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**Weekly Schedule**

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
9:40 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service	7:00 a.m.	Man Cave	
9:40 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study (once a month)	
9:40 & 11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	12:00 p.m.	Master Gardeners (3rd Wednesday of Month)	
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper	
	Children's Worship	6:00 p.m.	Youth Worship	
	Youth Sunday School	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Studies	
1:00 p.m.	Korean Church	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir	
5:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner/Study	6:00 p.m.	Contemporary Band Rehearsal	

KOREAN / ENGLISH

# Christmas Music Special

**DECEMBER 10TH AT 4 PM | SANCTUARY**

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN TRINITY'S  
 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP TEAM,  
 TRADITIONAL CHOIR, CHILDREN'S CHOIR,  
 AND OUR FELLOW KOREAN CHURCH.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING SERVICE &  
 Children and Family Service**

December 24, 2023 at 11 AM

A traditional service that transitions into the annual family service. Children will be picking a costume to wear to be a part of the acting of the live nativity!



**CHRISTMAS EVE  
 Candlelight Service**

December 24, 2023 at 5 PM  
 SANCTUARY



**Rev Ed Said...**

Let there be peace on earth is a good thing to sing about.

As we enter the Christmas season the phrase "Peace on earth" will be heard in song or spoken. Yet, it seems other attitudes and crusade themes take higher priority.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6) If we submit to the authority of "The Prince of Peace," our anxiety and anger subsides. Turmoil that fuels hatred comes from those who dislodge Christ from his position of Prince of Peace. We are in danger of seeking the peace that follows an offensive to get our way. Yes, our activity becomes the main culprit of robbing us of peace.

"Don't quarrel with anyone. Be at peace with everyone, just as much as possible." (Romans 12:18) I have said that the tone of your voice and your attitude are of greater concern than the topic of your discussion. "Quietly trust yourself to Christ your Lord, and if anybody asks why you believe as you do, be ready to tell him, and do it in a gentle and respectful way." (1 Peter 3:15)

In other words, let Messiah Jesus manage your life. Be like the Prince of Peace in the way you converse with others. Jill Miller composed a well-known folk song with her husband Sy.

"When I attempted suicide and I didn't succeed," Jill said, "I knew for the first time unconditional love—which God is. You are totally loved, totally accepted, just the way you are...and I knew I was here for a purpose."

"Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, family all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony."

You can sing it, but can you really live it?  
**I pick Jesus.....Rev Ed**

# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

## Wednesday Night Worship Series

When someone new arrives, everything changes. That was never truer than Christmas day, about 2000 years ago. When The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood, everything changed for everyone! This Christmas, we're going to take a few weeks to talk about what exactly this means for today's teenager. This Christmas, students will discover why everything changes when Jesus shows up.



## December Events!



**Dec 3rd:** We will be going to the Wilcox's house for a bonfire! We will meet at the church no later than 5 PM and ride to their house together, and dinner will be provided. Parents: please text Sarah Beth giving your student permission to attend and carpool in the vans!



**Dec 6th:** We are joining the children's ministry in visiting The Harbor at Hickory Hill to deliver Christmas gifts and spend time in fellowship with the residents.



**Dec 13th:** We will be having our ugly sweater Christmas party!!! Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater/t-shirt and come ready for hot cocoa, cookies, holiday games and Christmas karaoke!

## December Meeting Dates

### Wednesdays:

- Dec 6th
- Dec 13th
- Dec 27th

### Sundays:

- Dec 3rd
- Dec 10th (5:30 - 6:30 PM)
- Dec 17th

**THE YOUTH WILL NOT BE MEETING ON DECEMBER 20TH, 24TH, or 31ST!**



**Attention Parents:**  
Text @kkff48 to 81010 to join our remind for youth program



**STAY INFORMED**



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WEBSITE: WWW.TRINITYPRAVILL.COM

### REMIN APP

Get the Remind App and then text @bg4fhgk to 81010 to start receiving text reminders about church events!



### WEEKLY EMAILS

Email secretary@trinityprattville.com to let us know you would like to receive weekly emails about church events!



### MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

Email secretary@trinityprattville.com to let us know you would like to receive our monthly newsletters by mail!



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

## Hickory Hill Assisted Living Christmas Craft Night

**December 6th, 6pm**

Join us as we spread some Christmas cheer to the residents at Hickory Hill Assisted Living. We will meet there at 6pm and do a craft with the residents and maybe sing some songs and share a treat. We hope you can join us for this special time!

## Snack Donations

If you are interested in donating snacks for children's ministry we will gladly accept goldfish (in the large pourable milk carton looking container) and animal crackers. These may be dropped off to Theresa's office. Thank you so much!

## Stay Connected

**Remind Text Messages:**  
Text @6f6e4 to the number 81010

**Facebook:**  
Trinity UMC Children's Ministry

## Christmas Caroling



**December 17th, 5 pm**

Join us at Trinity for some cookies and cocoa and we will go out into the community to Christmas Carol to several homes and locations! We will have the locations picked before we head out, if you know someone who would enjoy being caroled to email [theresa@trinityprattville.com](mailto:theresa@trinityprattville.com).

## Christmas Eve Service



Christmas Eve 2023 is on a Sunday so we will be combining a little of the traditional 11am service with our annual children and family service. There will be NO 9:40 contemporary service that morning. Children will be picking a costume to wear to be a part of the acting of the live nativity! The best part- no practices necessary! We hope you all will enjoy this special service with us!

## 2024 Children's Trips

Please be in prayer for our children as they travel for winter retreat. We are so excited to be back to taking this time for our children to grow together!!

**February 2nd-4th**  
3rd-5th Grade Winter Retreat  
Blue Lake Camp, Andalusia, Alabama



- December 2 Elodie Godfrey
- December 4 Robbie Kincade
- December 7 Richard White
- December 9 Ed Steen
- December 12 Merrill Carter
- December 12 Sara Keith
- December 12 Vicki Moses
- December 13 Caroline White
- December 16 Linda Abbett
- December 19 April Willis
- December 21 Mike Rogers
- December 21 Amanda Veasey
- December 24 Joyce Rice
- December 24 Don Strength
- December 24 Christian Wilcox
- December 25 Carolyn Wood
- December 27 Phillip Parker
- December 28 Elaine Rogers
- December 30 Madison Hollon

Notice: The Church Office will be closed from December 25 - 29 for the holidays.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR TRINITY FAMILY!

## CHURCH STATISTICS LAST MONTH

	5-Nov	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov
General Fund Giving	\$13,655.00	\$7,088.67	\$7,980.00	\$5,516.00
<u>Attendance</u>				
- 9:40 Service	92	51	46	51
- 11:00 Service	105	69	65	54
- Sunday School	74	26	30	51

## ACOLYTE MINISTRY

	Cross Bearer	Bible Bearer	Torch Bearer	Torch Bearer
December 3	Harrison Till	Veronika Tuck	Maisie Petty	Emma Ayers
December 10	Blaine Wesche	Jonah Livingston	Elodie Godfrey	Artem Tuck
December 17	Christian Wilcox	Maisie Petty	Kyser Causey	Veronika Tuck
December 24	Savannah Jones	Artem Tuck	Sydney Jones	Emma Ayers
December 31	Kyser Causey	Jonah Livingston	Harrison Till	Christian Wilcox

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### December Events:

- December 1 - Youth Group Bonfire
- December 6 - Youth and Children's Ministries Visit Hickory Hill
- December 10 - Korean/English Christmas Music Special at 4 PM in the Sanctuary
- December 13 - Youth Christmas Party
- December 17 - Children's Ministry Christmas Caroling
- December 24 - 11 AM Traditional Service transitioning to the Annual Family Christmas Eve Service
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 PM in the Sanctuary
- December 25th - Merry Christmas!
- December 25th - 29th - Church Office Closed

**TRINITY'S Angel Tree**

**DUE: DECEMBER 6TH**

Provide Christmas wishes to those in need in Autauga County!

Here is How it Works:

Step 1: Choose your angel off of the trees in the Sanctuary or FLC

Step 2: Buy the wishes on that angel

Step 3: Turn in those wishes UNWRAPPED in a bag or box with the angel attached.

Drop off next to the Angel Trees or at the Church Office by December 6th!

**Poinsettias**

Poinsettias are available for purchase in honor or remembrance of a loved one. Orders will be taken until December 10th by filling out the form in your bulletin. \$11 each.

### Take A Moment in God's Word

**DECEMBER 3** - Isa 64:1-9; Ps 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37  
**DECEMBER 10** - Isa 40:1-11; Ps 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Pet 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8  
**DECEMBER 17** - Isa 61:1-4; 8-11; Ps 126; 1 Thess 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28  
**DECEMBER 24 (Christmas Eve)** - 2 Sam 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55; Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38  
**Christmas Eve** - Isa 9:2-7; Ps 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)  
**DECEMBER 25 (Christmas Day)** - Isa 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-4, (5-12); John 1:1-14  
**DECEMBER 31** - Isa 61:10-62:3; Ps 148; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

## MISSIONS UPDATES

### Upcoming Missions Opportunities

The opportunity has arisen to help a non-church member in our Prattville community in need of a new set of wooden steps. Anyone interested in assisting and/or spearheading this project, please contact Rich Schirmer at (319) 389-0971.

A current habitat build is taking place in Autauga County. Over the next several months we have the opportunity to help provide lunches to the workers on Wednesdays or Saturdays. Anyone interested please contact Eve Schirmer at (334) 391-3507 or Rich Schirmer at (319) 389-0971.

### Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in and contributed to Trinity's mission projects over the past year! Recently, we were able to pack and send 150 Christmas Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We are currently in the middle of our Angel Tree project, with donations due on December 6th. We appreciate all of our volunteers and contributors, and are looking forward to finding more ways to give in 2024!

### **As we approach the end of the year, please take a minute to fill out our Missions Interest Survey!**

Let us know what current mission projects you would like to participate in and suggest other mission projects dear to your heart for us to try to get involved in too!

Scan this QR Code to Take the Survey:



## ADULT MINISTRY

Wednesday Night Studies have concluded for the Fall 2023 season. We had so much fun! A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered this season with making dinners or desserts, serving dinners, setting up or taking down tables and chairs, teaching classes, or working with our youth and children's programs.

We will start back with the Spring 2024 season on **January 31st**. Be on the lookout for information on what classes will be offered. We hope to see everyone there!

*Adult Sunday School Classes*

9:30 AM  
SEEKERS: MEETS IN THE SEEKERS CLASSROOM

9:40 AM  
FELLOWSHIP: MEETS IN THE LIBRARY  
HORIZONS: MEETS IN THE ROOM ACROSS FROM THE KITCHEN

11:00 AM  
LEGACY: MEETS IN THE SEEKERS CLASSROOM  
RENEWAL: MEETS IN THE ROOM ACROSS FROM THE KITCHEN

**Man Cave Men's Group:**  
Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 am

**Ladies Monthly Bible Study:**  
Meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



### **Delivering Christmas Baskets to Shut Ins**

December 19th at 10 am

The SAM group will be meeting at Trinity to have coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts before leaving to deliver the baskets. Check the bulletin board outside the library for more information and to sign up. You can also sign up by emailing [secretary@trinityprattville.com](mailto:secretary@trinityprattville.com).