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*September 7, 2025*

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*



### **Worship With Us**

Traditional Sunday Services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Contemporary Worship Service on Sunday at 9:45 am

Our Mission Statement

**"Life in the Son"**

Loving, Inviting, Faithful Examples, Serving Our Neighbors

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*Welcome to Trinity. We are so glad you are here to worship today.*

*Let us prepare our hearts for worship.*

*Where indicated (\*), please stand in praise of God if you are able.*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

"Ave Verum"

W.A. Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

"Sanctuary"

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true*

*With Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

\*OPENING HYMN

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

NO. 514

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

NO. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, 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 day 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.

\*GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM      "The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference"      by William J. Gaither  
*Duet by Pam Early and Theresa Curd*

\*DOXOLOGY

NO. 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!*

READING OF THE WORD **Luke 15:25-33**

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. Turning to them, he said, <sup>26</sup> "Whoever comes to me and doesn't hate father and mother, spouse and children, and brothers and sisters—yes, even one's own life—cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever doesn't carry their own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> "If one of you wanted to build a tower, wouldn't you first sit down and calculate the cost, to determine whether you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when you have laid the foundation but couldn't finish the tower, all who see it will begin to belittle you. <sup>30</sup> They will say, 'Here's the person who began construction and couldn't complete it!' <sup>31</sup> Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down to consider whether his ten thousand soldiers could go up against the twenty thousand coming against him? <sup>32</sup> And if he didn't think he could win, he would send a representative to discuss terms of peace while his enemy was still a long way off. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, none of you who are unwilling to give up all of your possessions can be my disciple.

Reader: This is the Word of God,  
For the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

More Thank a Moment

Rev. Gene Aiken

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

NO. 12

\*CLOSING HYMN

"I Surrender All"

NO. 354

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back,  
May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your field;  
And until we meet again, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.*

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*POSTLUDE

"Hymn to the Trinity"

Cecil Scott-Devin

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**Communion during the 11 am service:** Children will leave the worship service during the first hymn at the 11:00 am for their Sunday School lesson. Children will return to participate in Communion and then sit with their families for the end of service. We hope to see you there!



*The pastors and congregation will be in prayer this week for the following:*

Anne & Pete Rabon Sarabeth Richardson Don & Reatha Robertson

Betsi Rudder Dale & Mary Ann Sacharov Janice Slapp

Please also keep our armed forces, police officers, first responders and teachers in your prayers.

*The flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God for his many blessings and in memory of all those lost on 9/11.*

*Given by Tom & Jeannie Reeder*

**Our Gifts: Weekly Offering Week**  
**of August 31, 2025**

Needed each week:	\$ 16,899.08
Received:	\$ 7,415.00
Received online:	\$ 2,734.00
Total received	\$ 10,149.00

**Year to date**

Received:	\$ 500,266.41
Expenditures:	\$ 598,749.67



**Attendance for Sunday,**  
**August 31, 2025:**

8:30 am: **122**  
9:45 am: **47**  
11:00 am: **128**  
In-Person Total = **297**  
Online Total: **207**  
Facebook Total: **683**

**The New Building Fund**

Amount donated this week:	\$ 535.00
Amount received online:	\$ 870.00
Total Received	\$ 1,405.00
YTD Received:	\$ 191,750.10
YTD Expenditures:	\$ 647,263.92

Hearing amplification devices are available for anyone needing assistance hearing throughout the service. Please see an usher for assistance.

**Epworth Work Day Sunday**

Next Sunday we will have an opportunity to invest in the lives of children, and you are asked to join by supporting the Annual Work Day Offering. Contributions help Epworth to provide the services necessary to improve the lives of the children and also the families they serve across the state. We can be proud of our support for Epworth. In recent years, it has expanded to support the increasingly high numbers of children, youth and families who need their services. Epworth needs our support to continue to do this work. So next Sunday, please prayerfully consider the children and families whose lives are impacted daily because of Epworth.

**New Member Class - Fall 2025**

Are you interested in becoming a member of Trinity United Methodist Church? We invite you to join our new members' class which will span six weeks and delve into the beliefs and practices of the United Methodist Church as well as what makes Trinity UMC a special place. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow newcomers and engage with our committee leaders.

The class will be facilitated by Pastor Stephanie Schellinger and will occur on Mondays starting **September 15 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**. Classes will go from 9/15 - 10/20 with new members joining on Sunday, October 26.

If you are unable to attend this session, another class will be available in January. You can signup using the bulletin insert or on Realm. For any further information, please reach out to Pastor Stephanie.

**Please Note:** There will be **NO** GriefShare or Bible Study this **Tuesday, September 9** as Rev. Stephanie will be at a clergy meeting.

### **Clothing Drive for Sea Haven Youth Crisis Center**

In September, the Mission Committee will be accepting new and GENTLY used t-shirts and hoodies (up to XXL), gym shorts, belts, and slide on shoes (sizes 8-15). Collection boxes will be in the hallways on either side of choir loft.

### **Come Decorate for the Parade!**

Be a part of the North Myrtle Beach Christmas Parade with TUMC by helping us at the upcoming parade workshops. Join us upstairs in the old Trinity Kids' Room on **Tuesday, September 9** from 10 am until noon and **Thursday, September 18** from 1 pm until 3 pm. Contact Patti Schott for more information at 717-658-7505.

### **Calling all women who are interested in joining an evening circle!**

The Dot Jordan Circle will be starting back up after our summer vacation. We will be meeting on **September 9 at 6:00 pm** in Trinity Hall Room 2. Any women who are interested, please feel free to join this wonderful group. We will be discussing various topics that will enrich our spiritual lives and assisting in various charities in the community throughout the year. I am looking forward to everyone's return and fellowship with this wonderful and talented group of women. Please come and enjoy food, fellowship, and missions. If you have any questions, please call Cindy Jones at 843-907-6452.

### **Wonderful Wednesday Meals**

#### **On the Menu: Spaghetti with salad and garlic bread**

Wednesday night meals are back! Please join us *every other week* for fellowship, games and a meal, starting **September 17**. Doors open at 5:15 pm for a time of fellowship, and dinner will be served at 6 pm. We request that you make a reservation and, if possible, pay for your meal in advance. You can register on Realm or on the signup sheet in the Sunday bulletin. Please register by the Monday, September 15 by 12 pm. Adults are \$10 per meal (Youth and kids eat free.). There will be a kid-friendly menu available.

### **No September Book Club Due to Labor Day**

#### ***New day, time and location***

**Next Book Club will be on Monday, October 6**

**1:30 pm - 2:30 pm**

Book Club will now meet the first Monday of the month. Join us in Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1 in October for October's book, **The Hornet's Nest** by Jimmy Carter.

All are welcome.

## Meetings This Week

- Today*      *Worship Service: 8:30 am (Sanctuary & Live Streaming Online)*
- 9/7*      *Contemporary Band Rehearsal: 9:00 am (AG Greene Choir Room)*  
*Adult Sunday School: 9:45 am (Second Floor, Rms. 2 & 4)*  
*Contemporary Worship Service: 9:45 am (Sanctuary & Streaming Online)*  
*Worship Service: 11:00 am (Sanctuary & Streaming Online)*  
*Children's Sunday School: 11:00 am (AG Greene Choir Room)*  
*Trinity Youth Group: 5:00 pm (Youth Room)*
- Monday*      *Weight Watchers: 9:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room & New Kids' Room)*
- 9/8*      *Faith, Love & Friendship Circle: 10:00 am (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 2)*  
*Monday Golf: 2:34 pm tee time (Crown Park Golf Course)*  
*Worship Committee Meeting: 12:00 pm (Trintiy Hall Meeting Room 2)*  
*Trustees' Meeting: 5:30 pm (Library)*  
*J1 Volunteer Dinner Meeting : 6:00 pm (Trintiy Hall, Kitchen)*  
*Gamblers Anonymous: 7:00 pm (AG Greene Choir Room)*
- Tuesday*      *Private Function : 8:00 am (Trinity Hall, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Library and Kitchen)*
- 9/9*      *Christmas Parade Decorating: 10:00 am (Upstairs-Kids Room)*  
*Dot Jordan Circle: 6:00 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 2)*  
*SAG Meeting: 7:00 pm (AG Greene Choir Room)*
- Wednesday*      *Bridge: 9:00 am (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)*
- 9/10*      *Crafters: 9:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room)*  
*Master's Meal: 12 noon (Trinity Hall)*  
*Trinity Kids: 4:30 pm (AG Greene Building)*
- Thursday*      ***The Missions of Jesus Bible Study: 9:00 am (Library)***
- 9/11*      *Contemporary Worship Rehearsal: 3:30 pm (Sanctuary)*  
*Gamblers Anonymous: 7:00 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)*
- Friday*      *Communion Team Meeting: 1:00 pm (Trintiy Hall Meeting Room 1)*
- 9/12*
- Saturday*
- 9/13*



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Trinity United Methodist Church!  
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us on-line.



## **Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church!**

### **Volunteers this Week**

	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
Ushers:	Alan & Sarah Jane Slaghter Hugh Holliman Kenneth McIver	Skylar Eaton-Gordon Gabby Eaton-Gordon	Tonya Ard, Linda Miller, Scott Keziah, Jackie Stanley
Altar Guild:	Pam Early & Carol Adams		

### **Trinity Staff**

Ministers:	The Congregation
Associate Organist:	Melanie Welborn
AV Technician:	Kyle Frankman
Child Care:	Tasha Baker
Children's Director:	Donna Cassity
Church Sexton:	Lee Ann McDonald
Contemporary Worship Leader:	Richard Schellinger
Financial Secretary:	Heather Ensor
Office Manager:	Jennifer Piccolo
Pastor Emeritus:	Rev. Edmond Daniel
Pastors:	Rev. Gene Aiken; Rev. Stephanie Schellinger

**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

### **Worship With Us**

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The Nursery is available during all of the Sunday services.

Nursery (ages 0-3) AG Greene Nursery

Children/Youth Sunday School (4 yr. old - 5th Grade)

9:45 am after worship music in the AG Greene Building's *New* Trinity Kids' Room

11:00 am following the Children's Sermon in the AG Greene Building

### **Adult Sunday School Classes**

9:45-10:45 am

Young + Young at Heart 2nd Floor, Room 2

XYZ Young Adults Library - 2nd Floor, Room 4

Trinity Kids will begin September 3rd!

Trinity Kids (Grades 1-5) meets Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm in the AG Greene Building