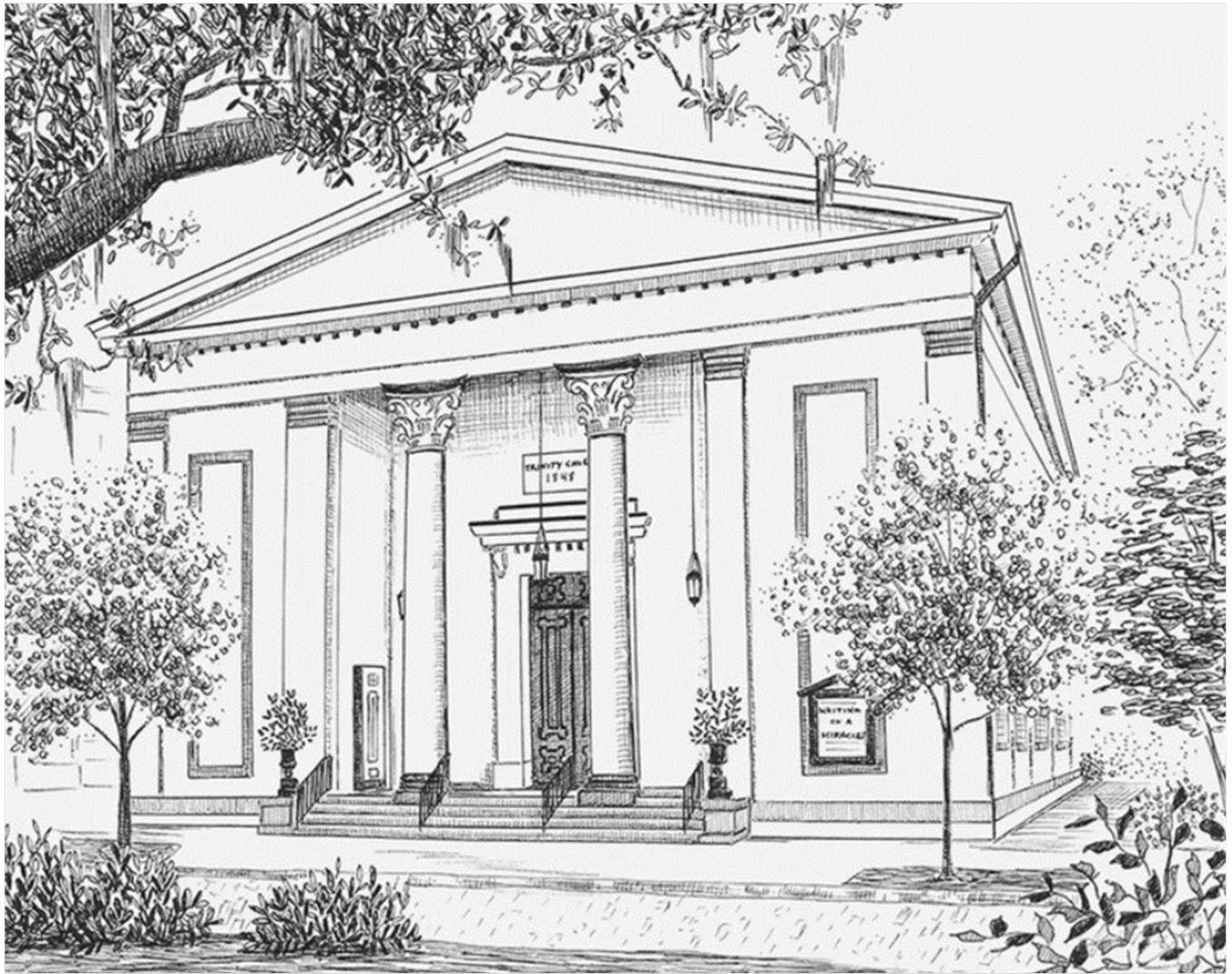


TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mother Church of Savannah Methodism



THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

225 WEST PRESIDENT STREET . SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, 31401 . WWW.TRINITY1848.ORG

MORNING WORSHIP

October 26, 2025 . 11:00 AM

Prelude

Dr. Jared Register

Welcome

Please register your attendance on a pew card or use this QR code.



Chiming of the Hour

† *At the sound of the bells, please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

Choral Introit

Praise Ye, the Lord of Hosts

Trinity Sanctuary Choir

*Call to Worship

Donna Hammontree

Leader: Beloved of God, come with your joys and your burdens and your doubts.

People: We come as we are, with broken spirits, hopeful hearts, and seeking mercy.

Feel the grace that humility brings.

Help us see others through clear eyes and open hearts.

Rest in the acceptance of God, and reflect that peace to all you meet.

Thanks be to God! Let us worship with grateful and humble hearts.

*Processional Hymn (No. 139)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion! O my soul,
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - ing bears thee on
Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend thee; sure - ly his
Praise to the Lord, who doth nour-ish thy life and re - store thee, fit - ting thee
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him! All that hath

praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear,
ea - gle's wings, e'er in his keep - ing main - tain - ing. God's care en - folds
good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee. Pon - der a - new
well for the tasks that are ev - er be - fore thee. Then to thy need
life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men

now to his tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
all, whose true good he up - holds. Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?
what the Al - might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
God as a moth - er doth speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

*Affirmation of Faith (*said by all*)

Rev. Dr. Ben Gosden

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;

and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again;

and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen and comfort.

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom: in the upholding of human dignity and community;

in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;

in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough.

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: to take up the cross;

to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;

to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come. Amen.

*Gloria Patri (No. 71)

Tune: GREATOR EX

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning is
now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end, A - men. A - men.

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment

Morning Prayer

Dr. Gosden

The Lord's Prayer (*prayed by all*)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.*

*Hymn (No. 351)

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Tune: PASS ME NOT

Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;
Let me at thy throne of mer - cy find a sweet re - lief,
Trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, would I seek thy face;
Thou the spring of all my com - fort, more than life to me,
while on oth - ers thou art call - ing, do not pass me by.
kneel - ing there in keep con - tri - tion; help my un - be - lief.
heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, save me by thy grace.
whom have I on earth be - side thee? Whom in heaven but thee?
Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;
while on oth - ers thou art call - ing, do not pass me by.

Scripture Reading

Luke 18: 9 - 14

Donna Hammontree

Choral Anthem

Draw the Circle Wide

Trinity Sanctuary Choir

Sermon

Dr. Gosden



*Doxology (No. 94)

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low: Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise
Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly
Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Closing Hymn (No. 371)

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

Tune: MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

I stand a - mazed in the pres - ence of Je - sus the Naz - a - rene, and
For me it was in the gar - den he prayed: "Not my will, but thine." He
In pit - y an - gels be - held him, and came from the world of light to
He took my sins and my sor - rows, he made them his ver - y own; he
when with the ran - sored in glo - ry his face I at last shall see, 'twill
won - der how he could love me, a sin - ner, con - demned, un - clean.
had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat - drops of blood for mine.
com - fort him in the sor - rows he bore for my soul that night.
bore the bur - den to Cal - vary, and suf - fered and died a - lone.
be my joy through the a - ges to sing of his love for me.
How mar - vel - ous! How won - der - ful! And my song shall ev - er be:
How mar - vel - ous! How won - der - ful is my Sav - ior's love for me!

*Benediction

Dr. Gosden

Postlude

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in celebration of Pastor Appreciation Month, honoring the Rev. Dr. Ben Gosden, with gratitude for his love and service to Trinity Church.

We record and broadcast our worship services for our online and home group communities.
Copyright and streaming licensure: onlicense.net #A-731231 | ©2025 Trinity United Methodist Church, Inc.

Opportunities for Caring & Healing

Prayer List - Addam Wood, Barry Helmey, Ralph & Vermelle Bailey, Clyde Parker, JoAnn Nichols, Jeanmarie Collins, Tom Madron, Mike Cutlip, Duane Heefner, Harvey Jones, Linda Wing, Kenny Frye, Susan Baldwin, Ted Paskevich, Gloria Borello, Dan Noble, Richard Grice, Hubert Baker, Nicky Olubajo, Kathy Bailey.

From our Albany congregation: Glen Sims-Limes, Emma Grace Pace, Dan McIsaac, Curt Poer, Archer Seely-Wilson, all who are serving in our nation's armed forces.

Care Ministry - A ministry with opportunities to provide care for each other through prayer circle, card writing, home communion, bereavement meals, and financial peace. Contact ccm@trinity1848.org for more information.

Stephen Ministry - A ministry in which trained and supervised lay people provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges. If you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, email stephen@trinity1848.org, or contact Pastor Ben Gosden.

Recovery is Real - A team of Trinity UMC members who understand addiction and recovery. We can offer an informed, compassionate and confidential response if you or a loved one is struggling. Contact: Carol Pine at 651.291.7236 or pineandpartners@gmail.com.

Opportunities to Serve

Backpack Buddies - Trinity Church serves our partner school (Gadsden Elementary) to supply weekend food for at-risk students. Pre-packaged, ready-to-eat food items or monetary donations are collected year-round for this ministry. Contact Dawn Wilson at dawn@trinity1848.org for more information, or to volunteer for weekly deliveries.

Justice Unites Savannah Together (JUST) - is an interfaith, interracial coalition of 25+ local congregations advocating for justice in Savannah-Chatham County. For more information, contact Trinity Church/JUST liaison Connie Boole at cboole58@gmail.com or 912.210.1583 for details.

SquareOne - an opportunity to serve our neighbors with Christ's radical hospitality and relationship in the squares of downtown Savannah. For more information contact Cale Hall at cale@trinity1848.org.

Sunday Breakfast Mission - an opportunity to partner with the Lutheran Church of the Ascension to serve our neighbors with hospitality, relationship and *breakfast*. We assemble and deploy breakfast teams every other month. Next event: November 16th. Sign-ups coming soon!

Altar Flowers - You are invited to sponsor our altar flowers for Sunday worship. Sponsorships are \$75 and can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one or special occasion. Scan this QR code or contact Lacy Wilson at office@trinity1848.org.



United Women in Faith - All women are invited to the mission of Trinity UWF! Potluck lunch meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month in Fellowship Hall following worship. Contact Dewilla Hooper at dewillahooper@yahoo.com for details.

Opportunities to Learn & Grow

TrinityKids - Trinity Kids is our ministry with children. Children aged 0-2 are welcome in our nursery on the 2nd floor. Children aged 2-up are welcome to join our children's Sunday Small Group at 11am featuring curriculum-based music, motion, and learning. Please contact Dawn Wilson at dawn@trinity1848.org with any questions or other interest in Trinity Kids.

TrinityKids Choir - 2nd through 8th graders are invited to participate. Rehearsals are held in the 2nd floor music suite on Sunday mornings at 9:45am (*during the school year*). Schedule and opportunities to sing in worship set seasonally. Contact Dawn Wilson at dawn@trinity1848.org for more information.

Trinity UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) - 6th thru 12th grade youth are invited to join us in the 3rd Floor Youth Lounge, Sundays at 9:45am, to hang, chat, learn and grow! Contact Youth Coordinator Ava Pickens at ava@trinity1848.org for more info.

Upper Room Small Group - An ongoing study group that meets on Zoom, Sundays at 10am, led by Mark Jackovich. If you would like to join this group, please email Mark at jackovich@bellsouth.net.

Smith Small Group - We meet in-person on Sundays at 9:45am, room #317. We question, discuss and learn from one another as we study topics of faith and discipleship. Contact Linda Smith at lsmith629@comcast.net for more information.

Doin' Justice - An adult discussion class that meets in room #316, to study matters, mission and acts of justice. Our new Fall study begins on August 24 - details on bulletin page 6. Contact Connie Boole (cboole58@gmail.com or 912.210.1583) or Peggy Hilleary (p_hilleary@yahoo.com or 404.449.1170) to connect with this group.

Young-ER Adults - Our newest adult small group, aimed toward the 30-50 crowd, designed to build a community of adults in the middle of life's busy schedule. Find us on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in room #315. Contact Amy Utley, amy@trinity1848.org, or Bee Smith for more details.

Opportunities to Connect

Sunday Morning Hospitality - Fellowship, donuts and coffee in the Hospitality Parlor (*behind the Sanctuary*), from 10:00-11:00am. Join us!

Band of Mothers - We are a group of moms, sharing life at all its ages and stages. We meet the 3rd Sunday of each month, room #317, 3:30-5pm. Please text Jessica Hensley with any questions at 912.596.1159.

Telfair Squares - We are a group of active older adults who gather for lunch and a great time of food and fellowship the 4th Thursday of each month. Contact Wayne Ervin at 912.346.5895 or waynedervin67@gmail.com for more information or to RSVP. November lunch spot: TBA.

Ladies Out to Lunch - Join us every 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:30am for food, fun and friendship. RSVP: Mary Ann Traver at 912.604.0956 or cwtmat@coastalnow.net or Judy DeShea at judydeshea@gmail.com. November lunch location: TBA.

2025 Advent Devotional Signup to Contribute!

What is your experience with finding hope in the darkness? We would love to receive your brief stories for Trinity's congregational Advent Devotional "Starlight and Manger Straw: Finding Hope in the Darkness"!

Submissions are due by **Saturday, November 1st**. For example devotionals, check out the Our Daily Bread devotional available in the Parlor. Contact Amy Utleigh if you are interested, and we will do the formatting - Amy Utleigh: amy@trinity1848.org or (912) 644-9045



Sunday Breakfast Mission

Sunday, November 16 | 6:00 AM - 8:15 AM

We are excited to report that for the second time, we will be expanding our breakfast-serving mission for our neighbors in homelessness, to extend beyond our annual Christmas morning breakfast. We will augment a local ministry that the Lutheran Church of the Ascension has been leading for a few years at 6 E. State Street, in downtown Savannah. Trinity has committed to serving a hot breakfast on the third Sunday of every other month to ~85 guests in the Lutheran's ground-level cafe space, conveniently located on Wright Square.

Signup to volunteer from 6:00 AM to 8:15 AM on Sunday, November 16. We will need about six volunteers to help prepare and serve the food to our guests. If this sounds like a mission opportunity that is close to your heart and you are not shy about an early morning mission, we encourage you to sign up for a slot at the volunteer form linked in the QR code here.



**Volunteer
Registration**

This ministry is an important extension of our Christmas Breakfast as well as the Square One ministry. Please reach out to Jessica Hensley at 912-596-1159 if you have any questions or would like to know more about this ministry!



Trinity's annual Fall Festival will be **NEXT Sunday, November 2nd**, immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your children in costume for a light lunch, candy, games, prizes and more!

If you're able, we need donations of individually-wrapped candy and small prizes. Please place donations on the Sanctuary back table. If you'd like to volunteer to help out with games or event setup, you can signup at the form code here or contact Dawn Wilson at dawn@trinity1848.org.



Pews to People

Sunday, November 16 | 12:15 PM

Join us for Pews to People on Sunday, November 16th. All are welcome to join this three-part Sunday series designed to help us grow in our ability to care for one another with the love of Christ. Whether you're a seasoned caregiver or simply curious about how to be more present for others, these interactive, skill-based sessions will equip you with practical tools to offer compassionate, Christ-centered care.

The session will be held immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall, ending by 1:45 PM. Through discussion, role-plays, and real-life applications, we will practice how to listen deeply, comfort those in crisis, and create space for healing conversations. Sam Watkins & Cale Hall will be facilitators for the Nov. 16 session on **Making a Hospital Visit**.

Register for this upcoming session at the form linked at the QR code here. Please RSVP by Sunday, November 9th. Contact Kelly Styles at ccm@trinity1848.org for more details on this event or any other of Trinity's Congregational Care Ministries.



**Pews to People
Registration**

SMALL GROUPS



Join Us at 9:45 AM Each Sunday

318 UMYF YOUTH GROUP

All youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to be part of our Trinity Youth Group! **Contact:** Dawn Wilson

317 SMITH CLASS

Question, discuss and learn as we study topics of faith and discipleship. **Contact:** Linda Smith

316 DOIN' JUSTICE

Discuss "The Tears of Things" by Richard Rohr, and living compassionately. **Contact:** Connie Boole/Peggy Hilleary

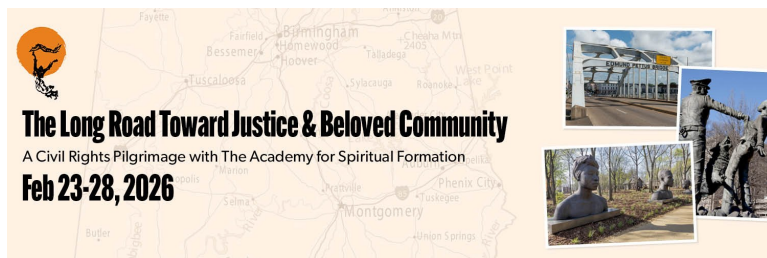
315 YOUNG-ER

Discuss "Living the Questions 2.0" with our 30-ish to 50-ish adult group. **Contact:** Amy Utley/Bee Smith

Virtual Blood Drive

We are hosting a **virtual** blood drive with the American Red Cross - **last day to give is Monday, Nov. 3, 2025.**

Check out the campaign or join by pledging to donate at the linked QR code, and then donating at your local blood donation center within the timeframe. Join us to help save lives! **Contact:** Leisel Weatherford, (912) 220-7830.



Join The Academy for Spiritual Formation on a sacred journey through Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma — a six-day pilgrimage that brings you face-to-face with the people, places, and stories that shaped the Civil Rights Movement. Space is limited. The application deadline is **December 5, 2025.**



For more info, contact Amy Utley at amy@trinity1848.org.

2025 UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SOUP SALE

~ Order Deadline: **TODAY** ~

Pricing

1 quart: \$15, 2 quarts: \$25, 3 quarts: \$35, 4 quarts: \$45

Payment

- Cash or check payable to Trinity UMW;
- Trinity website - trinity1848.org/give, drop-down **UMW**;
- Venmo - handle: @Trinity-Church, memo: UMW Soup Sale.
- **Electronic order form:**



Choose your soup(s):

(Please specify the desired number of quarts)

_____ Chicken Noodle	_____ Tomato Bisque
_____ Broccoli Cheese	_____ Split Pea/Ham
_____ Winter Squash	_____ 15 Bean/Ham
_____ Spaghetti/Meat Sauce	_____ Beef Chili
_____ Spaghetti Sauce without meat	_____ Gazpacho
	\$ _____

Order total

Pick-up day will be Nov. 2nd after morning worship in the Fellowship Hall. For Monday (Nov 3) pick up, contact Lois Modell at 404-931-5936.

Proceeds support UWF Programs, including Gadsden School projects, community support, and other projects.

Name

Email address

Cell phone

Trinity News, Notes & Reminders

This Week at Trinity Church

Sunday, October 26

TrinityKids ~ 9:45am ~ 2nd Floor

TrinityKids Choir rehearsal ~ 9:45am ~ 2nd Floor Choir Suite

Trinity UMYF* ~ 9:45am ~ 3rd Floor Youth Lounge

**UMYF-United Methodist Youth Fellowship (6th grade-12th grade)*

Adult Small Groups ~ 9:45am ~ 3rd Floor

Morning Worship ~ 11am ~ Sanctuary

Council on Ministries + Charge Conference lunch mtg ~ Fellowship Hall

Band of Mothers ~ 3:30pm ~ Room #317

Wednesday, October 29

Trinity Handbell Choir rehearsal ~ 6-6:50pm ~ Balcony Choir Loft

Sanctuary Choir rehearsal ~ 7pm ~ 2nd Floor Choir Suite

Adults & high school students are invited to participate

Beyond This Week at Trinity

UWF Soup Order deadline - Oct 26 (TODAY)

UWF Soup Pickup Day - Nov 2

Advent Devotional Submission deadline - Nov 1

TrinityKids Fall Festival - Nov 2

United Women in Faith lunch mtg - Nov 9

Sunday Breakfast Mission - Nov 16

Pews to People Event #2 - Nov 16

Advent Decorating - Nov 23

Advent begins/Family Advent Workshop - Nov 30

The Order of Business at Trinity

Council on Ministries Lunch mtg

with Trinity UMC Annual Charge Conference

October 26, 2025 (TODAY following morning worship)

Backpack Buddies Volunteers this week

Packer - Jessica Hensley

Driver - Amy Utley

Last Sunday's Attendance

In-person (Savannah): 101

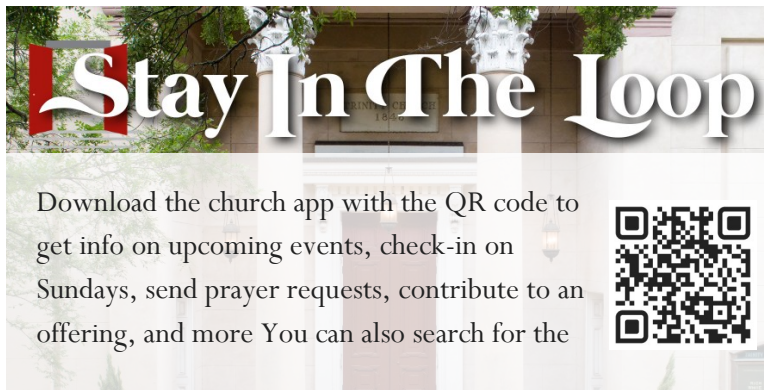
In-person (Albany): 9

Online: 39

September 2025

Operating
Income \$28,822

Operating
Expenses \$35,753



Download the church app with the QR code to get info on upcoming events, check-in on Sundays, send prayer requests, contribute to an offering, and more You can also search for the

Weekly Email Newsletter

Check out last week's email newsletter, with information on upcoming services, events, outreach projects, groups, ministries and more!



Sunday, October 26 | 3:30 PM

For the Fall semester, BOM will be meeting on the third Sunday of each month in Room 317 from 3:30-5:00 PM. Join us TODAY as we continue a three-month book study of John Mark Comer's *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*. Mothers of all kinds are welcome to join! Please reach out to Jessica Hensley at 912-596-1159 if you have any questions or would like more information on this group.

Trinity Church Staff & Contact Information

Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ben Gosden

ben@trinity1848.org | 706.326.1819

Clinical Pastoral Education Resident

Cale Robert Hall

cale@trinity1848.org | 912.308.7247

Director of Music & Organist

Dr. Jared Register

jregistermusic@gmail.com

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Dr. Ralph Bailey

Director of Discipleship

Amy Utley

amy@trinity1848.org

Director of Children's Ministries

Dawn Wilson

dawn@trinity1848.org

Coordinator of Youth Ministries

Ava Pickens

ava@trinity1848.org

Trinity Kids Leaders

Cassandra Miller, Sami Panfili,
Ava Pickens & Maggie Quinn

Church Administrator

Lacy Wilson

office@trinity1848.org | 912.233.4766

Director of Communications

Hannah Hoffman

hannah@trinity1848.org

Digital Ministries Technician

DeBria Robinson

Facilities Manager

Millard Wilson