

*Today's liturgical color is white symbolizes days and seasons of joy and mark pivotal events in the life of Christ.*

*To help promote the happenings in our church, you can share our services and events to the community on your Facebook page.*

**\*\*DISCLAIMER: Trinity UMC utilizes videography to live stream all sanctuary worship services to social media. Service will be available for replay and images, likenesses, and audio may be captured to be used as thumbnails on each TUMC ran website. If you have any concerns, please notify the church office staff.\*\***

**PRELUDE:** Glorious Day by Passion

#### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus' coming into the presence of the worshipping community.

#### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**CALL TO WORSHIP—** I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er;

I'll fly away;

to a home on God's celestial shore;

I'll fly away

**I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away**

**When I die, Hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away**

Just a few more weary days and then

I'll fly away

To a land where joy shall never end;

I'll fly away

**WELCOME from Pastor Tim and welcome your neighbors**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (\*noted within the bulletin)

**A TIME FOR PRAYER:** Pastor Tim

**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 that 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.**

**OPENING HYMN:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling No. 384

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 4

**READER:** Rob M.

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I cry out, my righteous God! Set me free from my troubles! Have mercy on me! Listen to my prayer!

<sup>2</sup>How long, you people, will my reputation be insulted? How long will you continue to love what is worthless and go after lies?

<sup>3</sup>Know this: the Lord takes personal care of the faithful. The Lord will hear me when I cry out to him.

<sup>4</sup>So be afraid, and don't sin! Think hard about it in your bed and weep over it!

<sup>5</sup>Bring righteous offerings, and trust the Lord!

<sup>6</sup>Many people say, "We can't find goodness anywhere. The light of your face has left us, Lord!"

<sup>7</sup>But you have filled my heart with more joy than when my wheat and wine are everywhere!

<sup>8</sup>I will lie down and fall asleep in peace because you alone Lord, let me live in safety.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** led by Mary Beth A.

**\*\*THE NURSERY IS NOW OPEN\*\***

**THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Ushers:** Chris S, Daniel W, Phil R, Rob M

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Let us pray,

**Gracious God, through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, you have given immeasurable grace to us. May our offerings reflect the grace we have received, and symbolize lives committed to the service of our risen Lord. In Jesus' Name, Amen.**

Psalm 4:7, NRSV

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** Goodness of God by Bethel Music

**DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Then Came The Morning

**SERMON:** "Never Left in the Dark-Part 2" I John 1:5—2:2

**RESPONSE TO THE SERVICE: ALTAR CALL** –At this time if you desire to come to the front for prayer, you are welcome to do so.

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: APOSTLES CREED**

No. 881

**CLOSING HYMN:** Victory in Jesus

No 370

**BENEDICTION**

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another. AMEN!**

**POSTLUDE:** Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It arranged by Greg Howlett

**Sending Forth/Extinguishing of the Candles:** At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. The acolyte leaves the worship service at the pastor's direction, carrying out the lighted candle lighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

Here's a snapshot of our current budget numbers:

TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
TUMC 2024 BUDGET	\$159,000.00
WEEKLY GOAL	\$3,057.69
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING	\$5,028.00
YEARLY BUDGET TO DATE	\$42,807.66
YEARLY OFFERINGS TO DATE	\$39,273.70

#### METHODS OF GIVING

We have several ways for you to support the ongoing ministries and operating expenses of our church:

- bring an offering to the Sunday worship and put in the collection plate
- use the drop box at the back of the church
- mail a check to the church
- set up recurring payments with your bank
- online donation via website Subsplash—use the following address on your computer, tablet or phone:  
<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/FJ4VNG>  
this secure website allows you to make a donation/offering in any amount, in any frequency (weekly, monthly, etc), and to select a specific purpose/fund for your donation. You can complete one of the cards located in the pews and put in offering plate to alert the office that you have made an online donation OR you can scan the QR Code below. With any of the electronic methods, you will need to establish an account prior to your first gift. Afterwards, you can simply sign in to your account.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEETINGS AND SUCH.....**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** is Sunday at 10am.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** is Wednesday at 7pm.

**Volunteers—Greeters; if you are, or would like to be, a greeter, please plan to attend a short meeting after the fundraiser meal TODAY.**

**VBS Planning Meeting** scheduled for April 21 following the worship service, bring your ideas to make this year even better than last!

The next **POP'N FOR JESUS** is scheduled for Wed, Apr 24, 2024-the last one until the Fall session! Interested in helping, contact Betty Fleenor for details.

**May 19 @ 10am; Communion Class w/Rev. Beth Tipton.** If you are a communion steward, Pastor Tim expects you to attend.

**May 19 @ 2pm; Youth Group meeting**—we will be packing the Zimbabwe backpacks and refreshments will be served. If you need any additional info, reach out to Christy Smith. Hope to see you all here!

Worship service at Heritage Hall **every Wednesday at 1:30-3 pm**, all are welcome to attend. Pastor Tim is in high demand, they have requested two services each Wednesday in two separate areas of Heritage Hall!

**EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....**

Our next Church Budget **Fundraiser meal**—Hot Dog dinner is **TODAY following the worship service! Along with hot dogs, sides and desserts, we have a BONUS—bacon cheeseburgers! Be sure to stick around for some great food and fellowship!**

**The Highland Winds and the Scott County Symphonic Band will be in concert TODAY @ 4pm in the Prior Convocation Center; UVA-Wise; FREE admission!**

**April 25 @ 6pm—Charge Conference meeting** to vote on Pastor Salary increase for July; all church leaders are encouraged to attend.

**Mark your calendars and clean out those closets! The Church Rummage Sale is scheduled for Wed-Fri, May 1-3, this year from 9 am to 2 pm each day!** We will need volunteers on Monday and Tuesday that week to setup. Please see Kathleen if you're able to assist.



**Congratulations to Ben Harding** graduating with a Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY on May 18, 2024 @ 2 pm! See details on the bulletin board.

**\*Offering stewards for April**

**Apr 21:** Susie W, Patty R, Sandra R, Joyce P

**Apr 28:** Dennis A, Steve P, Billy W, Spencer Q

**\*Children's Moment for April**

**Apr 21:** Diane B

**Apr 28:** Beth H

**\*Greeters for April**

**Apr 21:** Margaret B, Dotty B

**Apr 28:** Amy G, Tiffany A

**\*Lector Readers for April**

**Apr 21:** Bob H-Psalm 23

**Apr 28:** Alberta M-Psalm 22:25-31

**Nursery Volunteers for April**

**Apr 14:** Donna M, Paula B

**Apr 21:** Cathy G, Donna M

**Apr 28:** Amy G, Cathy G

**\*Communion Stewards for May 5:**

Amy G, Beth H, Erin H, Patty R

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE Apr 7**

Sunday School: 4

In-Person Worship: 64

Facebook Live: 18

Visitors: 2

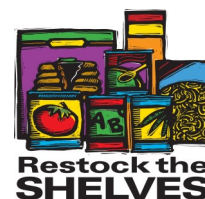
Heritage Hall: cancelled

Trinity Women: 18

Methodist Men: 8

**UPS BACKPACK PROGRAM**

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. The food item requested for April is juice boxes—apple or grape.

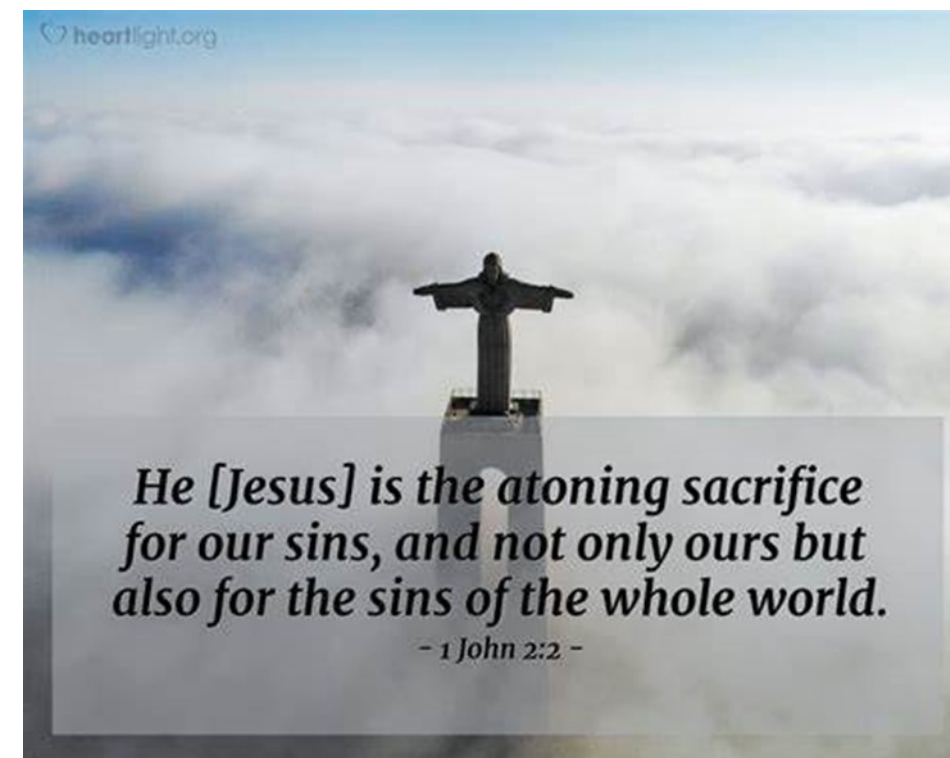


**ZIMBABWE BACKPACK ITEMS:** Our goal is to fill 60 backpacks. April is cash donations to NOW team fund. Dropoff deadline is 6/3/24.

**DISASTER RELIEF ROOM:** We have a designated room upstairs to house hygiene, home and some clothing for local disaster (fire, etc). If you have any extra items to add to this room, please see Dennis or Cindy.

# The Trinity Companion

April 14, 2024



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