



Trinity United Methodist Church



*“John Wesley Preaching to the Georgia Indians”
American Engraving, c.1900*

I went to America
to convert the Indians

but oh!

who shall convert me?

~ Journal of John Wesley

Jan. 24, 1738

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October 19, 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 (8:30)
(10:30)

Adagio in C, K. 617a (Mozart)
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Wesley)

Jerry Rich
Trinity Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

- * Call to Worship *from Ephesians 4*
Laying aside all falsehoods, let us speak the truth to our neighbors,
for we are members of one another.
Let all bitterness and anger, all clamor and slander be put away;
let us be kind to one another, tender-hearted,
forgiving each other just as God in Christ has forgiven us!

- * Gathering Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

[UMH 121](#)

Opening Prayer

Ever merciful and loving God,
we confess that we do not find it easy to sail along as forgiven and forgiving people.
We often pray that you would forgive our trespasses,
but we keep a close account of others' trespasses against us.
We feel a deep need to plead our case, to seek justice when we are wronged.
We shrink back from the idea that we ourselves
would be called to account for our misdeeds.
Rescue us, Lord, from unmerciful hearts, petty impulses,
and from repeating the mistakes of the past...
[a time of silence follows]
In Christ, you have sent us one who intervenes for us,
restores our relationship to you, and opens the way to a reconciled life.
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

Here I Am, Lord (Schutte)
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Hayes)

Brendon O'Donnell (8:30)
Chancel Choir (10:30)

Reading from the Scriptures

Acts 27:13-20, 33-36

When a moderate south wind began to blow, they thought they could achieve their purpose; so they weighed anchor and began to sail past Crete, close to the shore. But soon a violent wind, called the northeaster, rushed down from Crete. Since the ship was caught and could not be turned head-on into the wind, we gave way to it and were driven. By running under the lee of a small island called Cauda we were scarcely able to get the ship's boat under control. After hoisting it up they took measures to undergird the ship; then, fearing that they would run on the Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and so were driven. We were being pounded by the storm so violently that on the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard, and on the third day with their own hands they threw the ship's tackle overboard. When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest raged, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

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Just before daybreak, Paul urged all of them to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have been in suspense and remaining without food, having eaten nothing. Therefore I urge you to take some food, for it will help you survive; for none of you will lose a hair from your heads." After he had said this, he took bread; and giving thanks to God in the presence of all, he broke it and began to eat. Then all of them were encouraged and took food for themselves.

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

Message

To Far and Trying Shores

Dave Rochford

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

* Closing Hymn

O God, May We Hold on to Love
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
Tune: *The Gift of Love*

May we let go of might-have-beens
and leave regrets, and choose to live.
We give you all our pain and sins —
for you will heal, and you forgive!

May we push back at all the fear
that, like a storm, is raging round.
May we work hard for justice here
till walls of hate come tumbling down.

God, give us grace to set aside
the things that hurt and tear apart,
till we find love has opened wide
a path to life, a whole new start.

* Benediction

* Postlude (8:30)

Rondeau (Purcell)

Jerry Rich

* 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 20 — Luke 23:32–43

Forgiveness begins at the cross, where Jesus prayed for those who hurt him. This passage reminds us that forgiveness is not about erasing the past but about entrusting it to God. To forgive is to decide that the wound will not have the final word. It is to release the power of resentment and open space for grace.

True forgiveness takes time, courage, and the Spirit's work within us. Yet every step toward mercy is a step toward freedom. The cross invites us to believe that reconciliation—though costly—is the way of Christ and the pattern of life for those who follow him.

- Where in your heart might you need to let go of resentment this week?
- How can the example of Jesus shape your response to hurt or injustice?
- **Prayer:** Merciful Savior, teach me to forgive as you forgave. When bitterness lingers, remind me that your cross is stronger than my anger, and your mercy greater than my pain. Amen.

Tuesday, October 21 — Ephesians 4:25–32

Forgiveness does not come naturally. We are quick to react, slow to release. Yet Paul reminds us that we belong to one another; our words and actions ripple through the Body of Christ. Bitterness hardens hearts and breaks communion, but kindness restores it.

When we forgive, we practice truth-telling with grace. We remember that the goal is not to win but to love. As we let go of anger, we create room for the Spirit to heal both us and those around us.

- What situation in your life calls for kindness instead of anger?
- How can your words become a channel of grace this week?
- **Prayer:** God of compassion, free me from the grip of resentment. Let your Spirit soften my heart, that I may speak truth with gentleness and live as one who forgives freely. Amen.

Wednesday, October 22 — Matthew 18:21–35

Jesus' teaching on forgiveness is not about numbers but about the nature of grace. To forgive "seventy-seven times" surely means to stop counting—to let mercy become our habit. As we remember how deeply we've been forgiven, we discover that grace expands as it is given. Forgiveness transforms both giver and receiver. It turns justice into mercy and restores relationships once thought broken beyond repair. The challenge is to keep our hearts open to God's renewing work even when forgiveness feels impossible.

- When has receiving grace helped you forgive someone else?
- How can you practice mercy as a daily discipline?
- **Prayer:** Gracious God, make my heart generous in mercy. Let the memory of your forgiveness reshape how I respond to others, so that grace may abound in me. Amen.

Thursday, October 23 — Psalm 130:1–8

The psalmist cries out, "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord." Forgiveness often begins in the depths—when we finally face our own need for mercy. God's grace meets us there, not to condemn, but to lift us up. In waiting and trust, the soul learns to hope again.

This psalm teaches that forgiveness is both divine and human: we receive it, and we extend it. Waiting for God's mercy shapes us into people who can offer mercy to others. Out of the depths of regret or pain, grace calls us to rise.

- Where do you sense the need for God's forgiveness or renewal today?
- How can waiting on God reshape your heart toward patience and compassion?
- **Prayer:** God of mercy, hear my cry from the depths. Let your forgiveness renew me, and as I wait for your grace, teach me to walk in hope and extend mercy to others. Amen.

Friday, October 24 — 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

Reconciliation is not just God's gift—it is also our calling. To be reconciled to God through Christ means to join in God's work of healing the world. Every act of forgiveness, every gesture of peace, becomes a small echo of the Cross.

We live in a culture that invites outrage and division. Yet the gospel calls us to be bridge-builders, not gate-keepers. The ministry of reconciliation begins when we see others not by their failures but by the image of God within them.

- Who in your life might need a gesture of peace from you today?
- What small act could reflect God's reconciling love in your community?
- **Prayer:** God of reconciliation, make me your ambassador of peace. Help me to cross barriers with humility and to live as a witness to your healing love. Amen.

Saturday, October 25 — Psalm 103:8–13

The psalmist rejoices in a God who is "merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." God's mercy becomes the model for our relationships. We forgive because we have been forgiven; we show compassion because compassion has met us first.

To remember God's mercy is to live differently—to respond to others not with judgment, but with grace. Gratitude opens our hearts to generosity, and mercy teaches us to see others through the eyes of love.

- How has God's mercy changed the way you see yourself and others?
- What would it look like to let mercy guide your choices this week?
- **Prayer:** Faithful God, thank you for your steadfast love. Fill me with your compassion so that my life may mirror your mercy and reflect your grace to others. Amen.

Today at Trinity

Chancel Choir, 10 a.m.

The Chancel Choir meets 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.

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 it 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!

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.

Thursday, 7 p.m.: Church & Society Meeting

Coming Up

October 26: Trunk or Treat

Children's Ministry is pleased to invite our Trinity church family and community to our annual "spook-tacular" Halloween Trunk or Treat celebration for kids on Sunday, October 26! The Trunk or Treat will follow the 10:30 a.m. service, and take place in the back parking lot, behind the Fellowship Building. Please help to make this event a success by signing up to bring your car and a basket full of treats! See QR code on page 6. Be as creative as you like. Thank you!

October 26: Youth Group

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

October 26: Celtic Service

Come to experience the holy at this 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. in the Chapel and it will also be live streamed..

October 28: Charge Conference

Our 2025 Charge Conference, an annual meeting of our congregation, will meet on **Tuesday, October 28** at 7 p.m. The meeting will use a hybrid format (in-person and on Zoom) this year. This is the meeting to 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.

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 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: Hanging of the Greens

November 27-28: Office Closed

Feb. 26 - March 4, 2026: Honduras Mission Trip

Join us as we travel to rural Honduras to serve at The Leadership Center (leadershipmission.org). We will live and serve along side 60 young women, attend their classes, work on the organic farm, mentor and just love on these beautiful young women. Please reach out to Chris (571-215-2948) or Dan (danmoore53@gmail.com, 703-980-5050) Moore for more information.

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.



Untraveled Waters:

The Greatest Bible Stories You Never Heard

Join Pastor Dave for a fresh Bible Study exploring lesser-known but powerful stories—from daring midwives to looters who become heroes. We'll reflect on how Scripture can be both simple and complex, and how to read it with clarity and impact. All are welcome—no experience needed!

- **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** in the Church Library (with Zoom)
- **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.** via Zoom only
- **Begins Oct. 21/22** and runs through Nov. 18/19.

Choose either session—or paddle between both!

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