

TRINITY HILL METHODIST CHURCH

COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

8:30 a.m., January 5, 2025

Announcements

Mattea Van Zee

Prelude

"Just As I Am"

Bob Sandrock, Pianist

Let us pray.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn *"Let Us Plead for Faith Alone"* #385

THE COVENANT CHARGE Aaron Mansfield

My dear friends: Get these three principles fixed in your hearts: that things eternal are much more substantial than things temporal; that things not seen are as certain as the things that are seen; that upon your present choice depends your eternal lot. Choose Christ and His ways, and you are blessed forever; refuse, and you are undone forever. And then, beloved, make your choice. Turn either to the right hand or to the left; Christ with His yoke, His cross, and His crown; or the devil with his wealth, his pleasure, and curse. Then ask yourselves, "Soul, you see what is before you; what will you do? Which will you have, either the crown or the curse? If you choose the crown, remember that the day you take this, you must be content to submit to the cross and yoke, the service and sufferings of Christ, which are linked to it. What do you say? Would you rather take the gains and pleasures of sin and risk the curse? Or will you yield yourself a servant to Christ and so obtain the crown? Do not delay your decision. If you are unresolved, you are actually resolved: if you remain undetermined for Christ, you are fully determined for the devil. Therefore do not rest until you are settled, and see that you make a good choice. Next, embark with Christ. Trust your future to Him. Cast yourselves upon His righteousness. You are exiles from the presence of God and have fallen into a land of robbers and murderers. Your

sins are robbers, your pleasures are robbers, and your companions in sin are robbers and thieves. If you stay where you are, you perish. Christ offers, if you will trust yourself to Him, to bring you to God. Will you say now to Him, "Lord Jesus, will You do this for me? Will You bring me to God and bring me into the land of promise? I turn my life over to You. I cast myself upon You, upon Your blood, upon Your righteousness."

This is coming to Christ as your priest. And by this, you renounce your own righteousness.

Do you deeply sense your sins and misery without Christ?

CONFESSION

We acknowledge a deep sense of sin and misery. We see ourselves as sinners in need of a Savior. The spirit of God has awakened us; is there no hope of escaping out of this wretched condition? I am dead, if I continue as I am. What must I do to be saved?

Being made sensible of sin and danger, a sinner will look for help and deliverance, but will look everywhere else before looking unto Christ. Nothing will bring a sinner to Christ but absolute necessity. We will try to forsake our sins. We will promise to change our ways. We will go to church services, listen to sermons, and take communion to see if there is salvation in them. But all these, though they be useful in their places, are of no help. Piety and devotion cannot help us; apart from faith in Christ, these may actually be counted among our sins. Good deeds cannot help; these are but empty cisterns. They all proclaim, "You knock at the wrong door; salvation is not in us."

Do you now utterly despair of your own goodness, or do you still trust in something other than Christ?

Lord, be merciful to me. What shall I do? I cannot remain as I am, and I don't know how to help myself. Praying will not save me. Hearing sermons will not save me. If I give all my goods to the poor, if I should give my body to be burned, all this would not save my soul. Woe is me. What shall I do?

You must let your sins go. You must let your righteousness go. Christ came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. He came to seek and to save the lost. Friends, will you now stake everything on Christ? You have this threefold assurance:

First, God's ordination. Christ is the One God the Father has appointed and sent into the world to save sinners. He is the One whom God the Father has sealed as the Savior who is redeeming and reconciling the world to himself.

Second, God's command. This is His commandment, that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ.

Third, the promise of God. "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

Now, having this threefold assurance of God's ordination, command, and promise, you may now be bold to trust Christ and to turn to Him in faith.

Lord, Jesus, here I am, a lost creature, an enemy to God, under His wrath and curse. Will you, Lord, reconcile me to God and save my soul? Do not, Lord, refuse me, for if You refuse me, to whom then shall I go? If I had come in my own name, You would reject me; but since I come at the command of the Father, do not reject me. Lord, help me. Lord, save me. I come, Lord. I believe, Lord. I throw myself upon Your grace and mercy. I cast myself upon Your blood. Do not refuse me. I have nowhere else to go. Here I will stay. I will trust you, and rest, and pledge myself to you. I lay my hope for pardon, for life, for salvation on You. If I am to perish, I perish on Your shoulders. If I am to sink, I sink in Your vessel. If I am to die, I die at Your door. Do not ask me to go away, for I will not go.

Offering

Special Music

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Phyllis James, Organist; Bob Sandrock,
Pianist

Doxology

COMMITMENT TO THE COVENANT WITH GOD

Mattea Van Zee

Yield yourselves now to the Lord. As his servants, give up your authority over your own life to Christ. "Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness." "Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey," Yield yourselves to the Lord that you may from this time forward be the Lord's. Those that yield themselves to sin and the world, say in their hearts, "Sin, I am yours; World, I am yours; Riches, I am yours; Pleasures, I am yours." Rather, with the psalmist, we say to the Lord:

I am Yours, I worship You. I dedicate myself to Your service.

In so giving yourselves to the Lord, you affirm that you will be truly content that He appoint you to your work. Christ has many services to be done; some are more easy and honorable, others more difficult and menial. Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests; others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves, as when he requires us to feed and clothe ourselves. Indeed, there are some spiritual duties that are more pleasing than others; as to rejoice in the Lord, to be blessing and praising God. These are the sweet works of a Christian. But then there are other works, wherein we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves, as in bearing and forbearing, reproving men for their sins, withdrawing from our doubtful, sinful companions; witnessing against their wickedness; confessing Christ and His name, when it will cause us shame and reproach;

sailing against the wind, swimming against the tide, parting with our rights and self-interest for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. See what it is that Christ expects and then yield yourselves to His whole will. Do not think of making your own terms with Christ; that will never be allowed you. He will be Lord of all or not at all. Let us now approach Christ in prayer.

Lord Jesus, if You will receive me into Your house, if You will take me as Your servant, I will not negotiate the terms of employment. Impose on me what directives You please; write the conditions; command me what You will; let me be Your servant. Make me what You will, Lord, and set me where You will. Let me be an instrument of gold or silver, or of wood or stone; if I am a vessel of honor, I am content. If I am not the head, or the eye, or the ear, one of the nobler and more honorable instruments You would use, then let me be the hand, or the foot, even one of the lowest and least esteemed of all the servants of my Lord. Lord, put me to doing what You will; rank me with whom You will. Put me to doing; put me to suffering. Let me be employed for You, or laid aside for You, exalted for You, or trampled underfoot for You. Let me be full; let me be empty. Let me have all things; let me have nothing. I freely and heartily resign all to Your pleasure and disposal.

Hymn “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee” #399

THE COVENANT

Michael Coston

Beloved, such a commitment to Christ as you have now made is the essence of Christianity. When you have chosen God to be your portion and happiness; when you have laid all your hopes upon Christ, casting yourself wholly upon the merits of His righteousness; when you have truly and in faith given yourselves to Him, then you are Christians indeed, and not until then. Christ will be the Savior of none but of His servants. He is the Author of eternal salvation to those who obey Him. Christ will have no servants but by consent. His people are a willing people, and Christ will accept of no consent but in full to all that He requires. He will be all in all, or He will be nothing.

Search your hearts whether you either have already, or can now freely, make this commitment to God in Christ.

First, consider what your sins are and examine whether you can resolve to forego them all. Consider what the laws of Christ are, how holy, strict, and spiritual, and whether you can, upon deliberation, choose them all as the rule of your whole life.

Second, be of a serious and reverent mind, suitable to business of such importance.

Third, lay hold of the covenant of God and rely upon His promise of giving grace and strength, whereby you may be enabled to keep your promise. Do not trust your own strength but take hold of His strength.

Fourth, resolve to be faithful. Having engaged your hearts, opened your mouths, and given the work of your hands to the Lord, resolve in His strength never to go back.

Last, being thus prepared, in the most solemn manner possible, as if the Lord were visibly present before your eyes, bow and open your hearts to the Lord. Let us rise and sing.

Hymn “Spirit of Faith, Come Down”
#332 (Tune: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”)

COVENANT PRAYER Aaron Mansfield

Let us pray.

O most holy God, I beseech You, accept the poor prodigal now kneeling at Your door. I have fallen from You by my iniquity and am by nature a child of death by my wicked practice. But of Your infinite grace You have promised mercy to me in Christ if I will only turn to You with all my heart. Therefore upon the call of the gospel, I come now and, throwing down my weapons, and all my rebellion, I submit myself to Your mercy. And because You require, as the condition of my peace with You, that I throw away my idols and be in defiance of all Your enemies, I here from the bottom of my heart renounce them all. I firmly covenant with You to not allow

myself any known sin, but conscientiously to use all the means that I know You have prescribed, for the death and utter destruction of all my corruptions. I humbly affirm before Your glorious majesty that it is the firm resolution of my heart to forsake all that is dear unto me in this world, rather than to turn from You back to the ways of sin. I will watch against all its temptations whether of prosperity or adversity, lest they should withdraw my heart from You. And since You have, of Your boundless mercy, offered graciously to me to be my God through Christ, I call heaven and earth to record this day, that I do here solemnly proclaim you to be the Lord my God. I do here take You, the Lord God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for my portion and do give up myself, body and soul, to be Your servant, promising and vowing to serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life. And since You have appointed the Lord Jesus Christ as the only means of coming unto You, Father, I do here upon the bended knees of my soul solemnly join myself in covenant to Him.

O blessed Jesus, I come to You hungry, wretched, miserable, blind, and naked, unworthy to wash the feet of Your servants, much less to be solemnly committed to the King of Glory. But since such is Your unparalleled love, I do here with all my power take You to love, honor, and obey before all others, and this to the death. I renounce my own worthiness and do here proclaim You to be the Lord my righteousness. I renounce my own wisdom and take You as my only guide. I renounce my own will and take Your will for my law. And since You have told me I must suffer if I will reign, I covenant with You to take my lot, as it falls, with You and by Your grace to run all hazards with You, intending that neither life nor death shall part between You and me. Now, Almighty God, Searcher of Hearts, You know that I make this covenant with You this day, without any guile or reservation, beseeching You that if You see any flaw or falsehood in me, You would reveal it to me and help me to put it right.

Please rise.

And now, glory be to You, O God the Father, whom I shall be bold from this day forward to look upon as my God and Father. Glory be to You, O God the Son, who has loved me and washed me from my sins in Your own blood and have now become my Savior and Redeemer. Glory be to You, O God the Holy Spirit, who by Your almighty power has turned my heart from sin to God. O eternal God, the Lord God Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You have now become my Covenant-Friend, and I, through Your infinite grace, have become Your Covenant-Servant. And the Covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Signature, committing myself to God

Date

Communion

Aaron Mansfield

Hymn *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*
#384

Benediction

Postlude *“Fantasia on Come, Ye Sinners”*
Bob Sandrock, Pianist

PRAYER CONCERNS

- ♦ PJ Danhires

HEBREWS

Sermon Series

In the New Year, Pastor Aaron will begin a series through the Book of Hebrews. We will cover the entire book, much like we did Matthew.

Youth Parent Information Meeting TODAY 12:00 p.m.

Prayer Vigil Sign Ups

Sign up today on the prayer chart in the narthex for the 24 hour prayer vigil on **Saturday, January 11**. See Lonnie Watts if you have any questions.

Also on the 11th:

8:00-9:00 a.m.: Men's Prayer Breakfast.

Sisters in Mission

Ladies of the church come join this active group. We meet every third Tuesday starting at 6:00 PM. Contact Carla Easton with questions—cjane9615@gmail.com

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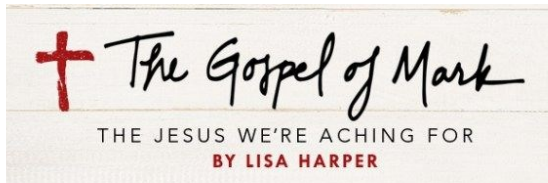
ENGAGE!

God's Heart & Our Role for Carrying Out Acts 1:8 Missions

LOCATION: Trinity Hill Methodist Church
3600 Tates Creek Rd, Lexington, KY 40517

DATE: Jan. 11, 2025

TIME: 9AM-12PM, EST



Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

**February 6 -April 24,
9:30-11:00 a.m.**

God's heart is moved by your cries for help, your shouts of joy, your unspoken worries. This study follows Jesus through His days of early ministry all the way to the cross. It's there we discover what it means to be recipients of His excessive compassion and the very reason for His all-consuming passion.

Ladies, if you are looking for a small group to be part of, we would love to have you. We can have childcare available as long as we know in advance.

Bible study books are available online at Amazon

Any questions contact Judy Drury:

judygdrury@outlook.com

4th & 5th Grade Club Spring 2025 Schedule *Normal meeting time 6:00-8:00 p.m.*

- ♦ January 12 - Welcome back party
- ♦ January 26 - Gattitown
- ♦ February 9
- ♦ February 23
- ♦ March 9
- ♦ March 23
- ♦ April 13 - Destination unknown
- ♦ April 27
- ♦ May 12 - final meeting of the season
- ♦ June 12 - 15 - Retreat with youth

CONFIRMATION 2025

Sign-ups are now being taken for Confirmation 2025! To enroll your 5th grade or older youth contact Michael Coston: (859 595-4163 / macoston2001@yahoo.com) or the church office: (859-272-3456 / trinityhill@trinityhill.org).

Contact Michael with any questions you have.

ATTENDANCE

December 29

In Person: 77

8:30: 0

10:30: 77

Ghana: 0

Online: 68

December 22

In Person: 217

8:30: 73

10:30: 144

Ghana: 0

Online: 87

December 24

In Person: 267

Online: 52

TUESDAYS *with the* LIVE WIRES

January 14, Noon: Potluck at church

January 28: To be announced

Note: We are meeting on the SECOND and FOURTH Tuesday of each month.

Questions? Please contact Gail Wright or the church office.

Scan here to connect with a small group at Trinity Hill.



Pray for Our Shut Ins

Barry Frazelle, Thea Heater, John & Sharon Howard,
Joyce Hunt, Louine Patton, Amanda Presley,
Herb Richey, Gladys Thomas

Prayer Chain

Susan Harmon: Sharmon1231@gmail.com
Church Office" trinityhill@trinityhill.org

Pray for Our Missionaries

Mike & Sherri Morrissey: Thailand Now. ***Blessing Home*** which protects vulnerable children; and ***Pioneer Pastors*** which trains and resources pastors who in turn will plant churches.

Pastor "DJ": Name withheld because he is working in a restricted nation.

What's Happening! **Trinity Hill Newsletter**

Deadline for articles to our newsletter, ***What's Happening! Trinity Hill*** is **Monday, January 20**. This edition covers February. If you have a planned event or class coming up, NOW is the time to share! Email your news to the church office: trinityhill@trinityhill.org.

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

On January 5 Pastor Aaron will preach from Hebrews 12:18-29. Hebrews is about encouraging discouraged and/or backsliding believers; it is about worship, holiness, and the supremacy of Christ. It is an anchor for the soul. Read the passage this week, journal your own discoveries, and come prepared to dive deeper into God's word.

**WE EXIST TO BRING
GLORY TO GOD
BY MAKING DISCIPLES THROUGH
GOSPEL-CENTERED
WORSHIP, COMMUNITY,
SERVICE, AND MULTIPLICATION.**

**Trinity Hill
Methodist Church**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ TODAY
12:00 p.m. Youth Parent Meeting
- ⇒ Wednesday, January 8
6:30 p.m. Classes Resume
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice Resumes
- ⇒ Saturday, January 11
All Day Prayer Vigil
8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- ⇒ Sunday, January 12
6:00 p.m. 4th & 5th Grade Club Welcome Back Party
- ⇒ Tuesday, January 14
Noon Live Wires Potluck
- ⇒ Sunday, January 26
6:00 p.m. 4th & 5th Grade Club to Gattitown
- ⇒ Tuesday January 28
Live Wires Outing (TBA)

Service Team: We're Here for You!

Do you have a disciple building ministry, event, or missions opportunity that you need help with? Or a Kingdom expanding idea and you're just not sure how to pull it off? Please contact the Service Team for help - We're here for You. Reach out to Marnie Warren (859.699.8944) or Rodney Rupp (859.489.6828) for details/assistance.



I AM NO LONGER MY OWN, BUT THINE
PUT ME TO WHAT THOU WILT, RANK ME WITH WHOM THOU WILT.
PUT ME TO DOING, PUT ME TO SUFFERING.
LET ME BE EMPLOYED FOR THEE OR LAID ASIDE FOR THEE.
LET ME HAVE ALL THINGS, LET ME HAVE NOTHING.
I FREELY AND HEARTILY YIELD ALL THINGS
TO THY PLEASURE AND DISPOSAL.
AND NOW, O GLORIOUS AND BLESSED GOD,
FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT,
THOU ART MINE AND I AM THINE.

SO BE IT.

AND THE COVENANT WHICH I HAVE MADE ON EARTH,
LET IT BE RATIFIED IN HEAVEN.

AMEN.

-JOHN WESLEY