TRENHOLM ROAD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



OUR MISSION: COME AND WORSHIP, GROW IN FAITH, SHARE THE WORD, GO AND SERVE

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

for

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 7, 2024 at 8:45am & 11:00am

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Leader: God is good! **People: All the time**Leader: And all the time **People: God is good!**

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

From Heaven Above, setting by Wilbur Held

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The voice of God is calling over the waters:

People: "Beloved, receive the Holy Spirit."

Leader: The Son of God is calling through our baptism: **People:** "Beloved, be born of water and the Spirit."

Leader: The Spirit of God is calling as gently as a descending dove.

People: The God of glory is thundering as wildly as the sea.

Leader: The voice of God is calling over the waters:

People: "Beloved, receive the Holy Spirit."

*HYMN

*APOSTLES' CREED UMH 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.

*THE GLORIA PATRI

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH 71

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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:4-11 NRSVUE

So John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Your presence matters! Please take a moment to sign the pew pad located at the end of each pew at the center aisle. When it reaches the last person on your pew, pass the pad back to the starting point, and notice the names of those sitting around you and greet one another at the end of the service.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

What is our prayer for these children?

Our prayer is that our children will grow up to be like Jesus: strong, loving, brave, and full of grace and truth; and that we will help them.

11:00 am only - Following the presentation, children in 4K through 1st grade are invited to attend Little Church in the Riser Room on the third floor of the Leisure Ministries Building. For first-time guests, please have each child escorted by an adult for check-in.

SERMON

"Never Lets Go"

Reverend James McCoy-Bruce

HYMN

"Baptized In Water"

TFWS 2248

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit has been poured out upon water...

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, Reject the evil powers of this world, And repent of our sin!

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power God gives us To resist evil, injustice, and oppression In whatever forms they present themselves! Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth? We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church And serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

The Spirit of the Lord is with us. **Even so, come Lord Jesus!** Let us pray.

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God! But sometimes we try.

We try to block the flow,
we redirect the winds of the Spirit,
or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream
that we do not hear its sound,
and we forget its power.

We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God.

Come, refresh us!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

ANTHEM

Come to the Water, setting by Jack Shrader

Sanctuary Choir

MORNING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The pastor offers the morning prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

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

Be Not Afraid, by Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

*PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS



*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 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.

SENDING FORTH

A CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF REVEREND DAVID DAY'S MINISTRY

*HYMN

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

UMH 605

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Sinfonia, by J.S. Bach

Worship Leadership

Reverend James McCoy-Bruce, Preacher Reverend Mollie Reddic, Liturgist

Worship Assistants

Kate Bozik, 8:45 am Lay Reader
Marshall Minton, 11:00 am Lay Reader
James Pool, Crucifer
Connor Brandes, Acolyte
Chris Younts, Usher Captain

Musicians

Trenholm Road Sanctuary Choir Reverend Sarah Fletcher, *Director of Music* Eben Trobaugh, *Assistant Conductor*

OFFERING REPORT

December Financial Report 2023 Annual Budget, \$1,528,470 Month-to-Date Receipts, \$205,101 * Month-to-Date Expenses, \$138,687 Difference, \$66,414 *

Year-to-Date Receipts, \$1,463,418 * Year-to Date Expenses, \$1,519,432 Difference, (\$56,014) *

*NOTE: incomplete as of 1/3/24 due to pending Vanco deposits for 2023

December 24 Attendance:

December 24 - 11:00 am - 315 people, 3:00 pm - 221 people & 5:00 pm - 289 people

December 31 Attendance:

11:00 am - 74 people, 11:00 am 152 people

Prayer List: Beverly Nance, Bob Henry, Pat and John Bolin, Joe Tuck, Ann Meares, sister of Catherine Williams, Larry Ayers, Jeff Adams, son of Jess & Myra Torres, Shealy McCoy, Maxine Reynolds, mother of Amy Craighead, Eddie Drayton, Michael Reed, Nancy Howarth, grandmother of Nathan Cox, Jess & Myra Torres, Vernon Bowen, Paula Wilson, Suzanne Wise, Sharon Lentz, Robbie Bowers, Andrea Pyatt.

Christian Sympathy: To the Mason family, at the death of James "Jimmy" Robertson Mason, Jr., on December 31, 2023. Jimmy was the beloved cousin of Lee Gregory.

Rev. David Day's Retirement Reception, January 7

All are welcome to congratulate Reverend David Day on his retirement as Congregational Care Pastor of Trenholm Road UMC. The reception will be held today in the Dining Room after the 11:00 am service.

Youth Updates - Confirmation begins in January! Email Linda – <u>youth@trumc.org</u> for more information and to sign up! Confirmation is for any current 7th-grade student or any 8th-grade student that has not attended.

Sunday, January 7

United Methodist Youth Fellowship resumes at 5:15 p.m. with optional open gym, 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Dinner and fellowship, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Lesson in the Youth Lounge.

Monday, January 8

Youth Core Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Location TBD

Wednesday, January 10

Wednesday Night Activities resume, Discipleship 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. in the Youth Lounge.

Wednesday Night Children's Ministry Activities

Children ages 4-5th grade are invited to join us each Wednesday Night following dinner for Discipleship Junior (6:15-7:15 PM). We meet upstairs on the second floor of the Leisure Ministries Building. Pickup will be in the Gym. Each week, we review the Bible story we learned on Sunday morning, have discussions about how we can apply these lessons to our lives, and play fun and relevant games that will allow the children something tangible to remember the Bible Story. Nursery care is available for children 6 weeks through 4 years old.

Wednesday Nights Resume on January 10

The congregation will gather Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the gym for a delicious fellowship meal. Both kids and adults can enjoy specially prepared meals. Adult meals are \$10. Kids meals are \$7. Family meals are \$27. January 10 Menu - Adult meal: Chicken pilau, vegetable, bread, slaw, and dessert, and Kid meal: Chicken tenders, tater tots, string cheese, peach cup, and dessert.

Children's Choirs

Children's Choirs resume on Wednesday, January 10! Choirs are open to children in grades 4K through 5th and meet from 5:00pm-5:45pm in the Main Building.

Small Group Opportunities

Pastor James will lead a small group study and discuss the book, *The 28-Day Prayer Journey*, by Chrystal Evans Hurst on Wednesday nights. **The books are available for pickup at the front office.** Jan 10 – Feb 7 @ 6:15 pm (Dining Room) - Register to attend – trenholmroad.org - \$10 (includes book)

Stacey Watts will lead a Parenting Class – Jan. 10 – Mar. 6 on Wednesday nights.

Topic: The Well-Behaved Child @ 6:15 pm (Sanctuary) - Register to attend - trenholmroad.org - \$25/person

Pastor Mollie Reddic will lead a Tuesday class.

Topic: Women's Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels

Tuesdays at Noon – January 9 – February 13 (Parlor) - Register to attend - trenholmroad.org – Lunch provided (bring Bible)

TRUMC Hiking Group

Friday, Jan. 19, the Trenholm Road UMC Hiking Group will visit the SC Botanical Garden in Clemson. We'll enjoy the scents and colors of their Camellia Garden and explore the winter delights of other garden trails as well. The group will meet in the TRUMC back parking lot at 7:00 am. to travel by carpool to the park. Hikes are scheduled for the 3rd Friday of each month through May. The hikes will generally be ranked as easy to moderate in difficulty and are open to anyone interested in joining us for a day of enjoying God's creation. Contact Steve Krietemeyer at swkrietemeyer@gmail.com or 803.528.4184 if you plan to join us this month.

2023 Stewardship Update

We have received 160 Pledges totaling \$1,117,525 toward the 2024 ministry budget. Our Goal is 220 Pledges totaling \$1,425,000. Together, we can make a significant impact in the world around us. If you have not yet had a chance to pledge, you may contact the Business office. Cards are also available in the Narthex and West Foyer.

January Book Club

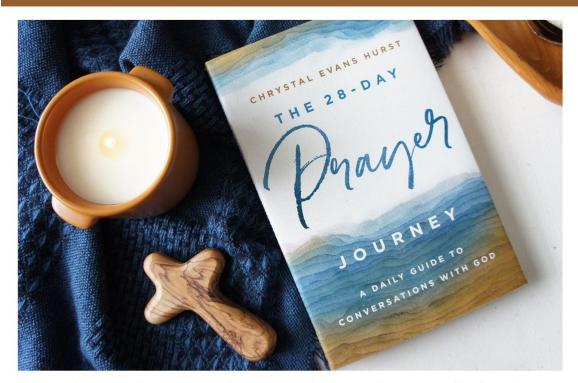
The TRUMC Book Club will meet Monday, January 8 and discuss *Buy the Change You Want to See* by Morris & Paris. The group will meet at 6:30 pm in the parlor. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Jane Elliott for more info - jelliott24@att.net.

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START THE NEW YEAR OFF WITH AN INTENTIONAL PRAYER JOURNEY

Prayer is a powerful tool that many people believe in, but it can often feel intimidating or out of reach. The good news is that it doesn't have to be!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP STUDY



Discover the steps and aspects of prayer for you and others!

JANUARY 10 - FEBRUARY 7, 2024 AT 6:15 PM (DINING ROOM)

Lead by: Reverend James McCoy-Bruce

Register online to attend - www.TrenholmRoad.org

REGISTRATION - \$10 (Includes book)

Don't miss out on this transformative class.

Scan OR code to register



WOMEN'S LUNCH BIBLE STUDY

Led by Pastor Mollie Reddic

TUESDAYS @ NOON January 9th Through February 13th Trumc Parlor

Each week we will explore a story of a woman's encounter with Jesus. Bring your bible; no book is needed to purchase for the study. Lunch will be provided weekly. Please register if you plan to attend, so we can plan lunch accordingly.

Register at trenholmroad.org

TRENHOLM RD UMC STAFF

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SENIOR PASTOR: Rev. James McCoy-Bruce
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DIRECTOR, STUDENT MINISTRY: Linda Collins
DIRECTOR, TRUMPS PRESCHOOL: Tiffany Helms
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR: Catherine Henderson
DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS OPERATIONS: Byrnie Chapman

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN: Kelvin Virgil ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Renee Foxe



Welcome to Trenholm Road United Methodist Church!

We are so glad to have you here today. We want to make sure that everyone is comfortable during worship. Please note that there are restrooms located on the main hallway before entering the sanctuary. For your convenience, there is also a water fountain located in the West Foyer. While you're in the West Foyer Welcome Center, be sure to pick up a copy of our newsletter and devotionals.

Nursery care is available for children 6 weeks through 4 years old on Sunday mornings. Nursery care is available during all worship services and Sunday School times. Children under 2 are invited to stay in MB 19 and 2 years through 4 years in MB 12.

These rooms are on the bottom floor of the main building.

Two traditional worship services are held each Sunday at 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM. Sunday school class is at 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings.

All are welcome.