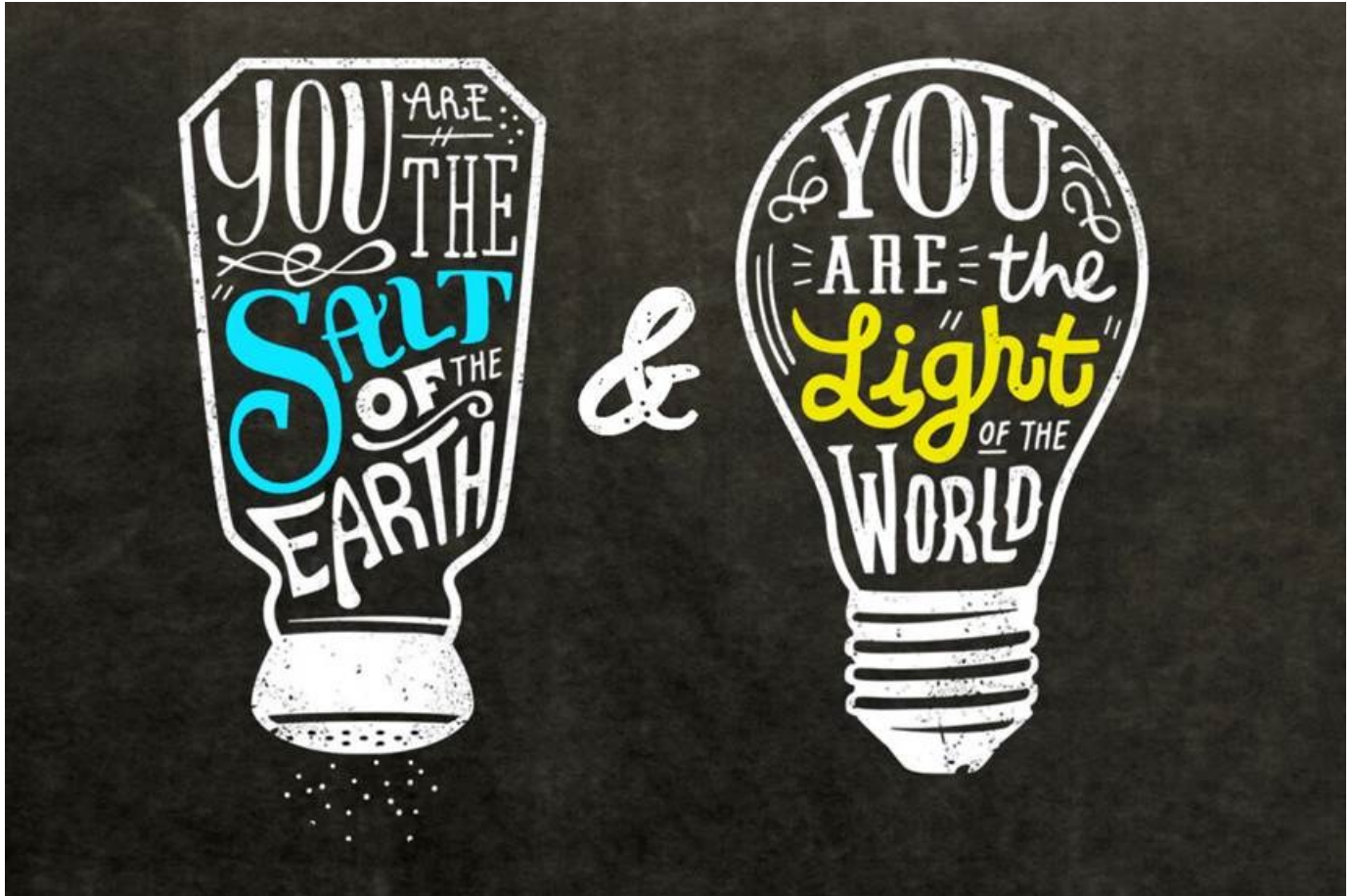




Trinity United Methodist Church



Welcome to Scout Sunday

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February 8, 2026

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 8 with your phone's camera and click the link) to register your attendance today - and do include each family member present.

Prelude (8:30)
(10:30)

Dusk from African Sketches (Okoye)
Deep River (Eithun)

Jerry Rich
Trinity Ringers

Welcome

- * Call to Worship *from Genesis 1, John 1, Matthew 5*
God said, "Let there be light."
And there was light.
Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world."
And the Light shone in the darkness.
Jesus also said, "You are the light of the world."
And the light shall not be extinguished!

- * Gathering Hymn *Lift High the Cross* UMH 159
Refrain:
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine. [Refrain]

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. [Refrain]

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. [Refrain]

Mission Moment: Our Scouting Ministries

Opening Prayer
O God of Mystery and movement,
you have called us to be salt and light
in a bland and shadowed world.
Speak to us again as we worship you,
seeking a spirit of inspiration and insight
so that we may walk in the ways of generosity and love.
Imbue in us a spirit of courage and humble service,
that others may see your goodness shining,
give you the glory, and become radiant themselves.
Amen.

Children's Message Keeler Blanton and Pastors

Prayers of the People

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 Brendon McDonnell (8:30)
Come and Find the Quiet Center (Green) Chancel Choir (10:30)
I Want to Be Ready (Helvey)

Reading from the Scriptures Matthew 5:1-16 Scouts
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."

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"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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

Message

Shiny, Briny People

Dave Rochford

Communion (8:30)

* Closing Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine

Fill this land with the Father's glory

Blaze, Spirit, blaze

Set our hearts on fire

Flow, river, flow

Flood the nations with grace and mercy

Send forth your word

Lord, and let there be light

Lord, the light of your love is shining

In the midst of the darkness, shining

Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us

Set us free by the truth you now bring us

Shine on me, shine on me [Refrain]

Lord, we come to your awesome presence

From the shadows into your radiance

By the blood we may enter your brightness

Search us, try us, consume all our darkness

Shine on us, shine on us [Refrain]

As we gaze on your kingly brightness

So our faces display your likeness

Ever changing from glory to glory

Mirrored here may our lives tell your story

Shine on us, shine on us [Refrain]

* Benediction

* Postlude

Litany of Joy (Fedak)

Jerry Rich

(At the conclusion of our service, you are welcome to depart or to remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.)

* Please stand as you are able.

An Invitation to Fellowship

A time of food and fellowship follows each of our services, to which all are invited and encouraged to come.

Today, we gratefully welcome the Scouts, families and adult leadership of Pack 1127, Troop 1130 and Troop 869!

Grow — Pray — Study

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



Monday, February 9 — Genesis 12:1–9

God's call to Abram begins not with comfort, but with movement. Abram is asked to leave what is familiar and step into a future shaped by promise rather than certainty. The call is deeply personal, yet its purpose is outward-facing: "in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." From the beginning, God's covenant is never private alone, but oriented toward the life of the world.

This passage reminds us that being chosen by God is not about privilege, but about purpose. God's people are shaped so that blessing may flow through them. Faith becomes visible not through withdrawal, but through trust expressed in lived obedience.

- Where might God be calling you to trust beyond what feels familiar or secure?
- How could your faith become a blessing beyond yourself this week?
- **Prayer:** Calling God, lead me beyond what I know. Shape my obedience so that others may glimpse your blessing through my life. Amen.

Tuesday, February 10 — Isaiah 42:1–9

Isaiah speaks of God's servant as one who brings justice quietly, faithfully, and without spectacle. This servant does not crush the weak or demand attention, yet God declares that this work will not fail. Light is given not for self-display, but to open blind eyes and set captives free. The passage challenges common assumptions about influence and visibility. God's light does not dominate; it reveals. God's justice does not overwhelm; it restores. To participate in this calling is to live with steady faithfulness, trusting that God's purposes are accomplished through patient witness.

- Where are you tempted to equate impact with visibility or force?
- How might God be calling you to reflect light through quiet faithfulness?
- **Prayer:** God of justice and mercy, shape my life as a witness to your restoring light. Teach me to trust your ways even when they feel hidden. Amen.

Wednesday, February 11 — Psalm 67

Psalm 67 is a prayer that connects blessing with mission. God's grace is sought not as an end in itself, but so that God's way may be known among all peoples. Praise flows outward, and joy is linked to God's just governance of the earth.

This psalm reminds us that worship and witness belong together. When God's presence shapes a community, the result is not isolation but invitation. God's blessing is meant to be seen, shared, and recognized as life-giving for the whole world.

- How do you understand the relationship between God's blessing and God's purpose?
- In what ways might your life point others toward God's ways rather than yourself?
- **Prayer:** Generous God, let your blessing rest upon me so that your way may be known. Shape my life as an invitation to your justice and joy. Amen.

Thursday, February 12 — Micah 6:1–8

Micah reframes faithfulness away from excess or display and toward a life shaped by justice, kindness, and humility. God's desire is not ritual performance detached from daily life, but a way of being that reflects God's character in the world.

This passage grounds public witness in ordinary faithfulness. To "walk humbly with God" is not withdrawal from the world, but a steady commitment to live differently within it. Such a life quietly resists decay and bears witness to God's reign.

- Which part of Micah's call feels most challenging for you right now?
- How might humility shape your public witness in everyday relationships?
- **Prayer:** Faithful God, teach me to walk with you in justice, kindness, and humility. Let my life reflect your Reign in small, faithful ways. Amen.

Friday, February 13 — Philippians 2:1–11

Paul describes a community shaped by the self-giving mind of Christ. Christ's humility is not weakness, but faithful obedience that reveals the heart of God. Exaltation follows not ambition, but surrender to God's purposes.

This text, which may have been an early Christian hymn, calls believers to embody a distinctive way of life together. Light shines when a community chooses service over status and faithfulness over self-assertion. The visible witness of the Church flows from shared humility rooted in God's saving work.

- Where do you notice tension between humility and self-protection in your life?
- How might Christ's self-giving example shape the way you live with others today?
- **Prayer:** Self-giving God, form in me the mind of Christ. Teach me to live in ways that reflect your humility and love. Amen.

Saturday, February 14 — Colossians 1:9–20

Colossians proclaims Christ as the one through whom all things hold together. Faith is not separated from daily life, but expressed in endurance, gratitude, and growth in wisdom. God's reconciling work is cosmic in scope and concrete in expression.

This passage invites us to see our lives as part of God's larger purpose. To live "worthy of God" is to participate in a reconciling work that touches relationships, communities, and the world God loves. Even ordinary faithfulness takes its place within God's mission of renewal.

- How does seeing Christ at the center of all things reshape your daily priorities?
- Where might God be inviting you to live more intentionally as part of God's reconciling work?
- **Prayer:** Reconciling God, root my life in Christ. Help me live with gratitude and faithfulness as part of your renewing work in the world. Amen.

Today at Trinity

Make sure to welcome our Scouts today!

Martha's Table Snack Packaging, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

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!

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.

This Week

Monday, 7:30 p.m.: Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: Book Chat

Book Chat will meet on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *The Lady and the Unicorn* by Tracy Chevalier.

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.

Coming Up

February 15: Youth Group, 4:30 p.m.

Youth Group, grades 7-12, meets 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Building.

February 15: Spire newsletter deadline

February 17: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Who doesn't love pancakes or good fellowship? Be with us for a Trinity tradition: our Pancake Supper will be in Langley Hall on **Tuesday, February 17**, from 5 to 7 p.m. Come enjoy a delicious pancake-and-sausage supper, and enjoy the **inaugural performance of our new praise band**, who will play a few songs for our dinner enjoyment! The meal is a suggested donation of \$10 per person or \$25 per family, with the proceeds going to fund Trinity's worthy mission causes. Moreover, bring donations for the Youth Group's "Share the Love" Food Drive. Your help with set-up, cooking or take-down would be welcome; family suppers are easier when everybody helps out! Contact Elisabeth at ephahn@gmail.com.

February 18: Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m.

February 19 - 25: Honduras Mission Trip

Please keep our mission team in your prayers!

February 21: 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.

February 22: Celtic Service

Come to experience the holy at our 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 will be at 5 p.m. in the Chapel; it is also live streamed.

February 24 & 25: New Lenten Bible Study - see back page for full description. Sessions for **Walking the Bible** meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (Church Library & Zoom) and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Zoom) and begins February 24 & 25.

March 8: 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!

Our Prayer List

Aaron, Adamson family, Anne, Annie Ruth, Arla, Arnold family, Leth, Barb, Ben, Beth, Bill, Bob, Brett, Bryan, Bud, Carol & Rich, Carolyn, Carrie, Casey, Cathey, Chris, Christie, Christina, Chuck, Cindy, Clare, Claudia, Corbin, Corte family, Crista, Dale, Dane, Daniel, Dara, Darlene, Dave, Davey, David, DeMicco family, Detwiler family, Doug, Douglas, Dudley & Susan, Elaine, Ella, Emmett, Evan, Faga family, Frances, Frank, Gail, Gloria, Grace, Gray family, Gregg, Hanna, Heather & Paul, Holly, Isabel, Jack, Jane, Jason, Jessica, Jewel, Jimmy, Joan, Joe, Joel, John, Karen, Kate & Leo, Kathy, Kristen, Lenore, Linda, Luke, Maggie, Margaret, Margie, Marina, Marguerite, Marie, Martha & Fred, Mary, Mary Frances, Matt, Matthew, Meri, Michael, Myrtle, Nancy, Norman & Teresa, Peg & Dick, Peggy, Peter, Phoenix family, Ples, Rasmussen family, Richard, Robert, Roh family, Ron, Rubina, Russ, Sally, Sam & Alex, Scott & Kathy, Sharon, Sheila, Silva, Staley family, Steve, Sue, Tami, Tina, Tish, Valerie, Vanna, Vasser family, Vicki, Whitney, Willis & Carter, Winie & Joseph, Wade, Wyatt, Yancey, and peace in the Middle East and efforts of those seeking peace, our nation's leadership and unity, people experiencing natural disasters, those without housing, those who are hungry, those trying to do the right thing, peace in our nation.

Share the LOVE

SHARE OF MCLEAN
FOOD DRIVE

5th Annual

From Feb. 1 - March 1

Drop off in donation bins
on Sundays

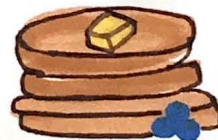
Bring to

Pancake
Supper

Feb. 17th

Sponsored by

Trinity UMC Youth Group



Thank
you!!



See the list of SHARE's most needed items on the next page.



FOOD ITEMS

- Canned Fish
 - Salmon
 - Sardines
 - Anchovies
- Healthy Snacks (Granola Bars, Seeds, Nuts, Dried Fruits)
- Canned Tomato Sauce (15-30 oz)
- Spaghetti sauce (cans or plastic jars only—no glass) (24 oz)
- Ramen Noodles
- Cooking Oil
- Shelf Stable Milk (1 Qt.)
- Spices
 - Salt
 - Pepper
- Condiments
 - Ketchup
 - Mayo

NON-FOOD ITEMS

- Feminine Hygiene (liners, pads)
- Bar soap
- Pull-ups (4T – 5T)
- Diapers Size 1, 2, 5, and 6
- Baby wipes
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Dish Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothbrushes (individually wrapped)
- Toothpaste (not travel size)
- New socks and new underwear (all sizes needed)

- Please remember:
 - **NO GLASS** jars or bottles
 - **NO OVER-SIZED** cans or bottles
 - **NO OPENED** items
 - **NO EXPIRED** items
- Low or no sodium items preferred
- Share can accept refrigerated and frozen food such as chicken, fresh produce, yogurt, cheese, and eggs but only by prior arrangement (contact: info@shareofmclean.org).

Share a Smile



Needed Items for
Children's Dental Kits:

Child's Toothpaste
Child's Toothbrush
(individually wrapped)
Children's Flossers

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, or speak to one of the pastors.

Quick Links

Scan QR code with your phone's camera & click the link.

- > Worship attendance
- > Children & Youth registration
- > Book Chat discussion group
- > Christ House wish list
- > Fellowship Hour hosts
- > Ushers



Trinity Preschool of McLean

Registration for 2026 - 27 is open. Our preschool has classes for toddlers - Pre-Kindergarten.



Summer Camp (ages 2 - 2nd grade):
June 15 - July 24

Info & registration: umtrinity.org/preschool

Schedule a tour: mclean.trinitypreschool@gmail.com

Call for Scripture Readers!

Would you like to be part of a group of worship leaders who read Scripture for our worship services? If you are interested in sharing the Scripture lesson, Tom Long will have a sign up sheet at the 8:30 a.m. service and Emily Summers will have one at the 10:30 a.m. service today; we will introduce them for those who may not know them as yet. Worship is the work of *all* the people, so we are seeking adult, Youth and Elementary-age readers! If you would like to know more, speak with Emily, Tom, or either of our Pastors.

Lenten Bible Study: *Walking the Bible*

Join us for a journey through the Book of Moses, as we explore the stories of Joseph, Moses and the Exodus, as well as take a close-up look at the places where these events unfolded. Using Bruce Feiler's *Walking the Bible* video series, supplemented with mementos from Pastor Dave's travels, we'll reflect on how these ancient stories shape our own walk with God along the footsteps that lead to the Cross.

Sessions meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (Church Library & Zoom) and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Zoom). We'll begin on February 24 & 25, and continue through March 31 & April 1 (no foolin'!). Whether you've traveled to the Middle East or hope to someday, come enjoy this visual and spiritual "walk through the Holy Land." Bring your Bible and your walking shoes!



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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