/Berlin/Goldstein
Carol Marchant, piano

†DOXOLOGY Hymnal #94

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†BLESSING Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

†CHORAL BENEDICTION "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Peter Lutkin
Chancel Choir

†POSTLUDE "Nachspiel C-dur" Karl August Kern
Douglas Chaplow, organ

The flowers adorning the altar today are in loving memory of Betty Jane Betts from her family on her birthday.

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...

Tanya Hollady
Christine Brice
Oakland Monda
Sheila Merlau

MONTHLY COLLECTION

During November, as temperatures drop, Local Missions is supporting Elder Care Services by supplying them with blankets. Donations of both new and gently used blankets may be left be left in the collection bins in the Welcome Center or narthex.

PRAYER QUILT

The Prayer Quilt this morning is for Pat Gilleland as she undergoes shoulder replacement surgery. Please pray for healing and recovery as you tie a knot in the quilt to let her know that she is surrounded with the love of our Trinity family.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith invites everyone to participate in two upcoming New Member Classes on November 11 and November 18 at 6:15 p.m. You are welcome to attend one or both sessions. Registration is encouraged so we can collect your contact information. For more information and class location, contact Rev. Dr. Smith at ismith@tumct.org. Scan to register. New Member Sunday is November 22. We look forward to welcoming you!

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, November 8

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
11:00 a.m.	Liturgical Service
5:00 p.m.	Steel Pans
6:15 p.m.	Jubilation Bells

Monday, November 9

9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Trinity's Church Circle One
11:00 a.m.	Snack Pack Distribution
12:00 p.m.	JOY Club Luncheon
5:30 p.m.	Local Missions Committee
6:30 p.m.	Centering Prayer

Tuesday, November 10

7:00 a.m.	Men's Daybreak
9:45 a.m.	BFC Staying Strong
11:00 a.m.	BFC Variety Mix
12:15 p.m.	BFC MoveWell
1:00 p.m.	Heavenly Chimes
6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
7:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, November 11 VETERANS DAY
Church Office/Preschool Closed

6:15 p.m.	New Member Class

Thursday, November 12

10:30 a.m.	Mats for Friends
11:00 a.m.	Snack Pack Distribution
11:00 a.m.	BFC Variety Mix
12:15 p.m.	BFC Staying Strong
6:00 p.m.	BFO Pickleball

Friday, November 13

10:00 a.m.	Friday Study Group
2:00 p.m.	Organ Recital - Todd Alexander

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.

2026

Angel Tree Gift Giving begins November 15

The Trinity UMC gift-giving program begins November 15 and runs through December 6. We are happy to partner with The Christmas Connection, sponsored by Catholic Charities. This local charity serves more than 500 families during the holiday season, all of whom are vetted and referred to the Christmas Connection by 30 local social service agencies. Our Angel Tree Program will reach the neediest children and families in our community.

There are two ways to participate:

1) An individual/family can select a "Wishlist" gift tag from the Angel Tree (one Christmas tree in the narthex, one in Moor Hall). The items listed on the Angel Tag are the gifts most requested by individuals, children, and families.

2) A group (such as a Sunday school class) can adopt a family and purchase all requested items for them. To adopt a family, please contact Gail London (see contact info below).

Join us in spreading Christmas joy and the love of Christ to our neighbors who are needing help this year!

For more information contact:
Gail London at gaillondon142@yahool.com





November 22 is Gratitude Sunday

Two Worship Services

Both the Contemporary Service (9:45 a.m.) and the Liturgical Service (11:00 a.m.) will be held in the sanctuary on November 22. There will be no 8:30 a.m. service that day.

Two Special Gratitude Forums

We are offering two special opportunities to gather and grow as a church family. At 9:45 a.m., Rev. Wayne Curry will lead a gratitude forum for adults in room 305. At 11:00 a.m., Rev. Bob Tindale will lead a gratitude forum for adults in room 305.

Extended Children's Sunday School

We are offering an extended Sunday school time for children, running from 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Children should be dropped off and picked up in room 205.

Potluck Luncheon

Join us for food, fellowship, and Thanksgiving cheer at Trinity's Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon on November 22 at 12:00 p.m. Chef Betsy will provide ham, turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, and green beans. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Dishes can be delivered to the kitchen anytime Sunday morning. Let staff know if dishes need to be kept cold or warm. No registration is required. Contact Betsy Gingery with questions at bgingery@tumct.org.



All are invited to attend a

JOINT THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

TRINITY

First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, November 25,
12:00 p.m.
at
First Presbyterian Church
110 N. Adams St.

TWO CHURCHES, ONE COMMUNITY.

A GATHERING OF GRATITUDE