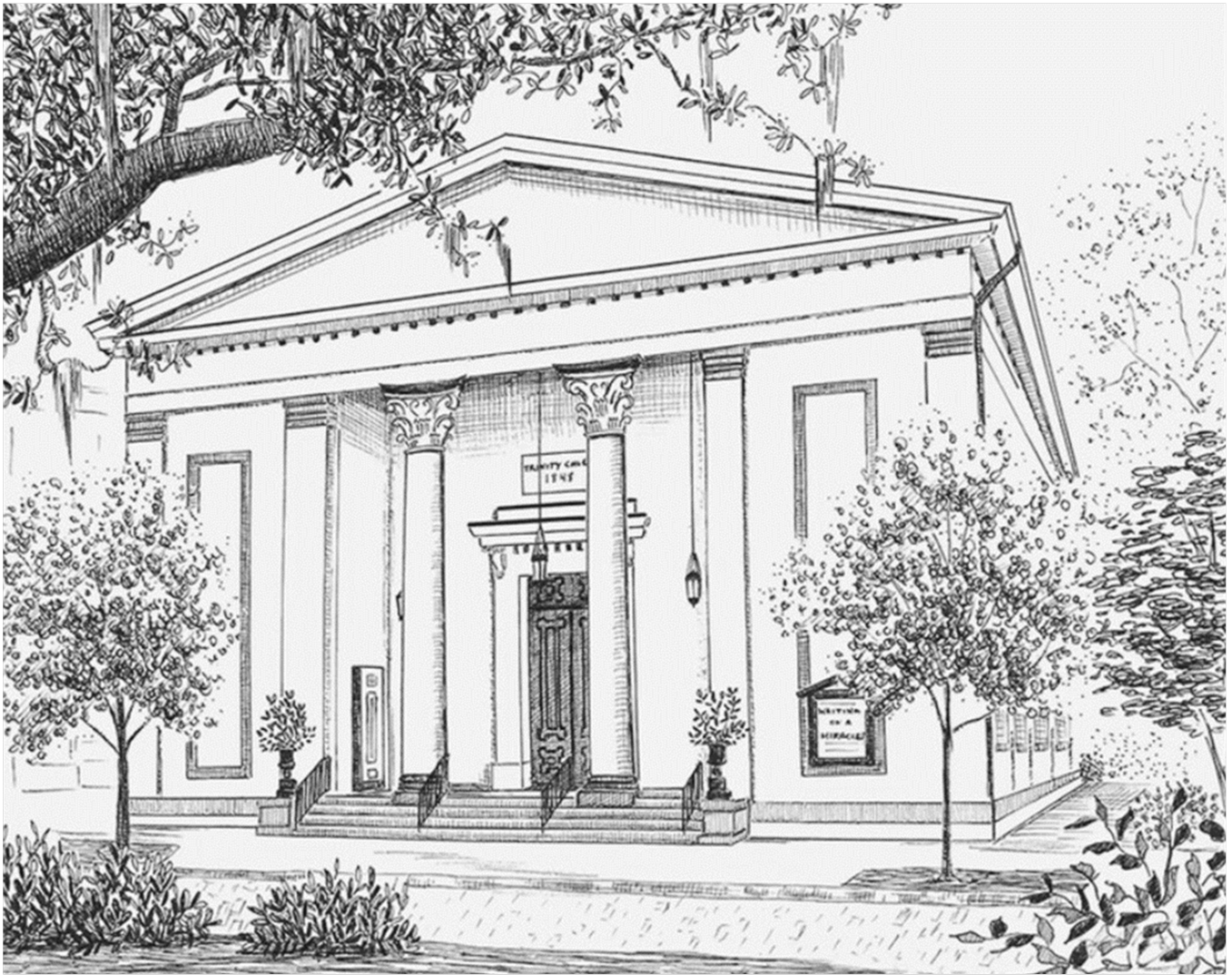


# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Mother Church of Savannah Methodism*



1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

THE 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

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# MORNING WORSHIP

December 28, 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 chimes, please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

Choral Introit

Trinity Sanctuary Choir

\*Call to Worship

Amy Utley

*Leader: The lift of God has come into our world to proclaim God's justice and love;  
It has overcome the darkness and brought new life.*

**All: Come and see!**

*Christ our companion has redeemed our world. What came into being is light and life for all people.*

**Come and follow!**

*The Word became flesh to live among us and bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.*

**Go and tell!**

*Christ shines forth in glory, and brings grace, hope, and truth.*

**Come and see, come and follow, go and tell. Let us worship. Alleluia!**

\*Processional Hymn (No. 249)

***There's a Song in the Air***

Tune: CHRISTMAS SONG

There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a mother's deep  
There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonder-ful birth, for the virgin's sweet  
In the light of that star lie the ages im-pearled; and that song from a -  
We re-joice in the light, and we echo the song that comes down through the  
prayer and a baby's low cry! And the star rains its fire while the  
boy is the Lord of the earth. Ay! the star rains its fire while the  
far has swept o - ver the world. Ev - ery hearth is a - flame, and the  
night from the heav - en - ly throng. Ay! we shout to the love - ly e -  
beau - ti - ful sing, for the man - ger of Beth - le - hem cra - dles a King!  
beau - ti - ful sing, for the man - ger of Beth - le - hem cra - dles a King!  
beau - ti - ful sing, in the homes of the na - tions that Je - sus is King!  
van - gel they bring, and we greet in his cra - dle our Sav - ior and King!

Liturgy of Christmas (*said by all*)

*-by Howard Thurman-*

Amy Utley

*When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings & princes are home, and when the shepherds are back with their flock,  
the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among others, to make music in the heart.*

\*Gloria Patri (No. 71)

Tune: GREATOREX

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

Morning Prayer

Chaplain Cale Robert Hall

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. 238)

***Angels We Have Heard on High***

Tune: GLORIA

An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing;  
See him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of an - gels praise;  
and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains. Glo -  
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.  
- - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -  
- - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Scripture Reading

***Hebrews 2 : 10-18***

Chaplain Hall

Sermon

***"Christmas Breaks Fear's Grip"***

Chaplain Hall

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\*Doxology (No. 219, v. 3)

**What Child is This?**

Tune: GREENSLEEVES

So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, - come, peas - ant, king, - to own - him; the King of kings - sal -  
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts - en - throne him. This, this - is Christ the King, - whom  
shep - herds guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste, to bring him laud, - the babe, the son - of Ma - ry.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Closing Hymn (No. 251)

**Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

Tune: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Go, tell it on the moun tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where; go, tell it on the mountain, that  
*Fine*  
Je - sus Christ is born. While shep - herds kep their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by  
The shep - herds feared and trem - bled, when lo! a - bove the  
Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was  
*D.C.*  
night, be - hold through - out the heav - ens there shown a ho - ly light. \_\_\_\_  
earth, rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed the Sav - ior's birth. \_\_\_\_  
born, and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn. \_\_\_\_

\*Benediction

Chaplain Hall

Postlude

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in celebration and with appreciation  
for the gift of music in our worship & the beautiful addition of organ chimes.*

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# TRINITY NEWS & NOTES

## This Week at Trinity Church

Sunday, December 28  
Morning Worship ~ 11am | Sanctuary  
Guest preacher: *Cale Robert Hall*  
(morning worship only ~ no TrinityKids Activities | Childcare | UMYF)

December 29-31  
Church office hours: 9a-2p | remote only

January 1, 2026  
Church office closed

Sunday, January 4, 2026  
UN-Decorate the Sanctuary | following worship  
with lite lunch

## Beyond This Week at Trinity

Ladies Out to Lunch | Jan 8  
United Women in Faith lunch mtg | Jan 11  
Trinity Staff Lunch mtg | Jan 11  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday | Jan 18  
Telfair Squares Lunch Bunch | Jan 22  
Discipleship Lunch & Learn | Jan 25

### Last Sunday's Attendance

In-person (Savannah): 147  
In-person (Albany): 21  
Online: 39

### November 2025

Operating  
Income \$35,579  
Operating  
Expenses \$36,144

### Backpack Buddies Volunteers (the week of January 4)

Packer - Molly Carlson

Driver - Deb Loughney

## 2025 YEAR END GIVING

THANK YOU Trinity UMC for your tremendous financial support in 2025! Together we have given, provided, lived & loved our neighbors by funding almost \$390,000 of mission, ministry & disciple-making this year. And we have funded \$375,000 (all but 4%) of the cost. In planning your year end gifts, please consider how you can help close the gap of 2025, and help prepare for what God is calling us to do in 2026.

Contributions need to be received in the church office by Thursday, January 8, 2026, in order to be included on your 2025 Giving Statement. Checks should be dated no later than December 31, 2025. Electronic gifts need to have a December 31, 2025, transaction (initiation) date.

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 2026

In this season of *Thankfulness* we ask that you prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to our 2026 Ministry Budget, to be faithful to God, and readily able to grow as God's church on Telfair Square and throughout our community.

Our 2026 goal is \$215,000 in *pledged* giving, and we have received commitments valuing 80% of that - THANK YOU!

It is not too late to submit an Estimate of Giving Commitment card. There are cards available in the rear of the sanctuary, and electronic pledges can be submitted here.



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# Get Involved In The New Year!

## Justice & Missions

Trinity Church is active in a variety of missions, community outreach programs, and justice and inclusion initiatives. There are many opportunities to work with the our teams to serve the local community and beyond, including:

### Education

- Gadsden Elementary partnership
- Backpack Buddies - weekend meals for local students

### Community Assistance

- Square One Ministry
- JUST Savannah
- Recovery Is Real (addiction & recovery)
- Christmas Breakfast for the homeless
- 6 E State Street - monthly breakfasts

### Inclusion

- Annual Savannah Pride Festival
- Savannah Pride Center partnerships
- Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN)

...and more community initiatives, events, and volunteer projects throughout the year!

If you are interested in getting involved, check out the **Opportunities to Serve** section in the bulletin for more details.

## Family Ministries

Children are ALWAYS welcome in our Sunday worship, and for the children's moment at the beginning of the service. Afterwards, children under 12 are invited to join children's church in the education building. Our children's choir (4th grade & up) meets on Sundays at 9:45 AM. Nursery is available every Sunday for the smaller ones, 0 to 2 years old, 9:45a - Noon. Join our regular family events and workshops! Contact Children's Director Dawn Wilson at [dawn@trinity1848.org](mailto:dawn@trinity1848.org) for details.



## Small Group Fellowship

Join us Sundays at 10 AM for Sunday Small Groups! Including **Young-er**, **The Upper Room**, **Doin' Justice**, the **Smith Class**, and **UMYF** (youth fellowship, 6-12th), see the [Opportunities to Learn & Grow](#) section for details.

All women are invited to join the **United Women in Faith** for their monthly meal and meeting at 12:15 PM each 2nd Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Also, our women's small group, **Band of Mothers**, meets every 3rd Sunday afternoon for fellowship, book studies, service projects and more! The **Ladies Out To Lunch** meet every 2nd Thursday for lunch at a restaurant in Savannah, and the **Telfair Squares** group welcomes everyone for a monthly lunch, food and fellowship every 4th Thursday at rotating local restaurants. Check out the [Opportunities to Connect](#) section for more on our fellowship opportunities.

## Care Ministries

At Trinity Church, we have several different Care Ministries that can provide care in a variety of ways. These include: Prayer Team, Faith Partners, Congregational Care Ministries, Card Writing Team, Home Communion Service, Financial Peace University, Bereavement Meals & Reconciling Ministries Network. If you or someone you know could benefit from care, get the confidential contact info here.



Care  
Contact

## Sunday Worship Services

Join us for worship in the sanctuary either in-person or online at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday morning. All are welcome here! You can watch online through Facebook or YouTube, and the Sunday worship bulletin is available online through the link here.

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