

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

No. 47

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Services at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m.

† Please rise in body or in spirit.

CHAPEL SERVICE

8:30 a.m.

WELCOME AND VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Trinity United Methodist Church is to be a diverse Christian community that leads as a shining beacon of God's love, actively engaging as the heart, hands, and feet of Christ in the world.

PRELUDE Douglas Chaplow

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | HOPE

Today we light the first candle, the candle of hope. This light reminds us of Christ's mission to seek and save those who are lost. In this season of Advent, we look forward with hope to the One who restores, heals, and makes all things new. God of hope, as we light this candle, fill our hearts with expectation. May we trust in your promises and share your hope with a world in need.

Come, Lord Jesus, our Hope. Shine your light in our hearts.

Sing refrain: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hymnal #211
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Verses 1, 2, 6

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal #881
The Apostles' Creed

† GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #71

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. E. Wayne Curry

CHURCH NOTICES / OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY Hymnal #94

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 2:1-5
Matthew 24:36-44

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
"Hope is Renewed: A Wesleyan Church in Advent"

† RECESSIONAL HYMN Hymnal # 213
"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Douglas Chaplow

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

9:45 a.m.

† WORSHIP SONG "Open Up the Heavens"

† WELCOME AND VISION STATEMENT

† LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | HOPE

† WORSHIP SONG "Same God"

† PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

PASTORAL PRAYER

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† WORSHIP SONG "Living Hope"

† WORSHIP SONG "Here I Am to Worship"

† BENEDICTION

During the worship songs, you are invited to utilize the Prayer Station by the stained-glass window and light a candle as you pray.

Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers upon request.

LITURGICAL SERVICE
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11:00 a.m.

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INTROIT

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"
Chancel Choir

Berthier/Taizé

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Randy and Starr Clay

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SCRIPTURE READING

"God Will Send a Righteous King"
Camden Hand | Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams, Reflection

Jeremiah 23:5-6

† HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Verses 1, 2, 6

Hymnal #211

SCRIPTURE READING

"The Prophet Declares a Child Will Be Born"
Charlie Coughlin | Rev. E. Wayne Curry, Reflection

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

† HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hymnal #196

SCRIPTURE READING

"The Fourth Servant Song"
Lillian Watters | Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams, Reflection

Isaiah 53:1-6

SOLO

"The Holly and the Ivy"
Penelope Watters

SCRIPTURE READING

"The Mystery of Incarnation"
Aubrey Recks | Rev. E. Wayne Curry, Reflection

John 1:1-5, 9-14

Crucifer | Michael Plagens | **Ushers** | Brent Chumbler, Billy Hilaman, Jamie Trulock, Scott Trulock, Linda Bianco, Mike Marschall, Sid Matthew | **Altar Guild** | Ann Melder, Georgia Jordan, Meg Hilaman, Gayle Webb, Mary Ann Moore, Beverly Burleson | **Club Car Drivers** | Edward Young, Ben Gilleland, Jimmy Henderson

SONG "Waiting" Toni Sullivan
NETKids Choirs

LIGHTING OF THE CRISMON TREE Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

ANTHEM "Come Let Us Adore Him" John Carter
NETKids Choirs and Chancel Choir
Children are dismissed to Room 205 for Kids' Praise.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS / CHURCH NOTICES

OFFERTORY "All the Earth is Hopeful" arr. James Bobb
Children's Choirs and Chancel Choir

†DOXOLOGY Hymnal #94
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 2:1-5
The Gospel of the Lord. Matthew 24:36-44
Thanks be to God.

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"Hope is Renewed: A Wesleyan Church in Advent"

†HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Hymnal #213

BLESSING Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

†CHORAL BENEDICTION "Deep Peace" Daniel Nelson
Chancel Choir

†POSTLUDE Douglas Chaplow

Please remain seated for the postlude



Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams, Senior Pastor
Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski, Associate Pastor
Rev. E. Wayne Curry, Minister of Pastoral Care
Alex Taylor, Contemporary Worship Music Leader | Warren May, Interim Director of Traditional Music
Douglas Chaplow, Organist

WELCOME

Welcome to worship today! We're glad you are here. Please sign the pew pad to register your attendance. If you're visiting, fill out a Connect Card, and on your way out, be sure to see one of our ushers for a small gift as a thank you for joining us!

PRAYER CONCERNS

May we pray for you? A prayer card can be found in the pews. Prayer requests are listed by **name** only. Please lift up in prayer...

Midge Tindale	Anita Wedemeyer
Aghita Folsom	Matt and Belinda Thompson
Vivian Bevis Smelley	Gary Henderson
Bill and Amy Gill	Aida Jacobs
Martha Anne Proctor	

MONTHLY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous hearts as we continue to support those in need throughout our community. Please be sure to take a tag from one of our Angel trees and return your gift by December 8.

COOKIES WITH SANTA

Visit with Santa and receive cookies on December 6 from 3:45-5:45 p.m. This is a FREE event! Be sure to bring your camera and get pictures with Santa.

YOUTH CHILI FUNDRAISER

Get your tickets now for the Youth Chili Fundraiser on December 6 from 5-8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each. See Sally Huggins or stop by the church office to purchase a ticket.

CHRISTMAS ORGAN RECITAL

Enjoy a recital of Christmas music performed by Trinity's Organist, Douglas Chaplow, on Sunday, December 7 at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. The event is free and open to the public.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, November 30

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Service
8:30 a.m.	Yates Heritage Center Open
9:45 a.m.	Contemporary Service
8:30/9:45/11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Liturgical Service
4:00 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
5:00 p.m.	UMYF
5:00 p.m.	Steel Pans
6:15 p.m.	Jubilation Bells

Monday, December 1

9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
11:00 a.m.	Snack Pack Distribution
12:00 p.m.	JOY Club Luncheon
6:30 p.m.	Centering Prayer

Tuesday, December 2

7:00 a.m.	Men's Daybreak
9:40 a.m.	BFC Staying Strong
11:00 a.m.	BFC Variety Mix
12:10 p.m.	Flex on the Floor
1:00 p.m.	Heavenly Chimes
6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
7:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, December 3

3:30 p.m.	NETKids
4:15 p.m.	Richard Andrews' Bible Study
4:30 p.m.	DEI Working Group Meeting
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:15 p.m.	Parenting Village
6:15 p.m.	Trinity Ringers
6:30 p.m.	Praise Band
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 4

11:00 a.m.	Snack Pack Distribution
11:00 a.m.	BFC Variety Mix
12:10 p.m.	BFC Staying Strong
6:00 p.m.	BFO Pickleball

Friday, December 5

10:00 a.m.	Friday Study Group
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Saturday, December 6

3:45 p.m.	Cookies With Santa
5:00 p.m.	Chili Fundraiser

SCAN THE QR CODES FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT TRINITY.



Sunday School



Service



Fellowship



Giving

Our Vision

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Our Mission

Because of God's love for us through Jesus Christ, we exist to worship, grow, and serve.



Trinity United Methodist Church Poinsettia and Wreath Order Form

2025



Traditionally our church has been decorated during the Advent Season with flowers and wreaths in memory or honor of loved ones.

Poinsettias | Poinsettias can be ordered for \$30 each. They will adorn the sanctuary for all Christmas Eve worship services and may be picked up after Christmas Day from the church portico or donated for the church's outreach. Please indicate your preference below.

Sanctuary Wreaths | There will be (10) ten wreaths for the sanctuary windows (\$100 each) and (2) two altar wreaths (\$120 each) available in honor or in memory of a loved one that will remain in the sanctuary throughout the season and will not be available for take-home. **These orders will be received at the Church Office only on a first come, first served basis and must be reserved.** Contact (850) 222-1120 to make your reservation.

Please fill in the information below and include your payment to Trinity (memo: poinsettia). Please use an offering envelope for the form and payment if you want to place it in the offering plate. If you prefer, you may mail them to: Trinity UMC, PO Box 1086, Tallahassee, FL 32302. Order forms must be received in the church office by December 17, 2025.

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please circle "in honor" or "in memory" and print names clearly.

I would like a poinsettia in honor / in memory of:

1. Name _____

I would like a poinsettia in honor / in memory of:

2. Name _____

I would like a poinsettia in honor / in memory of:

3. Name _____

Please select one of the following options:

_____ I will pick up my poinsettia(s).

_____ I would like to donate my poinsettia(s) for outreach.