

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

No. 36

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 "Voluntary VI" Maurice Green
Douglas Chaplow, organ

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hymnal #452
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

†CONFESSION AND PARDON See inside

†GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #71

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERTORY/STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY
"Growing Toward the Future, Rooted in Our Past"
Mike and Elizabeth Marschall

†DOXOLOGY Hymnal #94

†GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:28-30
The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith
"Reward for Our Labor"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Hymnal #13
The Great Thanksgiving
*All are invited to leave an offering for the Benevolence
Fund when receiving Holy Communion.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal #895

AGNUS DEI The Breaking of Bread Hymnal #30

COMMUNION HYMN Hymnal #451
"Be Thou My Vision"

†RECESSIONAL HYMN Hymnal #419
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

†BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

†POSTLUDE Charles Villiers Stanford
"Postlude in G Minor"

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

9:45 a.m.

†WORSHIP SONG "Day After Day"

†WORSHIP SONG "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT Alex Taylor

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASTORAL PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY
"Growing Toward the Future, Rooted in Our Past"
Mike and Elizabeth Marschall

OFFERTORY HYMN "Old Rugged Cross"

†GOSPEL LESSON
Matthew 11:28-30

SERMON Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith
"Reward for Our Labor"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION "The Table"
*All are invited to leave an offering for the Benevolence
Fund when receiving Holy Communion.*

†WORSHIP SONG "Take You at Your Word"

†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
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 a.m.

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CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Douglas Chaplow

WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT

Rev. E. Wayne Curry

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PRELUDE

"Voluntary VI"

Maurice Green

Douglas Chaplow, organ

INTROIT

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"
Chancel Choir

Daniel E. Gawthrop

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Hymnal #452

†CONFESSION AND PARDON

Hymnal #12

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.

**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. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

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!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

†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

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

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

Crucifer | Michael Plagens | **Ushers** | John Koehler, Karen Russell, Melanie Etters,
Rev. Patty Daniels, Rob Wicker, James Hunt

Altar Guild | Renée White, Mary Jane Portwood

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.

†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.	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.	
PRAYER RESPONSE	"Lead Me, Lord"	Daniel E. Gawthrop
	Chancel Choir	
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS/STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY	"Growing Toward the Future, Rooted in Our Past"	
	Mike and Elizabeth Marschall	
OFFERTORY	"The Journey Is Our Home"	Allen Pote
	Chancel Choir	
†DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!	Hymnal #94
†GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 11:28-30	
	The Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
SERMON	"Reward for Our Labor"	Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION	The Great Thanksgiving	Hymnal #13
	<i>All are invited to leave an offering for the Benevolence Fund when receiving Holy Communion.</i>	
THE LORD'S PRAYER		Hymnal #895
AGNUS DEI	The Breaking of Bread	Hymnal #30
COMMUNION HYMNS	"Be Thou My Vision"	Hymnal #451
	"O How I Love Jesus"	Hymnal #170
	"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"	Hymnal #301
†RECESSIONAL HYMN	"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"	Hymnal #526
†BLESSING		
†CHORAL BENEDICTION	"God Be in My Head"	Daniel E. Gawthrop
	Chancel Choir	
†POSTLUDE	"Postlude in G Minor"	Charles Villiers Stanford
	Douglas Chaplow, organ	



The flowers adorning the altar today are in memory of Patti Oakley.



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...

Scott, Sydney, and Stetson Epting	Betsy Gingery
Amanda Johnson	Family of Patti Oakley
Chris Wright	Brooks Pettit
Gary Landrum	Neil Naglee
Erma Lynn	Frances Rivers
John and Eileen Fleming	Frank Leonard
Sarah Farmer	Chris and Kim Cockrell

MONTHLY COLLECTION

During September, Local Missions is collecting socks and underwear for Leon County Schools. Any and all sizes are needed for males and females in pre-k through high school. Donations can be left in the collection bins in the Welcome Center and Narthex.

SNACK PACK ASSEMBLY

Today, our Snack Pack Ministry Team needs your help assembling snack packs for our unhoused neighbors. Volunteers are needed at 10:45 to set up the assembly line, and directly after the 11:00 service to assemble the snack packs.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: SEPTEMBER 9

2:00 p.m. - Room 310

CAJM CONNECT LUNCHEON

Join us for CAJM Connect Lunch and Listening Circles on September 13, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. Come learn more about the Capital Area Justice Ministry and discuss justice issues in our community. Lunch will be offered in Moor Hall in between the listening circles. Scan to sign up for lunch. Contact Rachael Diaz at pruira01@gmail for more information.



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, September 6

8:30 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
8:30/9:45/11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:15 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
6:15 p.m.

Chapel Service
Yates Heritage Center Open
Contemporary Service
Snack Pack Assembly
Sunday School
Liturgical Service
Snack Pack Assembly
Steel Pans
Jubilation Bells

Monday, September 7

11:00 a.m.

OFFICE/SCHOOL CLOSED
Snack Pack Distribution

Tuesday, September 8

7:00 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:15 p.m.
1:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Men's Daybreak
BFC Staying Strong
BFC Variety Mix
BFC MoveWell
Heavenly Chimes
Celebrate Recovery
Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, September 9

10:00 a.m.
2:00 p.m.
3:15 p.m.
4:15 p.m.
4:30/6:15 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Trinity's Church Circle One
Historical Society Meeting
NETKids
Richard Andrews' Bible Study
Holy Homework
Dinner
Yates Heritage Center Open
Lay Academy
Parenting Village
New Member Class
Trinity Ringers
Praise Band
Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 10

10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:15 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Mats for Friends
Snack Pack Distribution
BFC Variety Mix
BFC Staying Strong
BFO Pickleball

Friday, September 11

11:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Lunch: Pastor Ivy at Starbucks
Friday Study Group

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



Sunday School



Serving



Fellowship



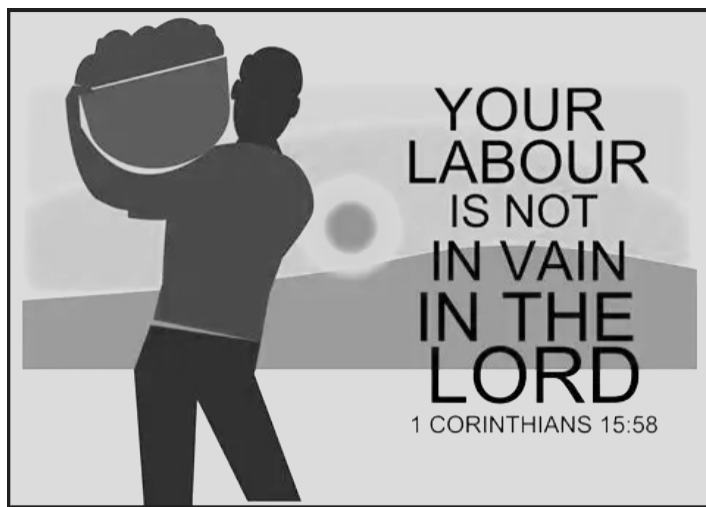
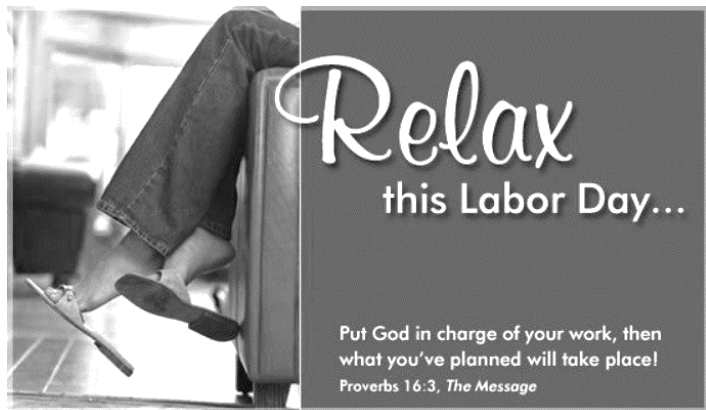
Giving

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.



A Bible Study

Matthew 11:8-30

Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

September 6, 2026

Reward for Our Labor (Work)

Matthew 11:28-30 NRSVUE

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Rev. Stephen Belokur of the Crossroads Church of the Nazarene in Arcade, New York opened a sermon with this funny and I like it, check it out.

“Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Person asked a young accountant who was fresh out of school, “What starting salary were you thinking about?” The Accountant said, “In the neighborhood of 100,000 a year, depending on the benefits package.” The interviewer said, “Well, what would you say to a package of 5 weeks’ vacation, full medical and dental, Company Retirement Fund to 50% of salary, Executive Share Option Scheme, Profit Related Pay and a company car leased every 2 years - say, a 5 series BMW?” The Accountant sat up straight and said, “Wow! Are you kidding?” The interviewer replied, “Yes, I am, but you started it.”

As we celebrate Labor Day, I would not miss this opportunity to reflect on what God directs us in the concept of work. So, the scripture in Matthew 11:28-30 expresses how we are to work, rest, and use the guidelines for work that God gives.

David Zachrich, Lutheran sermon contributor, through a sermon called “the Limits of Labor” gave a great definition

of the Christian perspective on labor. He says “a clear, practical definition of work from Scripture is this: **work is a foundational gift from God, designed to bring God glory, provide for human needs, and benefit others.** It is more than earning a paycheck, as important as that is.” Nice, huh?

And yes, the Bible directs us to:

“Enjoy your work and find satisfaction in it, as it is a gift from God.” -

Ecclesiastes 3:13

“Work heartily, as for the Lord.”

Colossians 3:23

Try on these statistics.... Almost 77% of Americans experience job burnout. 68% of workers find it impossible to take time off without checking work messages, and 84% of desk workers regularly work overtime. 66% of workers admit to having no true work-life balance. Nearly 48% of employees call themselves workaholics. Over 50% of these individuals sacrifice sleep and hobbies to work.

When we live like this, we have yet another spiritual problem. **At the root of our compulsion is a belief that we are in charge of our own lives. We turn away from God’s numerous promises to take care of us.** But we should remember that **God cares for us** just as God cares for the lilies of the fields and the birds of the air. And as we sing our marvelous hymns, a beloved one rings clear with the words: “God will take care of you.”

So as we relax on this Labor Day, we would do well to remember that **God does care for us** and will IF we will allow God to do so. Therefore, reward yourself with relaxation this Labor Day.

Be blessed Trinity! Rest and enjoy!

—Rev. Ivy