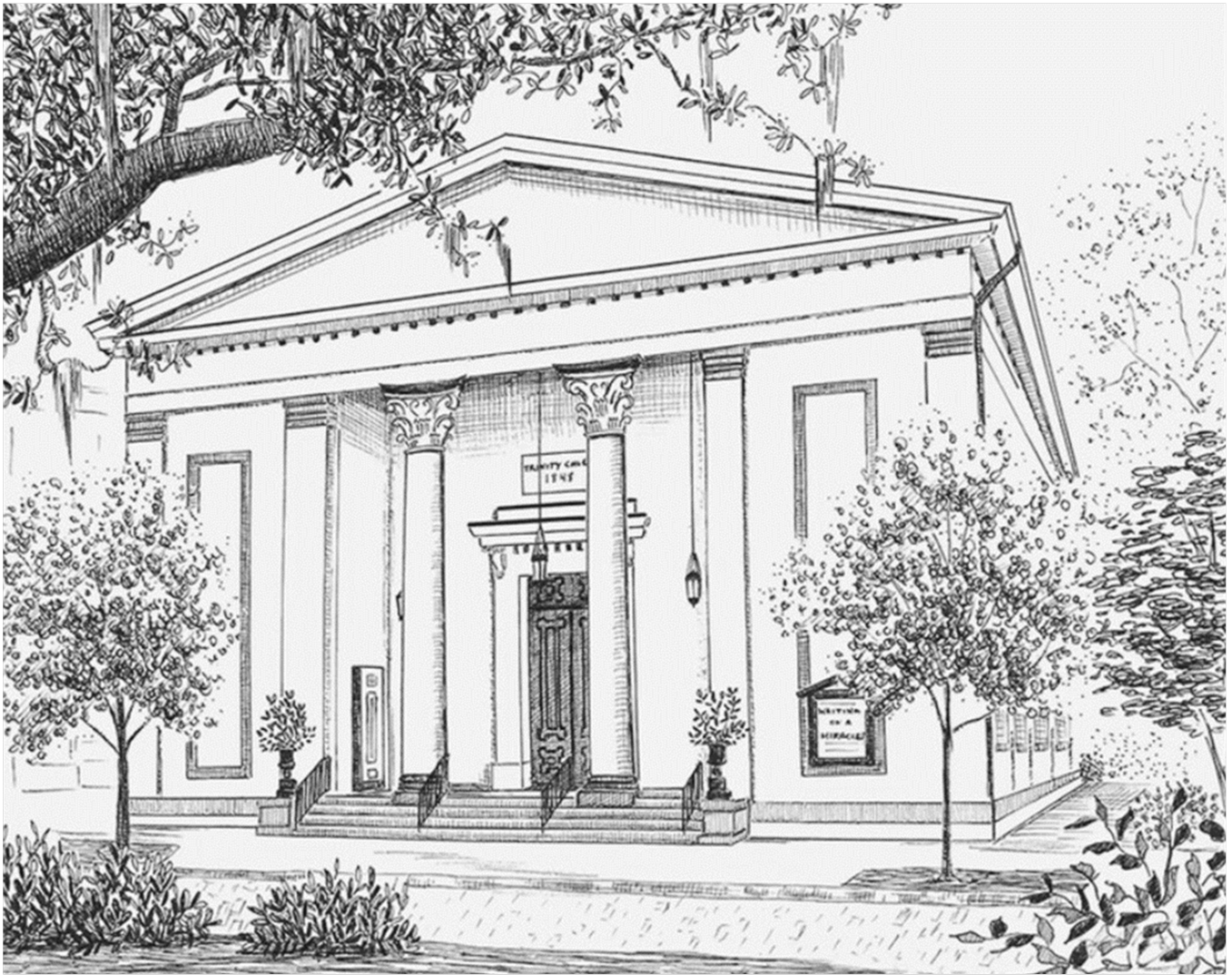


# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Mother Church of Savannah Methodism*



THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

# MORNING WORSHIP

August 24, 2025 . 11:00 AM

Dr. Jared Register



Prelude

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

Jonathan Borden

*Leader: Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.*

**People: Let us worship together - the young and the not-so-young.**

*The good news is proclaimed in God's words .... and with crayons, music, lessons and miracles.*

**Let us worship together - the learners and the learned.**

*We gather together with different abilities, different needs, different gifts, and different wisdom.*

**Let us learn and teach and help and heal, and worship God together!**

\*Processional Hymn (No. 103)

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

Tune: ST. DENIO

Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, In light in - ac -  
Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, Nor want - ing, nor  
To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small; In all life Thou  
Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light, Thine an - gels a -  
ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the  
wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might; Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high  
liv - est, the true life of all; We blos - som and flour - ish like  
dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight; All praise we would ren - der; O  
An - cient of Days, Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
soar - ing a - bove Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
leaves on the tree, Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.  
help us to see 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Rev. Dr. Ben Gosden

*No matter your stage of teaching or learning, we welcome you forward to receive  
a special blessing and expression of love and support to carry with you in the new school year.*

*Leader: Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students, teachers, and school leaders.*

**People: Hear our prayers, O God.**

*They stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to study and learning and teaching and guid - ing in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them.*

**Hear our prayers, O God.**

*Leader: Further, we ask your blessing on these backpacks and bags. They will hold the lessons and school work of each one here, and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.*

**People: Hear our prayers, O God.**

*And may these teachers and administrators also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their to call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well.*

**Hear our prayers, O God.**

*We pray in the name of Jesus who we seek to follow day by day. Amen.*

**\*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

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. 585)**

***This Little Light of Mine***

Tune: LATTIMER

This lit-tle light of mine,\_\_\_\_ I'm goin'-a let it shine, this lit-tle light of  
Ev - e - ry where I go,\_\_\_\_ I'm goin'-a let it shine, ev - e - ry where I  
All\_\_\_\_through the night,\_\_\_\_ I'm goin'-a let it shine, all\_\_\_\_through the  
mine,\_\_\_\_ I'm goin'-a let it shine; this lit - tle light of mine,\_\_\_\_  
go,\_\_\_\_ I'm goin'-a let it shine; ev - e - ry where I go,\_\_\_\_  
night,\_\_\_\_ I'm goin'-a let it shine; all\_\_\_\_through the night,\_\_\_\_  
I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.\_\_\_\_

**\*Gospel Reading**

***Luke 13 : 10-17***

Jonathan Borden

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. 733)

***Marching to Zion***

Tune: MARCHING TO ZION

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with  
Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God; but chil-dren of the  
The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets be - fore we reach the  
Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - ery tear be dry; we'remarch-ing through Em  
sweet ac - cord, join in a song with sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and  
heaven-ly King, but chil-dren of the heaven-ly King may speak their joys a - broad, may  
heaven-ly fields, be - fore we reach the heaven-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or  
man-uel's ground, we'remarch-ing through Em-man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to  
thus sur-round the throne. We'remarch - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful  
speak their joys a - broad.  
walk the gold - en streets.  
fair - er worlds on high.  
Zi - on; we'remarch-ing up-ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti-ful cit-y of God.

\*Benediction

Dr. Gosden

Postlude

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## Opportunities for Caring & Healing

**Prayer List** - the family of Eubie Hendrix, 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: Curt Poer, Archer Seeley-Wilson, the return 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.

**Do in' 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](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 are a group of moms, sharing life at all its ages and stages. Fall 2025 kick off is on August 24 - details on bulletin page 6. 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 spot: Jim 'N Nick's BBQ - 147 Traders Way, Pooler.

**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). September lunch location: TBA.

### Doin' Justice Book Study

Sunday, August 24 | 10:00 AM

*"How do we live compassionately in a time of violence and despair? What can we do with our private disappointments and the anger we feel in such an unjust world?" - Richard Rohr*

The Doin' Justice class will re-start for the Fall semester at 10:00 AM on Sunday, August 24th in Room #316. Come Join us in a new weekly book study by Richard Rohr: *The Tears of Things*, for discussion, questions, and reflections.

Contact: Connie Boole: [choole58@gmail.com](mailto:choole58@gmail.com) 912-210-1583 or Peggy Hilleary: [p\\_hilleary@yahoo.com](mailto:p_hilleary@yahoo.com) 404-449-1170

### Young-er Adults

Sunday, August 24 | 9:45 AM

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 on the 3rd floor in room #315 every Sunday morning, you can contact Amy Utey, [amy@trinity1848.org](mailto:amy@trinity1848.org) or Bee Smith for more details.

### Backpack Blessing & Family Luncheon

Sunday, August 24 | 12:15 PM

On **Sunday August 24th** 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 12:15 PM**) in the Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship with other families. **Please RSVP** if you plan to attend, so we can prepare accordingly!

Contact Dawn Wilson at [dawn@trinity1848.org](mailto:dawn@trinity1848.org) for more info.



### Band of Mothers

Sunday, August 24 | 4:00 - 5:30 PM

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, summer treats, and a prayer beads maker-session with Amy Utey. Text Jessica Hensley for questions at 912-596-1159.

### Telfair Squares Lunch Group

Thursday, August 28 | 11:30 AM

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.

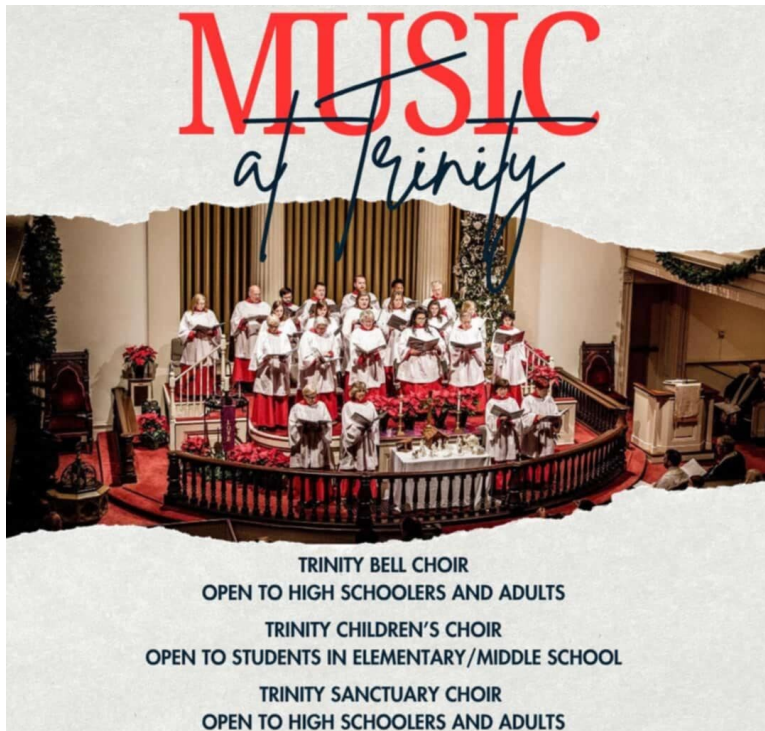
### Square One Needs You!

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. **Volunteers are needed** to walk the squares with Cale from 9:30 - 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings. To get involved, contact Cale Robert Hall at 912-308-7247 or [cale@trinity1848.org](mailto:cale@trinity1848.org), or fill out the interest form.



Beginning in September, we will join a local ministry that the Lutheran Church of the Ascension has been leading for a few years at 6 E. State Street. Trinity has committed to serving a hot breakfast on the third Sunday, every other month, to ~85 guests in the ground-level cafe space on Wright Square. We will need **six** volunteers to help prepare and serve the food to our guests. This ministry is an important extension of our Christmas Breakfast as well as the Square One ministry. Sign up to volunteer on Sunday, September 21st at the link here. Contact Jessica Hensley at 912.596.1159 for more details.





### Trinity Music Ministries

Wednesday, Sept. 3 | 6:00 PM

The Summer Sanctuary Choir is open to ANYONE who wants to sing, and Sunday 10:00 AM rehearsals will continue through the end of August. On **Wednesday September 3rd**, this will change to the regular Sanctuary Choir rehearsals, meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM in the choir room. Our bell and children's choir will be coming soon, so stay tuned for more details!

The choral ministry is an integral part of worship at Trinity and the Sanctuary Choir leads the service on Sundays and during liturgical highlights like Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve, the season of Lent, and Easter. No previous experience is necessary.

The Trinity Handbell Choir expands the ways in which music is shared at Trinity, and we love sharing the sound of our Schulmerich handbells in worship. If you would like to join this group, basic music literacy is preferred, but not necessary.

Our Children's Choir launched in fall 2024 for ages 2nd grade and up, meeting every Sunday morning in the choir room. Danny Jones, choir member and local music teacher, leads this choir, teaching basic music literacy and songs to perform once a semester.

For more information on Trinity's Music Ministries, contact music director Jared Register at [jregistermusic@gmail.com](mailto:jregistermusic@gmail.com).



### 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.

**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.



#### Listening Skills

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



#### 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

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# Trinity News, Notes & Reminders

## This Week at Trinity Church

Sunday, August 24

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

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

**Young-ER Adult Small Group Kickoff ~ 9:45am ~ Room #315**

**Doin' Justice Adult Small Group resumes ~ 10am ~ Room #316**

Summer Singers rehearsal ~ 10:15am ~ Music Suite (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Trinity Kids ~ 10am ~ 2nd Floor

Adult Small Groups ~ 10am ~ various locations

Morning Worship ~ 11am ~ Sanctuary

**Trinity Families Luncheon ~ Fellowship Hall**

**Band of Mothers Fall Kickoff ~ 4-5:30pm**

*the home of Jessica Hensley*

Sunday, August 31

5th Sunday Potluck Luncheon

United Women in Faith Bake Sale

## Last Sunday's Attendance

In-person (Savannah): 101

In-person (Albany): 14

Online: 35

## August 2025

Operating Income \$26,290

Operating Expenses \$32,348

## Beyond This Week at Trinity

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals resume - *Sept 3*

Missions Committee Lunch mtg - *Sept 7*

Pews to People Event #1 - *Sept 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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