

Trinity United Methodist Church



*The Trinity (The Hospitality of Abraham), Andrei Rublev
c. 1411–1427*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you.*

— 2 Corinthians 13:13

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8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



Welcome to Trinity Church! We are grateful you are here. We'd appreciate it if you would complete the registration pad and pass it down. For those worshipping in the Chapel today, please complete an attendance card. Remember to name each family member present today.
Please join us in our Fellowship Lobby following each service for delicious food and a chance for us to get to know one another!

PRELUDE

Prelude 9 (Bullard)

Jerry Rich

WELCOME

* Call to Worship

In the beginning ...

God created mortals, and asked us to care for all creation.

In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus ...

Jesus showed us how to love as God loves.

In our time, and throughout eternity ...

Jesus commands us to lead others to follow in the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

* Gathering Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

UMH 64

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and
sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of us all,

when we look to the heavens and see the sun, the moon, and the stars,
we are reminded of your wonder and majesty.

Yet we confess that we do not always live as your people.

We become focused on ourselves and forget the needs of others.

You call us into communion with you and with one another,
but we resist compassion and turn away from difficult love.

**We long to hear the movement of your Spirit in our lives,
yet too often we choose comfort over discipleship and fear over welcome.**

Lord, have mercy on us. Renew us by your grace.

Breathe into us again the life of your Spirit,
that we may love you and care for one another more faithfully.

[a time of silent prayer]

Gracious God, meet us again through your mercy and forgiveness.

Strengthen us to walk in love and lead us deeper into the communion of your Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Message

Laurie Strollo

Prayers of the People

Our prayer will conclude with:

**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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Dan Moore (8:30)
Sam Bricker (10:30)

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This is the Word of God, for us, the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Homemaking in the Life of God

Taehwan Roh

COMMUNION (8:30)

OFFERING *Our offering is received as we pass the plates, but you may also give online at
<http://umtrinity.org/give> or through our app.*

Offertory

His Eye Is on the Sparrow (Garbiel)
Sing Praise to Our Creator (Willan)

Maggie Rabe (8:30)
Chancel Choir (10:30)

Doxology

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* CLOSING HYMN

The Gift of Love

UMH 408

**Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.**

**Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

* BENEDICTION

**congregation invited to stand*



Congratulations to the Class of 2026! Today, we celebrate this momentous accomplishment with you and your family.

Graduate	Graduating From . . .	Future Plans
Megan Teresa Faust	Wake Forest University (B.	
Meredith Reed Faust	Langley High School	Wake Forest University
Richard Holbrook, III	Trinity College (B.A.)	
Nathaniel James Hooton	McLean High School	
Christian Perrin	Langley High School	UCLA
Ben Rochford	Duke University (M	
Hannah Rochford	Duke University (M.Div.)	
Catherine Thomas	McLean High School	The Citadel

Grow — Pray — Study



Our weekly devotional is available at <https://bit.ly/TrinityGPS>



Monday, June 1 — Genesis 2:4–15

Genesis presents a picture of God preparing a place before humanity ever arrives. Water flows through the garden, trees provide beauty and nourishment, and the earth is ready to sustain life. Before Adam is given any task, God has already been at work creating an environment where life can flourish. The story begins not with human effort, but with divine generosity.

Many of us spend significant energy planning, striving, and trying to secure the future. Yet this passage invites us to pause and notice how often God's provision precedes our awareness. There may be people, opportunities, lessons, and blessings in our lives that were quietly prepared long before we recognized them. Faith grows when we learn not only to ask God for help, but also to notice the ways God has already been at work.

- Looking back over the past year, where can you see signs that God was preparing the way before you realized it?
- What blessing in your life has become so familiar that you rarely stop to thank God for it?
- **Prayer:** Creator God, thank you for your care that often goes unnoticed. Open my eyes to recognize your provision and help me respond with gratitude and trust. Amen.

Tuesday, June 2 — Psalm 84

The psalmist speaks with deep longing for the presence of God. "My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord." These words reveal a hunger that goes beyond physical needs. The psalmist understands that true life is found not merely in comfort or success, but in communion with God.

Modern life often teaches us to chase one goal after another, believing satisfaction lies just beyond the next accomplishment. Yet even when goals are reached, a deeper longing often remains. Psalm 84 invites us to consider what our hearts truly desire. Beneath many of our daily concerns may be a deeper longing for God's presence, peace, and purpose. When that longing is directed toward God, we begin to discover a more lasting source of joy.

- What have you been pursuing most intensely in this season of your life?
- What helps you recognize and respond to your deeper spiritual hunger?
- **Prayer:** Loving God, draw my heart toward you. Help me seek not only temporary satisfaction but the lasting joy found in your presence. Amen.

Wednesday, June 3 — Ephesians 2:11–22

Paul reminds believers that people who were once strangers have become members of God's household. Through Christ, walls of separation have been broken down, and individuals from different backgrounds have been brought together into one community. The church is described not as an organization but as a living dwelling place where God's Spirit is present.

Belonging is one of the deepest human needs. Many people know what it feels like to be overlooked, excluded, or misunderstood. The gospel offers a different vision. In Christ, our identity is not determined by social status, nationality, achievement, or personal history. We are welcomed into God's family by grace. As recipients of that welcome, we are also called to become people who create space for others to belong.

- Who helped you feel welcomed and valued during an important season of your life?
- Is there someone in your church, workplace, or community who may need an invitation, encouragement, or act of hospitality?
- **Prayer:** God of grace, thank you for welcoming me into your household. Help me extend that same welcome to others and reflect your love through hospitality and kindness. Amen.

Thursday, June 4 — John 13:34–35

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus gives his disciples a simple yet demanding command: "Love one another. Just as I have loved you." Jesus does not say that people will recognize his followers by their knowledge, influence, or accomplishments. Instead, he points to love as the defining mark of Christian community.

Love is often easiest when relationships are comfortable and expectations are met. Yet Jesus spoke these words knowing that his disciples would experience misunderstandings, failures, and conflict. Christian love is not merely an emotion; it is a commitment to seek the good of others even when it is difficult. Such love reflects the character of God and becomes a powerful witness in the world.

- What act of love from another person has had a lasting impact on your life?
- Is there a relationship that might be strengthened if you took a small step toward understanding, forgiveness, or reconciliation?
- **Prayer:** Lord Jesus, teach me to love as you have loved me. Shape my heart so that my words and actions reflect your grace and compassion. Amen.

Friday, June 5 — Romans 12:9–21

Romans 12 moves from theological reflection to practical discipleship. Paul describes a community marked by sincere love, generosity, patience, humility, and peace. His instructions are remarkably ordinary, yet they reveal what everyday faithfulness looks like in relationships.

Most communities are shaped less by dramatic events than by repeated daily choices. Encouragement, forgiveness, generosity, and patience often seem small in the moment, but they gradually create an environment where people can grow and flourish. Likewise, resentment, pride, and indifference can quietly weaken a community. Paul's words invite us to consider how our habits and attitudes affect the people around us.

- Which of Paul's instructions feels most natural for you to practice?
- Which instruction challenges you the most, and what might God be teaching you through that challenge?
- **Prayer:** Gracious God, help me live with sincerity, humility, and kindness. Use my daily actions to strengthen relationships and reflect your love. Amen.

Saturday, June 6 — 1 Peter 2:4–10

Peter describes believers as "living stones" being built into a spiritual house. Each stone has a place within what God is building, and together they form a community that bears witness to God's grace. The image reminds us that faith is not merely individual. God gathers people together for a shared purpose.

As we prepare for worship tomorrow, this passage invites us to reflect on our place within the life of the church. Every person contributes something unique. Some lead visibly, while others serve quietly behind the scenes. Some teach, encourage, organize, pray, or care for others. God uses many different gifts to build a community where people can encounter hope, belonging, and grace.

- What gifts, experiences, or strengths has God given you that could bless others?
- How has your participation in the church helped shape your faith and understanding of God?
- **Prayer:** Faithful God, thank you for making me part of the community you are building. Help me use the gifts you have given me to serve others and glorify you. Amen.

Today at Trinity

Fellowship Hosts

9:30 a.m. Stephanie Grunenfelder

11:30 a.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Graduate Recognition Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.

The Youth Group will meet for breakfast to celebrate the seniors.

Chancel Choir, 10 a.m.

The Chancel Choir meets each Sunday at 10 a.m. to prepare to lead worship at 10:30 a.m. New singers are always welcome! If you'd like to know more about Trinity's music ministry, please contact Jerry Rich, jrich@potomacschool.org.

Children's Worship, 10:30 a.m. (ages 4 - 6th grade)

Children's Worship takes place following the Children's Message in our Fellowship Building (across the Breezeway).



Rededication of Trinity House as Parsonage 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.:

After each of our services, you are invited to gather at Trinity House (by the playground at the far end of the parking lot) for a celebration of its rededication as a parsonage for our Associate Pastor and his family. Refreshments provided by our SPRC and tours by our Trustees.

Iglesia de Dios Worship, 6 p.m.

This Week

May 25: Office Closed for Memorial Day

Monday, 7:30 p.m.: Scout Troop 869

Tuesday, Scout Troop 1130

Wednesday, 9 a.m.: Prayer Group

Join our weekly Zoom Prayer Group as we lift up the needs of our church, community, and world. For details, talk with a pastor or call 703-356-3312.

Saturday, 6 p.m.: Iglesia de Dios

Coming Up

June 7: Martha's Table Snack Packaging

Following both worship services, we will gather in the Fellowship Lobby to make bags of trail mix for weekday distribution by Martha's Table in Washington, D.C. The snack bag assembly line is fun and also makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of people in our community. All supplies provided!

June 9, 6:30 p.m.: Book Chat

Book Chat will meet on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. when Molly Sprouse will lead us in discussing *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* by Dame Muriel Spark. For more, contact Suzanne Hamilton or use the QR code on page 6.

June 15: *The Spire* newsletter deadline

June 17 - 20: Annual Conference

June 19: Office Closed for Juneteenth

June 20: Christ House Meal Mission

Christ House is a residential medical facility for homeless men located in the Adams Morgan area of Washington, DC. We prepare and serve lunch on the third Saturday of every month. Contact Connie Jeremiah for more information, dcjeremiah@verizon.net or 703-307-4635.

June 25: Executive Council meeting

July 3: Office Closed for Independence Day

About Our Ministries

Nursery

The **Nursery** is staffed during both our Sunday worship services for children 3 years old and under. Our nursery is located in the Fellowship Building; simply speak to an usher and they will provide assistance.

Children's Worship Folders

Folders are available during worship services and are categorized by age and reading ability. Please return your folder to the "used bin" so it can be replenished.

Fellowship: Getting Connected

You are invited to meet friends and neighbors after each of our worship services! Join us in the Fellowship Lobby across the breezeway. Each week individuals, families or ministry teams host our refreshments. Please consider signing up for the 8:30 service's Fellowship time. Scan the QR code under Quick Links below to sign-up.

Trinity Preschool of McLean

TPoM welcomes all students ages 2-6. Please visit umtrinity.org/preschool to learn more about this vibrant ministry or to schedule a tour for your child.

Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed each Sunday to greet people, answer questions and hand out bulletins. Use the QR code below to volunteer for this essential ministry of hospitality or speak to one of the pastors.



Did You Know?



Trinity's Communion Table in the sanctuary has not two, but six candlesticks. Tall and simple, these not only lift the light that symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit with us in our worship (like a flame!), but also have a story to tell.

In 1778, when our nation was still new, **William Watters, the first American-born itinerant Methodist minister**, married a girl from Falls Church. He ultimately retired and took up farming in what is now McLean, and in 1808 convened a group of women and men for Methodist Class meetings around his kitchen table. Those kitchen meetings were **the beginning of the congregation that now meets here at Trinity** – with candlesticks made in 1961 from the beams of the Watters' kitchen. (See how it all comes together?)

If you would like to know more about being an **Acolyte** (candle-lighter) for either of our services, speak to one of our Pastors! If you would consider being part of a **Chancel Guild** to help adorn and care for our worship space, we'd sure love to know *that*, too.

Quick Links

Scan QR code with your phone's camera & click the link. This page currently includes:

- Prayer Requests
- Children & Youth registration
- Book Chat discussion group
- Christ House wish list
- Fellowship Hour hosts
- Ushers



Our Prayer Ministry

Trinity Church is grateful to receive any request for intercessory prayer. Each Wednesday, our Prayer Group meets at 9 a.m. to lift up these submissions as well as on-going needs. Those willing to pray with us are both welcomed and invited! Please speak to one of our pastors if you would like to know more.

Prayer requests can be submitted by scanning the QR code on the left with your phone's camera and clicking the link, or you may fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate.

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Worship is in-person and livestreamed on Sundays from our Chapel at 8:30 a.m. and from our Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. on YouTube: [youtube.com/UMTrinity](https://www.youtube.com/UMTrinity). If you're not yet receiving our Friday weekly events e-mail, please send us your address at info@umtrinity.org

**Make Sure to Be with Us NEXT SUNDAY (5/31)
for the Grand Open House of our NEW PARSONAGE!
9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Refreshments on the Lawn
and Guided Tours; Rededication at 12 p.m.**

Trinity House
the Story of the Home that Love Built...and Rebuilt!

In 1948, a sturdy and spacious brick house was built for the family of the appointed clergy of the new Methodist Church on Dolley Madison in McLean. As the Church grew with the community around it, that house served faithfully as the home to ministers' families until 1981, when a new parsonage was built on the southwest edge of our campus (off Gilliams Drive).

In the decades that followed, a Pastoral Counseling ministry was lodged in Trinity House, as were a succession of less-financially-able seminary students to whom Trinity UMC offered a home away from home.

Last year, the Trustees and Church Council held thoughtful deliberations as to the missional potential (or possible demolition) of the aging building. Amid those conversations, one of our church families became aware of the need and stepped forward to offer to fund the required repairs and updates to enable its continued use to benefit our Church and its mission.

That truly extraordinary gift inspired our Trustees, Youth and many others to make their own gifts of time and talent to stage and coordinate the needed (and extensive!) renovation projects. As we now near the completion of the last "punch list," we invite you to come see the newly refurbished and much-improved Trinity House, which will next month become home to Rev. Taehwan Roh and his dear family. This will enable Pastor Taehwan to cease commuting from Fairfax each day, as well as obviate the need for the Associate Pastor's monthly housing allowance.

We invite you to come by after each of our services next week for refreshments, tours by our Trustees (who now know every inch of the place), and at 12 p.m., a Rededication of the once and future-Parsonage! To God be the glory.