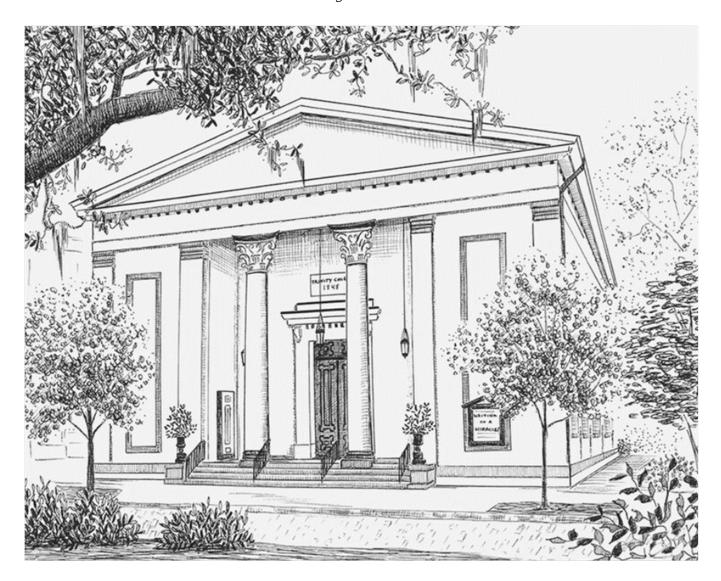
# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mother Church of Savannah Methodism



# THE 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

# MORNING WORSHIP

September 14, 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.



Linda Smith

Choral Introit

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Trinity Sanctuary Choir

\*Call to Worship

Leader: God welcomes us, enters our hearts, and asks us to offer radical hospitality. **People: But, we may be lost sheep...** 

God seeks and saves the lost.

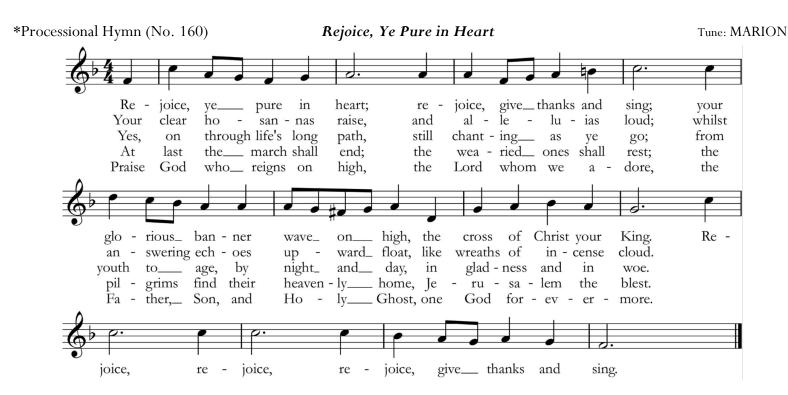
Or, we may be a lost coin ...

God searches and rejoices when the lost are found.

And, we may have regrets ...

God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

As God welcomes us, let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another. Let us worship!



# \*Affirmation of Faith (said by all)

Rev. Dr. Ben Gosden

I believe in God the Father, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ

his only son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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\*Gloria Patri (No. 71)

Tune: GREATOREX



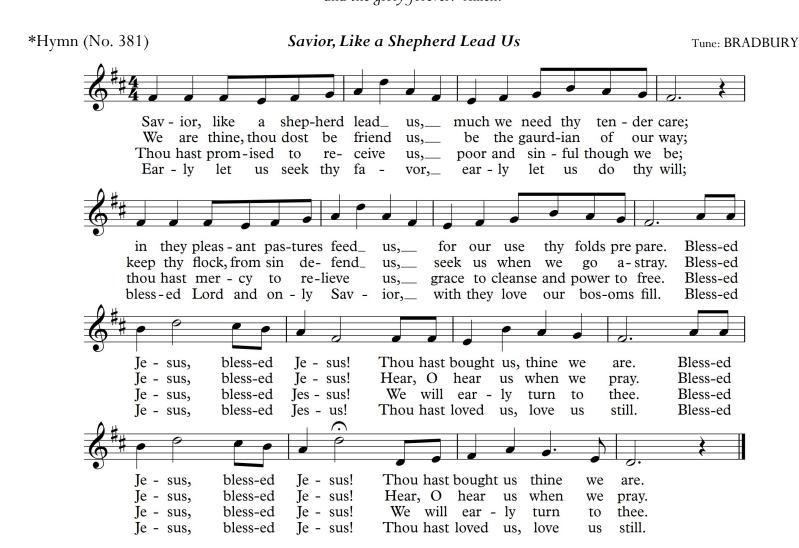
\*Passing of the Peace

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.



Choral Anthem

## We Walk By Faith

Trinity Sanctuary Choir

Sermon

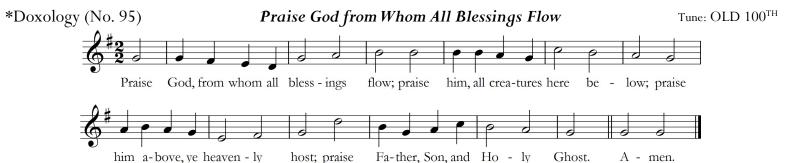
Dr. Gosden

# Offertory

Dr. Register

Give securely at trinity 1848.org/give | Text to 912.385.4771 | Venmo handle: @Trinity-Church Your generosity enables us to make a difference in our community and our world.





# Invitation to Christian Discipleship



\*Benediction

Dr. Gosden

### Postlude

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Find more information & many ways to connect with Trinity Church on bulletin pages 6-8.



# **Opportunities for Caring & Healing**

Prayer List - family & friends of Judy DeShea, 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, Richard Grice, Hubert Baker, Nicky Olubajo, Kathy Bailey.

From our Albany congregation: Deborah & Pearce Long on the loss of Deborah's father, Curt Poer, Archer Seeley-Wilson.

**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 <u>ccm(a)trinity1848.org</u> 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 <u>stephen(a)trinity1848.org</u>, 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 pineandpartners@gmail.com.

# **Opportunities to Serve**

to volunteer for weekly deliveries.

Trinity Church/JUST liaison Connie Boole <u>cboole58@gmail.com</u> 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. Find more details and contact information on bulletin page 6.

**Sunday Breakfast Mission** - a 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. Watch the bulletin and the weekly newsletter for team sign-ups as prep starts for each event.

**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 <u>dewillahooper(a)yahoo.com</u> 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 <u>dawn@trinity1848.org</u> 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 <u>dawn(a)trinity1848.org</u> 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 <u>ava@trinity1848.org</u> 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 <u>jackovich(a)bellsouth.net</u>.

**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 <u>lsmith629(a)comcast.net</u> for more information.

Backpack Buddies - Trinity Church serves our partner school Doin' Justice - An adult discussion class that meets in room (Gadsden Elementary) to supply weekend food for at-risk #316, to study matters, mission and acts of justice. Our new Fall students. Pre-packaged, ready-to-eat food items or monetary study begins on August 24 - details on bulletin page 6. Contact donations are collected year-round for this ministry. Contact Connie Boole (cboole58@agmail.com or 912.210.1583) or Peggy Dawn Wilson at <u>dawn@trinity1848.org</u> for more information, or Hilleary (<u>p hilleary@yahoo.com</u> or 404.449.1170) to connect with this group.

Justice Unites Savannah Together (JUST) - is an interfaith, Young-ER Adults - Our newest adult small group, aimed interracial coalition of 25+ local congregations advocating for toward the 30-50 crowd, designed to build a community of adults justice in Savannah-Chatham County. For more information, in the middle of life's busy schedule. Find us on Sunday mornings 9:45am in room #315. Contact Amy Utley, <u>amy@trinity1848.org</u>, 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 <u>waynedervin67@gmail.com</u> for more information or to RSVP. September lunch spot: The Original Pancake House - 7201 Hodgson Memorial Drive, Savannah.

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



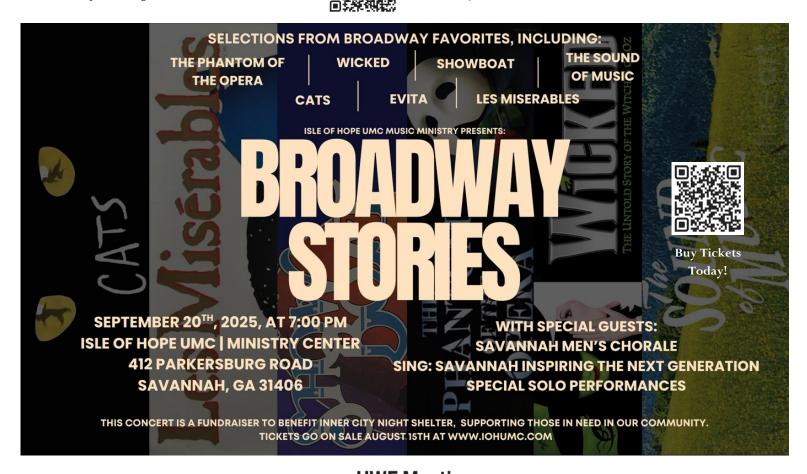
Join our Square One ministry as we walk the streets and squares of downtown Savannah, offering water, fruit, and friendship to our unhoused neighbors. **Volunteers are needed** to walk the squares with Cale from 9:30 - 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings. To get involved, contact Cale Robert Hall at 912-308-7247 or <a href="mailto:cale@trinity1848.org">cale@trinity1848.org</a>, or fill out the interest form.

# TrinityKids Youth & Children's Ministries Volunteers Needed!

As our TrinityKids Youth & Children's ministries expand, we are in need of more volunteers! If you're interested in helping out with upcoming Sundays, special events, and other facets of these ministries, we'd love your assistance. Contact

us through the form and we'll be in touch soon. The upcoming 30 min. Safe Sanctuary training will be immediately after the service on Sunday, October 5th.





# **UWF Meeting**

Sunday, Sept. 14 | 12:15 PM

The Trinity United Women in Faith will meet today, Sunday, September 14th 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.

#### **September Meeting Details**

Speaker: Beverly Oliver

Topic: "What is Faithfulness to You?"

Focus: How do you live out your faithfulness in a changing

world?

Contact or RSVP: Dewilla Hooper, <u>dewillahooper@yahoo.com</u>

For more details on these and other upcoming events, sign up for our weekly newsletter:

Past Trinity Email Archive



Newsletter Signup



# Children's Choir

Sunday, Sept. 21 | 9:45 AM

Our Children's Choir launched in fall 2024 for ages 2nd grade and up with Danny Jones, choir member and local music teacher, leading the choir and teaching basic music literacy and songs. The Children's Choir will begin on Sunday, September 21 at 9:45 AM in the Choir Suite (Room 213). They meet every Sunday morning in the choir room for rehearsals, to perform once a semester.

For more information on the Children's Choir or Trinity's Music Ministries, contact music director Jared Register at <u>iregistermusic@gmail.com</u>.



# **Pews To People**

Sunday, September 21 | 12:15 PM

Join us for **Pews to People**, a three-part Sunday series this fall. 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.

Our first session on Sunday, September 21st, will focus on Listening Skills. Listening is fully focusing on another person's words, feelings, and experience—setting aside our own thoughts so we can be a compassionate, Christ-centered presence. Led by Donna Hammontree, Donna has been faithfully serving Trinity Church for over 20 years. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor, and EMDRIA Certified Clinician, she has been helping hearts heal in Savannah since 2001. When she's not busy guiding others with compassion, she's busy chasing after her three favorite "disciples" — her grandsons William, Jack, and John Philip. Come ready to learn, laugh, and leave better equipped to lend an ear, show God's love.

Sign up TODAY for the Sunday, September 21st session

at 12:15 PM on Listening Skills with Donna, and learn how to engage with another's experience, while showing empathy and responding with care. For more information, contact: Kelly Styles at <a href="mailto:ccm@trinity1848.org">ccm@trinity1848.org</a>



Pews to People Registration

# **JUST Concert Fundraiser**

Sunday, September 21 | 5:00 PM

Join JUST (Justice Unites Savannah Together) to hear some of the most talented musicians in Savannah for a fundraising event at 5:00 PM on Sunday, September 21st at First Baptist Church of Savannah. Profits from this event will bring JUST closer to achieving their mission of a more just

Savannah as they work on affordable housing, public school literacy, and mental health access. Doors open at 4PM, with a suggested donation of \$25 per ticket. Buy tickets at the link or visit



www.justsav.org for more information on the event and group.

# **Band Of Mothers**

Sunday, September 21 | 3:30 - 5:00 PM

New meeting time for Band of Mothers!

For the Fall semester, the Band of Mothers group will meet on the third Sunday of each month in Room 317 from 3:30-5:00pm. Our first meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, September 21**, when we will be begin a three-month book study of John Mark Comer's *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*. Mothers of all kinds are welcome! Please reach out to Jessica Hensley at 912-596-1159 if you have any questions, or would like more details on this group.

# Telfair Squares Lunch Group Thursday, September 25 | 11:30 AM

Telfair Squares' monthly lunch group will meet at 11:30 AM on **Thursday, September 25th**, location: The Original Pancake House - 7201 Hodgson Memorial Drive, Savannah. All are invited to join us for lunch!

For more information on the event or to RSVP, contact Wayne Ervin at <u>waynedervin67@gmail.com</u> or 912-346-5895.

# **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.

**Download our app** for Trinity service & event info, online check-in, giving, note-taking, and group engagement.

# This Week at Trinity Church

Sunday, September 14

TrinityKids ~ 9:45am ~ 2nd Floor Trinity UMYF\* ~ 9:45am ~ 3rd Floor Youth Lounge \*UMÝF-United Methodist Youth Fellowship (6th grade-12th grade) Adult Small Groups  $\sim 9:45$ am  $\sim 3$ rd Floor Morning Worship ∼ 11am ∼ Sanctuary

United Women in Faith lunch mtg ~ Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 17

Sanctuary Choir rehearsal ~ 7pm ~ 2nd Floor Choir Suite Adults & high school students are invited to participate

Sunday, September 21

Sunday Morning Breakfast Mission ~ 6-8:15am ~ 6 E. State Street TrinityKids Choir rehearsal ~ 9:45am ~ 2nd Floor Choir Suite Pews to People Learning Series: *Listening* ~ 12:15pm ~ Fellowship Hall Band of Mothers  $\sim 3:30-5$ pm  $\sim Room #317$ JUST Concert Fundraiser  $\sim$  5pm  $\sim$  1st Baptist Church, Savannah

# **Beyond This Week at Trinity**

Trinity UMYF Movie Night - Oct 4 Safe Sanctuaries Training - Oct 5 JUST Fall Assembly - Oct 6 Blessing of the Animals - Oct 18 Pews to People Event #2 - Oct 19 "Will & Harper" Movie night - Oct 23 First City PRIDE - Oct 25

# The Order of Business at Trinity

Council on Ministries Lunch mtg with Trinity UMC Annual Charge Conference October 26, 2025 (following morning worship)

#### Last Sunday's Attendance

In-person (Savannah): 132 In-person (Albany): 6

Online: 27

### August 2025

Operating Income \$29,398 Operating

Expenses \$30,244

# **School Supply Drive**

We are doing a September School Supply Drive for our partner school, Gadsden Elementary, and you can support this effort by either purchasing items off of the Amazon Wish List below (for delivery to the church), OR getting some items and dropping them off on the back table on Sundays.

## **Top 5 Items Needed:**

- 1. Pens
- 2. Pencils
- 3. Dry Erase Markers
- 4. Sharpie Markers
- 5. Sticky Notes



**School Supply** Wish List

# Virtual Blood Drive

The church is hosting a virtual blood drive with the American Red Cross from Sept. 3 - Nov. 3, 2025. Check out the campaign or join by pledging to donate at the link below, and then donating at your local blood donation center within the timeframe. Contact: Leisel Weatherford, (912) 220-7830. Reasons for donating blood can be deeply personal. Sam Watkins says. "Tobye, my wife had Crohn's Disease, getting decidedly worse. She had routine blood work done at the lab and later I was told to take her immediately to the ER where she was immediately taken back. I recognized the blood product and it stated, 'Volunteer donor: American Red Cross.' A volunteer donor saved Toybe's life!"



Pledge Today!

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