



TRINITY
United Methodist Church

LOVE  **one
another**

**replacing 'othering'
with 'neighboring'**



September 27, 2026

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Rev. Daniel W. Guenther, *Associate Pastor and
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Welcome to Trinity!

We pray that you experience the love, joy, and peace of Christ this morning. We invite you to check out our website (trinityumc.net) to learn more about Trinity and to find out how to get involved. For visitors and long-time members alike – visit our Welcome Desk just outside the Sanctuary doors to receive a visitor's gift, ask questions, learn more, and lean into life at Trinity!

Please sign the pad in the Guest Book located in each pew. Whether a visitor or member, knowing that you worshipped with us helps us care for you better.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity UMC...

Please contact one of Trinity's pastors or check in at the Welcome Desk in the Welcome Center. You can also request a membership conversation with a pastor using the attendance pad in the guestbook when you sign in.

Kids in Worship

Trinity welcomes all kids in Worship. Worship bags are available in the Welcome Center to help kids engage with the service. Please return the worship bags to the Welcome Center. Nursery is available for children age 3 and under during 9 am worship and 10 am Discipleship Hour. During 11 am worship, nursery is available to children age 5 and under. During the 9 am service preschoolers and elementary aged kids (3 years through 5th grade) may attend Kids Church – please drop them off and pick them up in the Chapel.

Prayer... To submit your prayer request or to share a joy with our intercessory prayer chain, contact Rev. Judy Oguich (joguich@trinityumc.net or 288-6056 ext. 206). Over 50 people have committed to praying for our community. Trinity members and staff pray for the concerns and joys of your heart. If you have a request, fill out a Pastoral Care Card (*located in the Guest Book*) and drop it in the offering plate. If you would like to join the prayer chain to pray for others, please e-mail Judy Oguich at joguich@trinityumc.net

Known Member Prayer Concerns

Carol Crowder, Ellen Norris, Harriet Thomas, David Hickman

Ronnie Johnson and his family following the passing of his sister, Carolyn Short
The family and friends of Bob Passmore
The family and friends of Geoff Weekley
The family and friends of Kay Lindberg
The family and friends of Janice Elledge

Community Prayer Concerns

Loved Ones of Trinity Members:

Miller Jenkins (grandson of Steve and Judy Werner), Erik DeVriendt (brother-in-law of Jenny Larkum), Bobby Price (brother-in-law of Jan Reynolds), Jacob Clegg (nephew of Judy Oguich), Lake Curry (grandson of Dr. William Curry), Bert Cloud (husband of Rev. Gina Anderson-Cloud)

Victims of war and violence

First responders and active service men and women

Victims of extreme weather and natural disasters

All those dealing with extra anxiety from life situations

Worship Attendance and Financial Information

For the week of September 20, 2026: In person attendance: 215

Online attendance: 594

Offerings: \$46,935.40

**this offering includes a deposit from Upward registrations & pumpkin patch proceeds*

Technician(s)

9 am: Thomas and Martha Hall

11 am: Leo Kirkpatrick

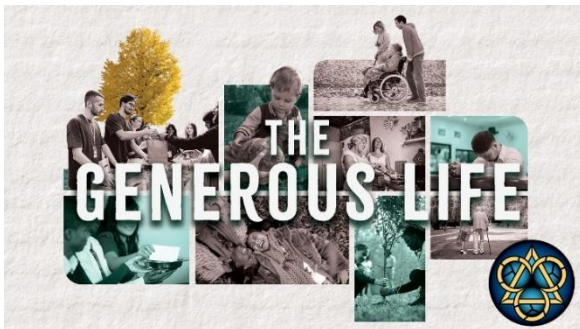
Acolytes

Candlelighters: Lucy Buchanan, Kennedy Buchanan Crucifer: Laurel Vernon

Next week:

October 4

The Generous Life, Week One



Every breath we take, every relationship we cherish, every sunrise we witness — these are all gifts from a God whose generosity knows no bounds. This November, we're exploring The Generous Life, a sermon series that examines how God's lavish giving shapes the way we're meant to live. From the changing seasons to the people we love, God's fingerprints are everywhere, reminding us that we were created not just to receive but to give in the same abundant way.

Order of Worship | 9:00 am

18th Sunday After Pentecost

** Please stand as you are able*

Entrance

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Daniel Guenther

*Passing the Peace

*Song *Good, Good Father*

*Opening Prayer (unison)

*Song *Lord, I Need You*

Proclamation and Response

*Scripture John 15:12-17 Elaine Peele

Message *You Are My Friends* Rev. Gina Anderson-Cloud

Response to the Word Rev. Judy Oguich

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology UMH 94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending Forth

*Song *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* TFWS 2223

*Benediction

Order of Worship | 11:00 am

18th Sunday After Pentecost

** Please stand as you are able*

Entrance

Chiming the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Daniel Guenther

Prelude

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Pastor: Jesus calls us friends and invites us to abide in his love.

Congregation: We come to receive and to share the love of Christ.

Pastor: We, as God's people, the Church, are chosen to bear fruit that lasts, fruit of mercy, compassion, kindness, and joy.

Congregation: Empower us, O God, to love one another and our neighbors as Christ has loved us.

All: In friendship with Jesus and love for one another, as well as with hearts for the world around us, we gather to worship our loving God. May we be inspired this day by the Holy Spirit to love as God loves, at all times and in all places, to the glory of God! Amen!

*Processional Hymn

I Come With Joy

UMH 617, vv. 1, 3, & 4

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, you have called us not as servants, but as friends, and in grace, you have gathered us into the life and love of Christ.

Open our hearts now to receive your grace, our minds to hear your truth, and our hands to serve our neighbors with compassion. Root us deeply in your love, that we may bear lasting fruit.

Teach us to love everyone as Jesus has loved us: freely, faithfully, and without condition. May all that we sing, pray, hear, and do give glory to you and draw us more fully into your loving purposes for the church, our community, and the world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our friend, Savior, and Lord. Amen.

*Passing the Peace:

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Proclamation and Response

Anthem

Koinonia
by V. Michael McKay

Trinity Choir

*Scripture

John 15:12-17

Carol Wampler

*Gloria Patri

UMH 71

Message

You Are My Friends

Rev. Gina Anderson-Cloud

*Hymn of Response

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH 557

Response to the Word

Rev. Judy Oguich

An Affirmation of Faith Based on Jesus' Commands to Love

Pastor: Having heard God's Word, and reflected together on what it means to truly love our neighbors, to be ones called to love with the great, great love of God - let us affirm our faith and our joined calling in Christ.

All: We believe in God, whose love created the world and whose grace holds all things together.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son and our faithful friend, who calls us to abide in his love and to love one another as he has loved us.

In his life, death, and resurrection, we see the depth of God's love and the promise of new life and transformation for our world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who fills the Church with courage, compassion, and hope; who sends us beyond these walls to bear lasting fruit through mercy, compassion, kindness, and joy.

We believe that we are chosen by God not just to keep love as our gift, but to share Christ's love with our neighbors and the world.

With God's help, we dedicate ourselves to the love of Jesus Christ, so that we may seek the good of our neighbors, and live as faithful friends of Jesus in a world that needs his love, in all times and places, to the glory of God. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

UMH 94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

TWFS 2223

*Benediction

*Postlude

What's Going on at Trinity?

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**Sunday, October 4 | 1:00pm
at the Pumpkin Patch**



of the Welcome Center! Please ensure that your pet is leashed or contained, up to date on any relevant vaccines, and able to be around other people and pets. Thank you!

COFFEE CONNECTIONS

**Sunday, October 4
10am | Parlor**
Meet new Trinity friends & learn more about life at Trinity!



required; just stop by. Nursery will be available for ages 3 and under, and our Director of Kids Ministries will be offering a special Pumpkin and PJ's event!

You're invited to bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to the Trinity Pumpkin Patch for a brief time of worship and a blessing over your pets. The pastors will be available for a photo with your pet after the blessing, and we are happy to take this family photo in our scenic pumpkin patch! In case of rain, we will gather under the portico in front

You're invited to an informal, no-registration gathering in the Parlor to socialize with other Trinity visitors and members, meet our clergy, and learn more about Trinity. Whether it's your first time here or whether you're looking for new ways to plug in, this is the perfect place to kick off a new season in your life here at Trinity! No sign up or reservation is

Sign Up to Help!



18
October **3:00**
until 5pm



bit.ly/4y95njX

Our annual Fall Festival is an outreach for our neighborhood and community to enjoy festive fall fun, and it requires a lot of hands to make it happen. The current highest needs are volunteers to oversee the inflatables (only a half-hour commitment). If you would like to donate financially to fund candy purchases, please visit

trinityumc.net/give and use the drop-down menu to select "Fall Festival".

Sunday: 9:00am Modern Worship Service
~~8/30~~ ~~10:00am~~ ~~Discipleship Hour and Kids Stay, Pray, & Play~~
~~9/27~~ ~~10:00am~~ ~~Discipleship Hour, & Kids Stay, Pray, and Play~~
11:00am Traditional Worship Service
5:00pm Transit – 4th/5th Grade Ministry
5:00pm Trinity Students – Youth Group
~~5:00pm~~ ~~Transit (4th/5th Graders)~~

~~Tuesday: 7:00pm Laity Onboarding for D.S. Rev. Grace Han~~
~~9/1~~

~~Wednesday: 10:00am Clergy Onboarding for D.S. Rev. Grace Han~~
~~9/2~~ ~~6:30pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal – Music Room~~
~~7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal – Sanctuary~~

~~Thursday: No Food Thursday this week due to Labor Day Weekend~~
~~9/3~~ ~~11:00am UWF – Circle 4 Meeting~~
~~1:00pm Joy Circle~~

~~Sunday: 9:00am Modern Worship Service~~
~~9/6~~ ~~10:00am Discipleship Hour and Kids Stay, Pray, and Play~~

Monday: 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Study
~~9/28~~ 7:00pm Dillard Bible Study – Virtual
7:00pm Trinity Foundation Meeting

Tuesday: 5:00pm Trustees Meeting
~~9/29~~ 5:30pm Strategic Planning Meeting
6:00pm Pickleball

Wednesday: 6:00pm 3M Bible Study
9/30 6:30pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
7:30pm Trinity Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary