

Special Events

⇒ Congregational Breakfast and Visioning Meeting

When: 9-1030 a.m. on January 10

Where: Fellowship Hall, Ed. Bldg.

Why: evaluating our existing ministries, reflecting on God's Call, and discerning new ministries.

⇒ Trinotes

The deadline for submissions is January 11th. Please email or mail any articles or "blurbs" to our administrative officer, Katie Smith: office@trinityumcmemphis.org.

⇒ Evergreen Historic District Potluck

January 21st in the Trinity UMC Fellowship Hall from 5 p.m.-8p.m.

This Week At TUMC

Sunday, January 3rd

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:55 a.m. Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Cubs Scouts (Lower Level—Ed. Bldg.)

Monday, January 4th Trustees Meeting Canceled

8:30 a.m. Faith Walking in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts—Troop 13 (Lower Level Ed. Bldg.)

Tuesday, January 5th

10:30 a.m. UMW meeting in Fellowship Hall
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion in Chapel
4:30 p.m. Room In The Inn

Wednesday, January 6th

8:30 a.m. Faith Walking in Fellowship Hall
12:00 noon Bible Study in Conference Room
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. NA meeting

Thursday, January 7th

7:00 p.m. NA meeting

Friday, January 8th

8:30 a.m. Faith Walking in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. NA meeting

Saturday, January 9th

6:30 p.m. NA meeting

Sunday, January 10th

9:00 a.m. Congregational Visioning Meeting
10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:55 a.m. Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

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† Worship On The Lord's Day †

January 3rd, 2016 ❖ 10:55 A.M.

The Epiphany of the Son of God

Leading in Worship

Jonathan Bratt Carle, Pastor
Lisa Machen, Director of Music
Alicia Butler, Choral Director
Cara Hechinger, Liturgist



Sharing God's love with every neighbor:

The people of Trinity United Methodist Church believe that all individuals are of equal and sacred worth, created in the image of God. Our congregation welcomes all people and seeks to build community with individuals who are diverse in theological viewpoint, age, physical and mental ability, economic status, immigration status, race, ethnicity, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

Welcome to worship at Trinity UMC!

Restrooms are located on the ground floor along the hallway at the back of the church, in the hallway behind the sanctuary, and on the west (right) side of the building on the third floor. **Elevator** access is available to all three floors. It is a joyful thing to come together as a **community**; if you are visiting, we're excited that you are here with us. Please take note of the **Ministry of Friendship** pad and feel warmly invited to share your name with those around you; place attendance sheets in the offering plate. The **chimes** signal the beginning of worship. Once again, **welcome!**

❖ Entering Into Worship ❖

Gathering

Chiming the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Bringing In the Light We Three Kings arr. Greer

*Opening Hymn Angels from the realms of glory UMH 220

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: This is the Lord's Day, the first day of the week,
the day when Jesus was raised from the dead,
and we come to worship Him.

People: In Him there is no darkness at all!

Liturgist: Amidst the din and dust of the world,
the Star of God's Love shines by both day and night.

People: Merciful God, thank you for your light.

*The Call to Confession

Liturgist: Let us cast off all darkness; let us seek again the forgiveness of
our God and the wholeness which God intends for us. Let us
pray:

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not always loved our
neighbors as ourselves. We acknowledge the ways we have harmed
ourselves and others in breaking these your commandments. We are sorry,
and we humbly turn again to your light. In remembrance of your love, given
to us in Jesus, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your
will, see the transforming power of your love, and walk from now on in
newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Absolution of Sin

Liturgist: Dear friends, hear the Good News: God looks at our sin and
sees our need. In Jesus, God has come to teach us, heal us, and
overcome the suffering and guilt of our sin. Turn your eyes upon
Jesus, look full in his wonderful face; and the things of earth will
grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace. Beloved of
God: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*The Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us make Christ's love and peace known to each other.

*Gloria Gloria in Excelsis Deo! UMH 238, refrain

A Time For Children

Choral Anthem What Child is This? UMH 219

❖ Proclaiming God's Holy Word ❖

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Lord, as a New Year begins, we ask you to reveal yourself to us again: open
our hearts to sense your presence; open our minds to understand the
truth of your light; open our lives to the sanctifying work of your reign of
justice and mercy.

A reading from the Old Testament Isaiah 43:1-21 (OT p. 672)

Liturgist: Here ends the reading.

A reading from the Epistles Ephesians 2:13-3:12 (NT p. 192)

Liturgist: Here ends the reading.

*A reading from the Gospels Matthew 2:1-18 (NT p. 2)

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Response God of Grace and God of Glory UMH 577

Homily "A Different Kind of King"

❖ Responding to the Word ❖

Invitation to Discipleship

*A New Year's Affirmation & Blessing

Pastor: We believe that God exists and that God is revealed by the
witness of the Spirit and the work of the Son
as the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all life.
We believe the single, most significant dimension of life
is our relationship with the Source of Goodness,
who never ceases to give life to the Creation.

**All: May we sense the divine meaning, purpose, and vitality
in what we do daily.**

**May we treasure and serve our loved ones,
and let them know how important they are.**

**Let us pray for those who would make us their enemies
and reveal the love of God in our love.**

**May we make choices and decisions
that reflect our true selves.**

May we look in the mirror and smile in happy amazement,

for we are God's beloved.

**May we remember that relationships are what count above all else
more than work or money,
or all the material things to which we give our focus.**
**May we learn to live an uncluttered life,
with time to grow with God.**

**May we keep our sense of joy, hope, and humor
when life present disappointment, challenge, or dismay.**

**May we find adventure in each new day
and marvel at the wonders of creation.**

**May we learn to love ourselves as God loves us:
that we might become attentive to the health
of your bodies, minds and spirits;
that we might take the risk to accept growth-full challenges;
that we might find inner strength and resiliency in times of need;
that we might carry peace within ourselves,
allowing it to slip into the hearts of others,
to the end that the Kingdom of God might come upon the earth.**

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Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (pages 9-11)

Offertory The First Noel arr. Greer

Doxology and Presentation of Gifts UMH 94

Offertory Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

❖ Going Forth ❖

The Prayer after Receiving (in unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have
given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of
your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn Shine Jesus Shine TFWS 2173

Benediction

Sending Forth the Light Angles We have heard On High arr. Tounquist