



Trinity United Methodist Church



*"Jesus Walking on the Sea," Woodblock engraving
Gustave Dore, French, 1866*

*then he climbed into the boat
with them*

and the wind died down

-Mark 6:51

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October 26, 2025

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



Welcome to Trinity Church! We are grateful you are here. We'd appreciate it if you would complete an attendance card found in the pew rack (or scan the QR code on page 6 with your phone's camera and click the link) to register your attendance today. And do include **each** family member present.

Prelude

Till I Wake (Burleigh)

David Case, trombone

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

from Romans 3

We know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law,
so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law.

Rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

But now, apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known!

This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,

for we all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;

**we all are justified freely by his grace
through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ.**

* Gathering Hymn

Grace Greater Than All Our Sin

[UMH 365](#)

Opening Prayer

adapted from John Wesley's Covenanting Service, 1775

O righteous God, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
see us as we fall down before you.

**Forgive our unfaithfulness in not having done your will,
for you have promised mercy to us if we turn to you with our whole hearts.**

Forgive us that we have been unwilling to overcome evil with good
and that we have not been ready to take up our cross.

**Forgive us that we have not allowed your love to work through us to help others,
and that we have not made their suffering our own.**

Forgive us for those times when instead of working for unity
we made it hard for others to live with us because of our lack of forgiveness,
inconsiderate judgment, and quick criticism.

**Forgive us for when we have not sought to be reconciled with others
and when we have been slow to offer forgiveness.**

Praise to you, Holy Spirit, who by your power turns hearts from sin to God.

Hear now our silent petitions, the cries of our hearts...

[a time of silence follows]

In Christ, you have sent us one who intervenes for us,
opening the way to reconciled relationship, with you and with others.

Amen.

Children's Message

Laurie Strollo

*Children are invited to Children's Worship in Room 402,
a place for those 4 years through 6th grade to connect with God in their own ways.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Taehwan Roh

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.**

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

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine (Wesley)

Philip Keirstead (8:30)
Chancel Choir (10:30)

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Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded.

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

Message

The Voyage Home

Dave Rochford

A Covenant Prayer in the Spirit of John Wesley

O Lord, we are no longer our own, but yours.

Put before us what you will,

place us with whom you will.

Put us to doing,

put us to suffering.

Let us be employed by you

or laid aside for you,

exalted for you

or brought low for you.

Let us be full,

let us be empty.

Let us have all things,

let us have nothing.

We freely and heartily yield all things

to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

you are ours, and we are yours. So be it.

And the covenant which we have made on earth,

let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

* Closing Hymn

Oh Jesus, I Have Promised

[UMH 396](#)

* Benediction

* Postlude

Thoughts of Love (Pryor)

David Case, trombone

* Please stand as you are able.

Our Prayer List

Anderson family, Anne, Annie Ruth, Arnold family, Leth, Barb, Ben, Brett, Bud, Carolyn, Claudia, Corbin, Crista, Dane & Scott, Dara, Dave, Davey, David, Debbie, Douglas, Emmett, Evan, Faga family, Gililand family, Grace, Jason, Jewel, Joan, Joel, John, Karen, Kenny family, Luke, MacVean family, Maines family, Margie, Michael, Nancy, Peter & Dee, Phyllis, Rubina, Sheila, Spinks family, Suzanne, Vasser family, Vicki, Willis & Carter, Winie & Joseph, Wyatt, Yancey, and peace in the Middle East and efforts of those seeking peace, our nation's leadership and unity, workers losing jobs, people experiencing natural disasters, those without housing, those traveling, those impacted by the government shutdown.

Grow — Pray — Study

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



Monday, October 27 — Psalm 27:1–6

Faith does not erase fear, but it transforms it. The psalmist declares confidence not because life is easy, but because God's presence brings light to the darkest places. Fear loses its grip when we remember that God is already with us, steadying our hearts.

When we face uncertainty, we often try to fix everything by our own effort. But God invites us to pause, breathe, and trust. As John Wesley learned, peace is not earned by hard work—it is received. When we stop striving, grace fills the space where anxiety once lived.

- Where in your life do you need to let go of fear and trust God's presence?
- How might courage look different when rooted in faith rather than control?
- **Prayer:** God of light, when fear surrounds me, remind me that you are near. Replace my worry with your peace and my striving with trust. Amen.

Tuesday, October 28 — Isaiah 55:1–9

The invitation of grace is simple: "Come, everyone who thirsts." God's mercy reaches beyond what we can earn or deserve. Wesley's journey reminds us that divine love is not a reward for good behavior—it is a gift freely given to the undeserving.

When we finally stop trying to satisfy our souls with lesser things, we begin to taste the joy of living in grace. God's ways are higher not because they are distant, but because they are more generous than ours could ever be.

- What are the "lesser things" that sometimes take your attention away from God's grace?
- How can you receive God's invitation to rest in love instead of striving for worthiness?
- **Prayer:** Generous God, teach me to hunger for what truly satisfies. Turn my heart away from distractions and draw me into your endless mercy. Amen.

Wednesday, October 29 — Romans 5:1–5

Grace does not spare us from hardship, but it gives meaning to it. Paul writes that suffering can produce endurance, character, and hope—because God's love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Even in struggle, grace is working transformation.

When we surrender to this process, faith deepens. Peace takes root not when life becomes easy, but when we realize that we are never alone in the journey. Hope becomes more than optimism; it becomes confidence in God's faithful presence.

- How has hardship in your life deepened your understanding of grace?
- Where might God be growing endurance and hope in you today?
- **Prayer:** God of hope, teach me to see your grace at work in every season. When I grow weary, strengthen my faith and renew my joy in you. Amen.

Thursday, October 30 — John 15:9–17

Jesus teaches that joy is found in love—not in comfort or success, but in abiding relationship. To remain in Christ's love is to live in freedom: forgiven, renewed, and sent to love others as we have been loved.

Wesley's eventual awakening to grace led to action. Faith that is alive expresses itself through compassion and service. Every act of mercy—feeding the hungry, forgiving an enemy, lifting up the weary—is a declaration that love has the final word.

- How can you live in Christ's love more intentionally this week?
- Where might love be calling you to act with mercy and kindness?
- **Prayer:** Loving Savior, help me to remain in your love. Let your joy fill me and overflow to others through words of kindness and deeds of grace. Amen.

Friday, October 31 — Philippians 4:4–9

Rejoice always—not because life is perfect, but because God's peace holds us steady. When we bring our anxieties before God with thanksgiving, something mysterious happens: fear loses its power. The peace of Christ begins to guard our hearts and minds.

This peace is not passive; it shapes how we live. It calls us to focus on what is true, honorable, and good. Gratitude and trust become acts of resistance against despair. Even in a restless world, we can live unafraid.

- What practices help you to keep your heart anchored in peace?
- How can gratitude transform your response to worry this week?
- **Prayer:** God of peace, fill me with your calm in the midst of life's noise. Guard my heart with your Spirit and let my mind dwell on your goodness. Amen.

Saturday, November 1 — 2 Corinthians 12:7–10

Paul discovered strength in weakness—the paradox of grace. When he prayed for relief and it did not come, God's answer was simple: "My grace is sufficient for you." In our limitations, God's power is revealed most clearly.

We often see weakness as failure, but grace redefines it. Dependence becomes faith; humility becomes strength. Like Wesley, we find that God's love sustains us not because we are strong, but because God is faithful.

- What weakness or limitation might God be using to reveal grace in your life?
- How can you rest in the sufficiency of God's strength today?
- **Prayer:** Almighty God, remind me that your grace is enough. In my weakness, let your strength be known, and in my struggle, let your love be glorified. Amen.

Today at Trinity

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) takes place following the Children's Message.

Trunk or Treat, 11:30 a.m.

Children's Ministry is pleased to invite our Trinity church family and community to our annual "spook-tacular" Trunk or Treat celebration for kids! The Trunk or Treat will follow the 10:30 a.m. service, and take place in the back parking lot, behind the Fellowship Building.



Youth Group, 4:30 p.m.

Youth Group, grades 7-12, meets 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. Halloween party with pumpkin carving.

Celtic Service, 5 p.m.

Come to experience the holy at the Celtic Evensong. With both quiet moments of reflection and contemplative music, experience God in a new way. God is waiting. All are welcome. The service is at 5 p.m. today in the Chapel; it will also be live streamed.

Today

This Week

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.: Bible Study: Untravelled Waters Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Join Pastor Dave for *Untravelled Waters: The Greatest Bible Stories You Never Heard*—a fresh look at surprising, lesser-known stories that challenge and inspire. We'll explore how to read Scripture with clarity and faith, and reflect on what scripture means for us today.

▲ Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (Church Library + Zoom)

▲ Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Zoom only)

Oct. 21/22–Nov. 18/19. All are welcome!

Tuesday, 7 p.m.: Charge Conference

Our 2025 Charge Conference, an annual meeting of our congregation, will take place **Tuesday, October 28** at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. The meeting will use a hybrid format (in-person and on Zoom) this year. We will approve clergy compensation and leadership nominations for 2026. Members of the Executive Council are voting members of the Charge Conference, but the meeting is open to everyone.

Wednesday, 9 a.m.: Prayer Group

A dedicated community that meets via Zoom to lift up the needs of our church family, community and world. If you'd like to know more or to participate, please speak to one of our pastors or call the office, 703-356-3312.

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.: Spire assembly for mailing

Coming Up

November 2: Martha's Table Snack Packaging

Following both worship services, we will 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! See you in the Fellowship Lobby after worship.

November 2: Youth Group

Youth Group, grades 7-12, meets 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. Visit <https://umtrinity.org/education/youth> to view the Youth calendar.

November 8: Rise Against Hunger

Annual meal packing event at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Use QR code on page 6 for details and registration. You may choose any shift, but Pastor Dave and our Youth will be there at 8 a.m.

November 10: Poinsettia Orders Due

See page 6 for details.

November 11: Office Closed for Veterans' Day

November 11: Book Chat

The book for **November 11** is *Almost Everything: Notes on Hope* by Anne LaMott. Full schedule for this Zoom meeting can be found on the church website. Use the QR code on page 6 for more.

November 15: Christ House Meal Mission

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

November 23: Thanksgiving Potluck & Hanging of the Greens

Bring your favorite dish to enjoy a holiday meal with your church family on **Nov. 23**. Please use the QR code on page 6 to sign up so we have a good mix of sides for everyone. The turkey will be provided, but donations are requested to help cover the cost. (Suggested amount of \$10 per person or \$25 per family). Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. in Langley Hall. Following lunch, the Sanctuary, Chapel and Fellowship Lobby will be decorated for Advent and Christmas. Plan to stay and help hang the green wreaths, set up the Christmas trees and put out our window lights. Many hands make light work and kids are welcome!

November 27-28: Office Closed

November 28: Christmas Tree Sales Begin

Support Trinity's Youth Group and Boy Scouts with the purchase of a live Christmas tree fresh from the farm. Be sure to shop early for the best selection. The Lot opens at 1 p.m.

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 cordially invited to meet friends and neighbors after each of our worship services. Join us in the Fellowship Lobby to the right of the breezeway. Each week individuals, families or ministry groups host our refreshments. Please consider signing up for either the 8:30 or 10:30 service's Fellowship time. Scan the QR code under Quick Links at the right 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.



Our Sanctuary & Chapel will be decorated with poinsettias for Christmas Eve! The plants are \$15 each. To purchase one in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete an online order form by **Monday, November 10**. There will be a link at the end of the form to make an online payment. You will be able to take the plants home after the services on Christmas Eve. Thank you for helping to make our worship spaces beautiful for this very meaningful celebration. Use the QR code below to go to the form or visit <http://umtrinity.org/poinsettias>.

Quick Links

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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. Our 5 p.m. Celtic Service is in-person and streamed on the last Sunday of the month. If you're not yet receiving our Friday weekly events e-mail, please send us your address at info@umtrinity.org