

# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Mother Church of Savannah Methodism*



THE 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

# MORNING WORSHIP

August 10, 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

Summer Sanctuary Choir

\*Call to Worship

Amy Utley

*Leader: Listen, friends - God is always speaking: stay ready to listen, prepare for action, dress in love and compassion.*

**People: God comes at unexpected times, in unexpected places; we want to be ready to say, "Yes!"**

*Do not be afraid, little flock - it is God's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

**Help us stay filled with faith and spirit, hearts so bright, and souls for justice.**

*The place where your treasure is, is the place you will love and thrive.*

**Let our actions show what our hearts treasure. And, let us worship!**

\*Processional Hymn (No. 61)

**Come, Thou Almighty King**

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN

Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name\_\_\_\_\_ to sing,  
Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,  
Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
To thee, great One\_\_\_\_\_ in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be,

help us to praise! Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend! Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in  
hence, ev - er - more. Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!  
word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend!  
ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore!

\*Affirmation of Faith (said by all)

Rev. Dr. Ben Gosden

*We are not alone, we live in God's world.*

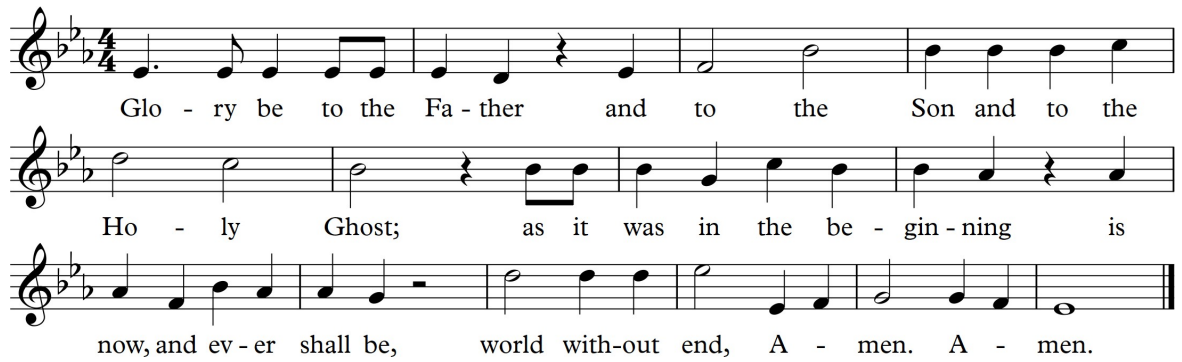
*We believe in God: who has created and ins creating, who has come in Jesus the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.*

*We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.*

*We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

*(from the United Church of Canada)*



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

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Morning Prayer

Dr. Gosden

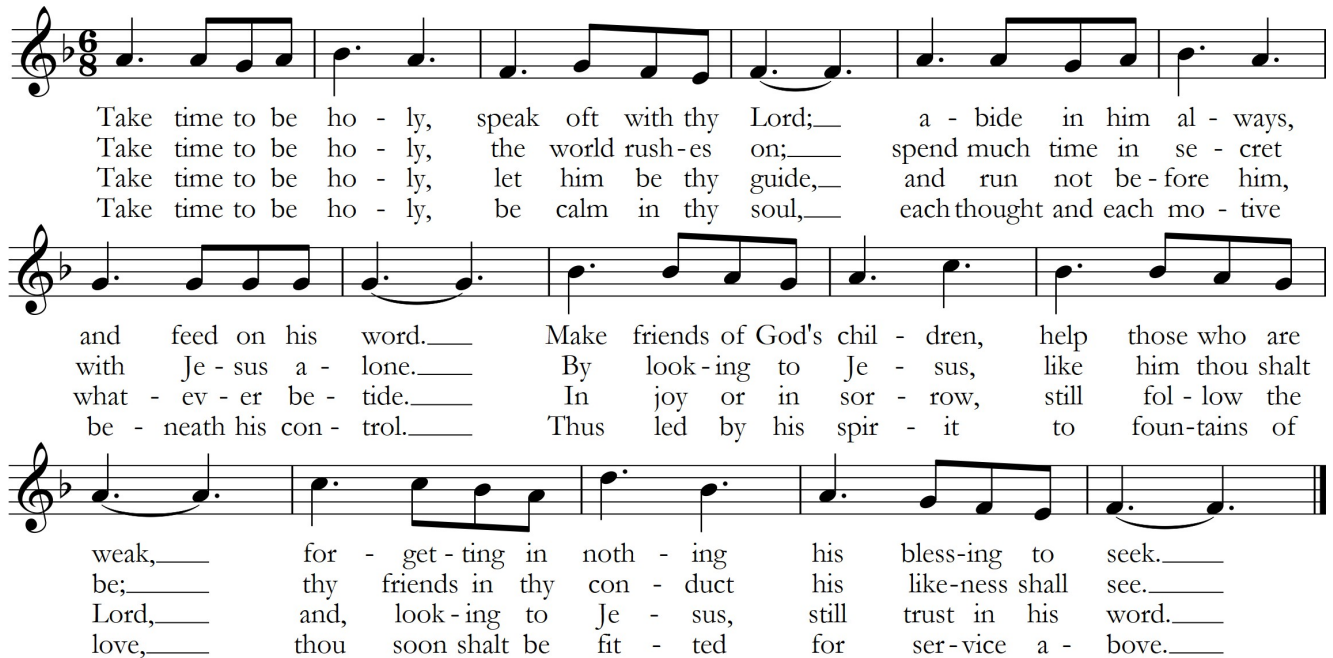
The Lord's Prayer (*prayed by all*)

*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. 395)

***Take Time to Be Holy***

Tune: HOLINESS



Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord; a - bid in him al - ways,  
Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush-es on; spend much time in se - cret  
Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide, and run not be - fore him,  
Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each mo - tive  
and feed on his word. Make friends of God's chil - dren, help those who are  
with Je - sus a - lone. By look - ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt  
what - ev - er be - tide. In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low the  
be - neath his con - trol. Thus led by his spir - it to foun-tains of  
weak, for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless-ing to seek.  
be; thy friends in thy con - duct his like-ness shall see.  
Lord, and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his word.  
love, thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser-vice a - bove.

Scripture Reading

***Hebrews 11 : 1-3, 8-16***

Amy Utley

Choral Anthem

Summer Sanctuary Choir

Sermon

Dr. Gosden

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\*Doxology (No. 95)

***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow***

Tune: OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Closing Hymn (No. 714)

***I Know Whom I Have Believed***

Tune: EL NATHAN

I know not why\_ God's won-drous grace to me he hath\_ made known, nor  
I know not how\_ this\_ sav - ing faith to me he did\_ im - part, nor  
I know not how\_ the\_ Spir - it moves, con - vinc - ing us\_ of\_ sin, re -  
I know not when my\_ Lord may come, at night or noon - day\_ fair, nor

why, un - wor - thy, Christ in love re - deemed me for\_ his\_ own. But I  
how be - liev - ing\_ in his word wrought peace with-in\_ my\_ heart.  
veal - ing Je - sus\_ through the word, cre - at - ing faith\_ in\_ him.  
if I walk\_ the\_ vale with him, or meet him in\_ the\_ air.

know whom I have be - liev - ed, and am per-suad - ed that he is a - ble to  
keep that which I've com - mit - ted un - to him a - gainst that day.

\*Benediction

Dr. Gosden

Postlude

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Bailey, in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary.*

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## Opportunities for Caring & Healing

**Prayer List** - the family of Sue Thompson, Ralph & Vermelle Bailey, family of Nick Scull, Clyde Parker, JoAnn Nichols, Jeanmarie Collins, Tom Madron, Mike Cutlip, Duane Heefner, Harvey Jones, Linda Wing, Kenny Frye, Susan Baldwin, Ted Paskevich, Gloria Borello, Richard Grice, Hubert Baker, Nicky Olubajo, Kathy Bailey. From our Albany congregation: Billy Hodges & Joel White in the loss of Billy's father, Curt Poer, Archer Seeley-Wilson, the deployed military unit of Houston Laughlin.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pineandpartners@gmail.com).

**Reconciling Ministry of Trinity Church** - A ministry partnership with Reconciling Ministries Network committed to intersectional justice across and beyond the UMC, and the inclusion of all people in the life and leadership of the church. Contact: [rmn@trinity1848.org](mailto:rmn@trinity1848.org).

## Opportunities to Serve

**Love Mentors** - We are an active group of volunteers whose goal is to help children learn, at nine Savannah elementary schools; as a mentor you can choose the school, grade, day/time to serve. It requires a simple background check done by the school and a brief training. Supplies are provided. Please consider helping our children improve their literacy skills. Contact Judy DeShea at [judydeshea@gmail.com](mailto:judydeshea@gmail.com) for more info.

**Backpack Buddies** - Trinity Church serves our partner school (Gadsden Elementary) to supply weekend food for at-risk students, sent home in their backpack at the end of each week. Non-perishable, individual serving-sized, ready-to-eat food items or monetary donations are collected year-round for this ministry. Contact Dawn Wilson at [dawn@trinity1848.org](mailto: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](mailto:cboole58@gmail.com) or 912.210.1583 for details.

**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](mailto:office@trinity1848.org).



## Opportunities to Learn & Grow

**Trinity Kids** - 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](mailto:dawn@trinity1848.org) with any questions or other interest in Trinity Kids.

**Trinity Kids Choir** - 2nd through 5th 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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. We are taking a summer break - check back here for our plans to resume in the Fall. Contact Connie Boole ([cboole58@gmail.com](mailto:cboole58@gmail.com) or 912.210.1583) or Peggy Hilleary ([p\\_hilleary@yahoo.com](mailto:p_hilleary@yahoo.com) or 404.449.1170) to connect with this group.

**United Women in Faith** - All women are invited to join!UWF potluck lunch meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Contact Dewilla Hooper at [dewillahooper@yahoo.com](mailto:dewillahooper@yahoo.com) for details or to RSVP.

## 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 meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, from 6:15-7:30pm, in room #317. Childcare will be provided. 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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. Contact Wayne Ervin at 912.346.5895 or [waynedervin67@gmail.com](mailto:waynedervin67@gmail.com) for more information or to RSVP. August lunch location: 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](mailto:cwtmat@coastalnow.net) or Judy DeShea at [judydeshea@gmail.com](mailto:judydeshea@gmail.com). August lunch location: Ole Times Country Buffet, 209 Stephenson Avenue - Savannah.

### UMYF Small Group

Every Sunday | 9:45 AM

Trinity's UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) small group has begun, and youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to meet **every Sunday morning at 9:45 AM** in the Youth Room/Youth Lounge (on the third floor), with occasional activities scheduled on alternate days.

This group offers an opportunity for youth to have fun, build new relationships, perform service in the community and beyond, and grow in their faith in a supportive, encouraging environment.

For more info, contact Youth Director Ava Pickens at [ava@trinity1848.org](mailto:ava@trinity1848.org) or Children's Director Dawn Wilson at [dawn@trinity1848.org](mailto:dawn@trinity1848.org).



United  
Women  
in Faith

### UWF Meeting

Sunday, August 10 | 12:15 PM

The Trinity United Women in Faith will meet this **Sunday, August 10th** in the Fellowship Hall at **12:15 PM**, following morning worship. All women are invited to join and learn about the many projects we support and how you can be a powerful witness for God. This group meets every 2nd Sunday, with lunch available. Contact Dewilla Hooper at [dewillahooper@yahoo.com](mailto:dewillahooper@yahoo.com) for more information or to RSVP.

August Meeting: Speaker - Carole Longmeyer; Topic: - "What Practices Grow Your Faith?"; Focus - What practices grew/grow your faith? How do you make meaning in life?

### Ladies Out To Lunch

Thursday, August 14 | 11:30 AM

All our Trinity women are invited to a Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 AM on **Thursday, August 14th**. The luncheon will be located at Ole Times Country Buffet Savannah - 209 Stephenson Ave, Savannah, GA 31405.

You can RSVP for the luncheon to Mary Ann Traver at 912-604-0956 or [cwtmat@coastalnow.net](mailto:cwtmat@coastalnow.net), or Judy DeShea at [judydeshea@gmail.com](mailto:judydeshea@gmail.com). This group will continue meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month, we'd love to see you there!



The new "Younger" adults small group will begin on **Sunday, August 24th at 9:45 AM**. This group is aimed toward the 30-50 crowd, designed to build a community of adults in the middle of life's busy schedule.

Held in the 3rd floor museum room every Sunday morning following the 24th, you can contact Amy Utleby ([amy@trinity1848.org](mailto:amy@trinity1848.org)), Bee Smith or Andrew Cosey ([andrew@austinhillrealty.com](mailto:andrew@austinhillrealty.com)) for more details.



On **Sunday August 24th** you can come with your family for a special Backpack Blessing Sunday & Family Luncheon! Bring your children's backpacks and we will have a backpack blessing before children's time in the service. After church, we will have a luncheon just for our Trinity kids and families. Join us after church (**about 12:30 PM**) in the Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship with other families. Contact Dawn Wilson at [dawn@trinity1848.org](mailto:dawn@trinity1848.org) for more information.



Our Band of Mothers will kick-off their 2025/2026 season with a gathering at Jessica Hensley's home on Sunday afternoon, **August 24 from 4:00 - 5:30 PM**. Trinity mothers of all kinds are welcome to join us for mocktails, some summer treats, and a prayer beads maker-session with Amy Utleby. Text Jessica with any questions at 912-596-1159!

### Telfair Squares Lunch Group

Telfair Squares' monthly lunch group will meet at 11:30 AM on **Thursday, August 28th**, location: Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Q, 147 Traders Way, Pooler, GA 31322. All are invited to join us for lunch!

For more information on the event or to RSVP, contact Wayne Ervin at [waynedervin67@gmail.com](mailto:waynedervin67@gmail.com) or 912-346-5895.

### 5th Sunday Luncheon & Bake Sale

**Sunday, August 31 | 12:15 PM**

Join us on Sunday, August 31st for food and summer fellowship for the 5th Sunday Luncheon potluck! After the morning service, the luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide the main dish, and you can feel free to bring a side dish to share.

Don't stuff yourself too much, because during the luncheon, our UWF—United Women in Faith—will also be presenting their bake sale alongside the luncheon in the Fellowship Hall! The proceeds from their variety of sweets and baked goods go to the various local ministries they support in our community. Bring cash for ease of access to treats!



### Square One Needs You!

Join our Square One ministry as we walk the streets and squares of downtown Savannah, offering water, fruit, and friendship to our unhoused neighbors. Our mission is to embody Christ's radical hospitality and relational presence in the squares of downtown Savannah. We are also starting to help out with the Sunday Free Breakfasts provided at 6 E. State Street. For this ministry, we will need 4-5 people to help serve a free breakfast for those in need.

**Volunteers are needed** to walk the squares with Cale from 9:30 - 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings, and for the Sunday Breakfasts. To get involved, contact Cale Robert Hall at 912-308-7247 or [cale@trinity1848.org](mailto:cale@trinity1848.org) to learn more about this ministry.



## Pews To People

Fall Learning Series

### Pews To People

**September 21, October 19, & November 16**

Join us for **Pews to People**, a 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. All are welcome to join these 3 sessions, held on Sunday, September 21, October 19, & November 16 (3rd Sunday of each month), from about 12:15 PM (immediately following morning worship) to 1:45 PM.



#### Listening Skills

Engaging with another's experience, showing empathy, and responding with care  
Donna Hammontree



#### Making a Hospital Visit

Providing comfort and spiritual support while respecting patient and hospital needs  
Sam Watkins & Cale Hall



#### Setting the Stage for Care

Creating a safe environment for care through thoughtful communication, confidentiality, and setting

**What to Expect:** These are not lectures! Through discussion, role-plays, and real-life application, we will practice how to listen deeply, comfort those in crisis, and create space for healing conversations.

Contact Kelly Styles at [ccm@trinity1848.org](mailto:ccm@trinity1848.org) for more details, or sign up at the form linked at the QR code.



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# Trinity News, Notes & Reminders

## This Week at Trinity Church

Sunday, August 10

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

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

Summer Singers rehearsal ~ 10:15am ~ Music Suite (2nd Floor)

Trinity Kids ~ 10am ~ 2nd Floor

Adult Small Groups ~ 10am ~ various locations

Morning Worship ~ 11am ~ Sanctuary

United Women in Faith Lunch mtg ~ Fellowship Hall

## Last Sunday's Attendance

In-person (Savannah): 109

In-person (Albany): 26

Online: 36

## July 2024-June 2025

### Fiscal Year End

Operating Income \$398,400

Operating Expenses \$395,847

## Beyond This Week at Trinity

Blessing of the Backpacks (in Worship) - August 24

Trinity Kids & Families Luncheon - August 24

Spectra Choir "Held in Harmony" Workshop - August 16

5th Sunday Potluck Luncheon - August 31

## The Order of Business at Trinity

Council on Ministries Lunch mtg - August 17

Nominations on Lay Leadership ZOOM mtg - August 18

Board of Trustees mtg - August 21

Administrative Board mtg - August 21

## The 'After People'

Each Sunday after worship, our Stephen Ministers will be waiting near the front of the sanctuary for one-on-one meetings, to provide confidential emotional and spiritual support for anyone facing challenging times. Stephen Ministers are known as the "After People" because they are there to support you after life's toughest moments. If you need an "After Person," we're here for you. Our Trinity Care Ministries have trained Stephen Ministers who can offer compassionate support in various ways, including scheduling deeper conversations about personal or family concerns, answering questions, and receiving prayer requests. We provide care visits of many kinds, and you can confidentially contact the Care Team anytime at [ccm@trinity1848.org](mailto:ccm@trinity1848.org).

## Sunday Parking

Show your bulletin to the Robinson Garage parking attendant until 2pm on Sundays to get FREE parking! There is also FREE parking on the street and around the Square. Please avoid parking on the corners of the Square so tour buses can get by.

## Sunday Worship Services

Join us for worship in our historic sanctuary or online at 11:00 AM every Sunday. All are welcome here! You can watch from home on Facebook or YouTube, and the Sunday worship bulletin is also available online.

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