Today's fruit is given to the glory of God.

This Week at Trinity

Today, November 15 – Memorial Service for Les Morgan 2:00 PM
- Youth Group 4:00 PM

Monday, November 16 – Beginner Bells 6:15 PM
- Trinity Bells 7:00 PM

Tuesday, November 17 – Praise Team 7:00 PM

Wednesday, November 18 - Functional Fitness Class 10:00 AM
- Wacky Wednesday 5:45 PM
- M.I.D.D.L.E. 6:15 PM
- Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

Thursday, November 19 – Precious Memories at Judy Powell's house 1:00 PM

Tuesday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Service at Bermuda Hundred UMC 7:00 PM

I extend my sincere thanks to everyone for the wonderful meal and support provided after Steve's service. All who participated said it was the best church lunch they had ever attended. Having this meal made such a difference during this difficult time for our family. We appreciate you all more than words can say. With Love, Nadine and family

Servant Leaders this week, November 15 and 17

Acolyte	Everly
Counters	Kathy and Barbara
Scripture Reader	Barbara Smith

Servant Leaders next week, November 22 and 24

Acolyte	Kennedy H.
Counters	Jack and Carol Ray
Scripture Reader	Shelby Beck

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Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.

Gathering Song — God of Love and God of Power, 578

Life in the Community

Sharing Our Gifts

Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our willingness to embody the good news of Christ. Use what we offer to nurture communities of compassion, where faith is lived gently, courageously, and with humility.

Offertory — Christ Be Our Light

*Praising God! — Doxology, 94

*Call to Worship

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.
We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

*Praise Songs — Pass It On, 572
Cornerstone

Children's Time

Special Music — Christ Has Broken Down the Wall
Charlotte Keonvongphet, soloist

Prayer for the People

The Scripture Reading — 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 — Barbara Smith

The Message — "Tested"

Invitation to the Table — All Are Welcome

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarreling, and divisiveness.
Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God! Amen.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer — Ecumenical

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For yours are the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Receiving the Bread and Cup

*Sending Song — Raise a Hallelujah

*Blessing