

11:00 a.m. Service

4th Sunday after the Epiphany | January 28, 2024

Gathering for Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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Choral Call to Worship We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding Chancel Choir

***Hymn of Praise** 'When in Our Music God is Glorified' UMH 68

Psalter Reading Psalm 111 UMH 832

*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.

The Pastoral 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

Children's Disciple Moment

The PrayerGround Table is for children 6 and younger to use during the sermon. Parents should sit near the table to assist.

*Please stand if you are able.

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing Hymnal
One of the services is filmed weekly and streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Anthem Down to the River to Pray arr. Wittig

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading Luke 14:15-24 Lisanne Cisson

***Hymn of Preparation** 'Give Thanks' TFWS 2036

Message Time To Say Goodbye To...Making Excuses Rev. Brian Gilmer

Responding to God's Word

***The Affirmation of Faith** The 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.*

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Offertory 'Time To Say Goodbye' Kimilee Bryant

Doxology UMH 94

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ as part of this congregation, please see Pastor Brian or Pastor Christine after the service. They would love to point you to some discipleship opportunities and ways to serve Christ here at TRUMC.

Going Forth to Serve God's World

***Hymn of Sending** 'Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah' UMH 127

Sending Forth

Jann Howell, Choir Director/Pianist Ginger Greer, Music Assistant

Stewardship & Attendance Report

		Date	Online	In-Person	Sunday School
One Fund Monthly Goal 2024	\$47,808				
One Fund Actual MTD	\$26,740	1.7	53	231	91
Deposits week ended	\$9,390	1.14	62	234	76
Building Project Fund as of December	\$1,354,111	1.21	TBD	202	99

Ways to Give:

- Scan the QR Code and fill out the form
- Online at trmethodist.net
- Text-to-Give: Text the amount you wish to give to (833) 948-2135 and continue with steps.



Prayer Concerns

HOMEBOUND

George Adamson, James White, Dee Hughes, Patrick O'Dell, Reggy O'Dell, Frances Lockaby, Barbara Floyd, Martha Foster, Mary Greene, Fred Dyal

TRUMC

Myra Robitalle
Martha Foster

FRIENDS OF TRUMC

Melissa & Jesse Hysmann

OTHER REQUESTS

Israel & Gaza

Submit a prayer request to our Prayer Team: prayer@trmethodist.net

Connect with TRUMC

Worshiping here for the first time?

Stop by one of our Hospitality Stations on your way out of the sanctuary for a welcome bag and a greeting from one of our Hospitality Team members. Or scan the QR code and fill out our contact form. We'd love to hear from you!

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***Song of Preparation** Come to the Table B.McDonald, et al

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Offertory Call Me Higher L.Jordan

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***Song of Sending** Goodness of God J. Johnson, et al

Reception of New Members Robert Shewfelt UMH 48

Sending Forth

8:45 a.m. Service

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany | January 21, 2024

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*Song of Welcome Take My Life and Let It Be L.Giglio

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Upcoming Events & Announcements

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **TRUMPETS** - 1/28, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25 at 5pm in the Chapel
- **UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship)**
 - 1/28, 5:00 - 6:30pm Youth will enjoy a meal, faith and fellowship

JUSTFAITH RACIAL EQUITY CLASS

is a ministry that offers classes and programs that transform people and expand their commitment to social ministry. Last year TRUMC offered a class called Faith and Racial Equity. We will be offering the same class this year. Sign ups are now through Friday, February 16th. The class will begin on Tuesday, February 27th at 6PM.

GOAL at TRUMC

Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership (GOAL) is a growing justice ministry coalition of congregations throughout Greenville County. TRUMC is a member congregation of GOAL. In addition to talking about GOAL during our worship services on February 4th, our GOAL network members will meet at 12:15 PM in the sanctuary for our Network Meeting.

CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED

We are collecting a few items for some students at Berea Middle School. If you are interested in donating items please bring them to the church. Contact Linda Hollis for more details. Items needed: Mens underwear (M - XL), Adult socks, Adult sweatpants (L, XL)

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you interested in providing quality Christian care to people who are hurting? An interest meeting will be held February 11th after each service in Room 105. Contact Patti Crenshaw, Dave McAda or Larry Ivins for more information.

LUNCH WITH FURMAN STUDENTS

The Trail Class and the New Beginnings Class are inviting the Furman students to an appreciation lunch on February 18 at noon in the parlor. It is a Valentine's luncheon, "We love our Furman Students."

GROWTH GROUPS are back! Details on each group, meeting times and locations can be found on the website, trmethodist.net/ministries/adults

WOODLANDS BIBLE GROUP meets each Tuesday at 10AM at the Woodlands at Furman in Brian and Mary's Apt 1208.

Trail Guide

Sunday: January 28, 2024

Message: Time To Say Goodbye To...Making Excuses

Scripture: Luke 14:15-24

The Story of the Dinner Party

15 That triggered a response from one of the guests: “How fortunate the one who gets to eat dinner in God’s kingdom!”

16-17 Jesus followed up. “Yes. For there was once a man who threw a great dinner party and invited many. When it was time for dinner, he sent out his servant to the invited guests, saying, ‘Come on in; the food’s on the table.’

18 “Then they all began to beg off, one after another making excuses. The first said, ‘I bought a piece of property and need to look it over. Send my regrets.’

19 “Another said, ‘I just bought five teams of oxen, and I really need to check them out. Send my regrets.’

20 “And yet another said, ‘I just got married and need to get home to my wife.’

21 “The servant went back and told the master what had happened. He was outraged and told the servant, ‘Quickly, get out into the city streets and alleys. Collect all who look like they need a square meal, all the misfits and homeless and down-and-out you can lay your hands on, and bring them here.’

22 “The servant reported back, ‘Master, I did what you commanded—and there’s still room.’

23-24 “The master said, ‘Then go to the country roads. Whoever you find, drag them in. I want my house full! Let me tell you, not one of those originally invited is going to get so much as a bite at my dinner party.’”

Next Steps for the Journey

Why do we make excuses? What is the reason for excuses?

What is your go to excuse when you don’t want to do something?

What jumps out at you from the Gospel lesson?

What are the differences in the two groups that were invited to the party?

Where are we in this parable?

What excuses are we making that are keeping us from being who God has called us to be?

Prayer for this Week’s Walk

A Prayer for Letting Go

Lord, make me aware of when I’m making excuses—catch me and remind me to say yes to You...every time.

Amen.

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Walking with Christ, Serving God, Changing Lives.

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