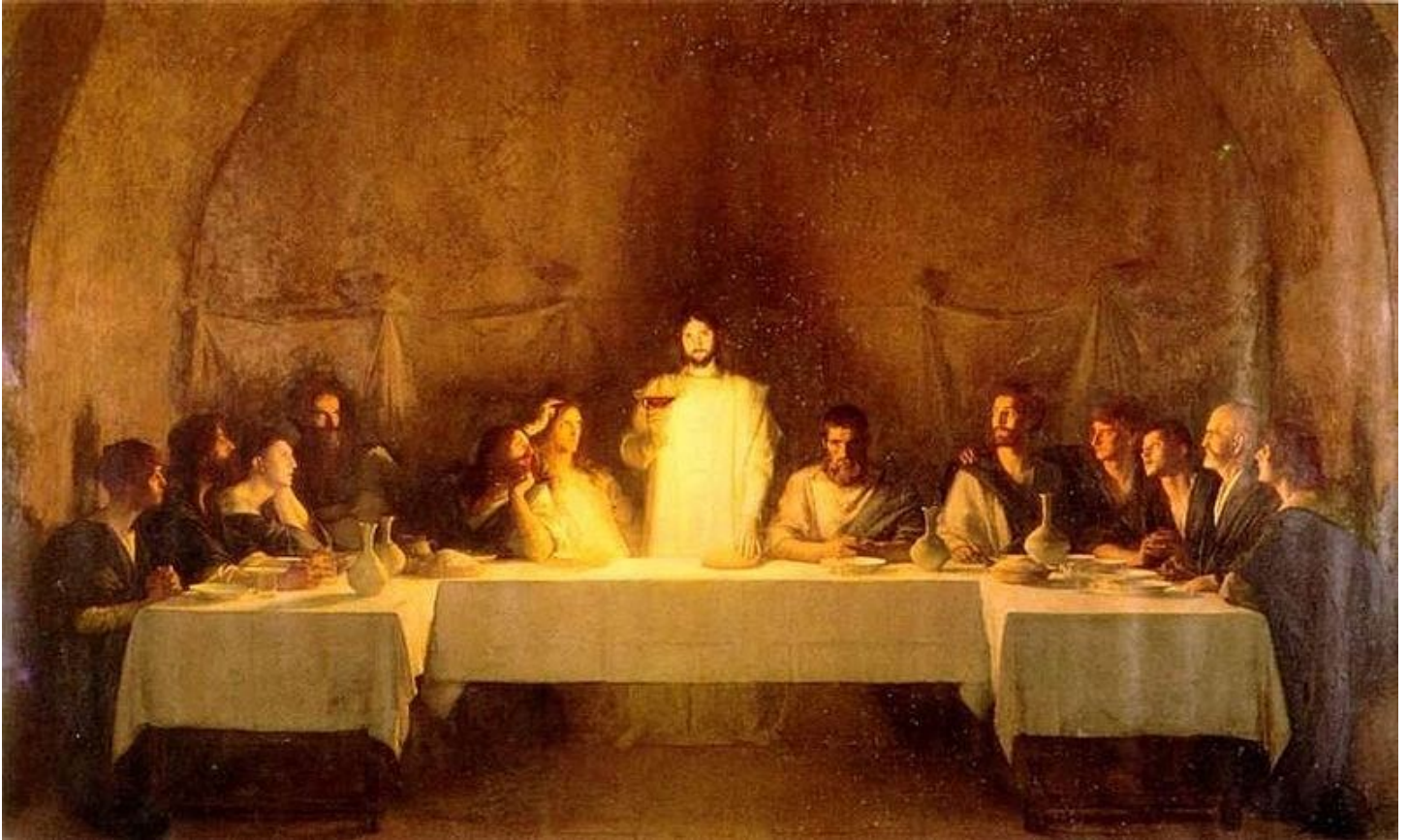




Trinity United Methodist Church



*"The Supper," Pascal Dagnan Bouveret
Oil on Canvas, French, 1896*

and if I go
and prepare a place for you

I will come again
and will take you to myself

so that where I am
there you may be also

John 14:3

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April 26, 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 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

Aria in B-flat (Gaß)

Jerry Rich

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your heads and hearts! Believe in God; believe also in the Way of Jesus.

We come seeking comfort, placing our trust in the One who holds us fast.

In the Father's household are many dwelling places, for Christ has gone ahead to prepare a place for us.

We gather with hope, knowing we have an enduring home in God's presence.

Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" – and this we believe.

He is our way home. Let us worship the Lord together!

* GATHERING HYMN

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

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Hail, thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior,
who hast borne our sin and shame!
By thy merits we find favor;
life is given through thy name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins on thee were laid;
by almighty love anointed,
thou hast full atonement made.
Every sin may be forgiven
through the virtue of thy blood;
opened is the gate of heaven,
reconciled are we with God.

Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
there forever to abide;
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,
seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading;
there thou dost our place prepare;
thou for saints art interceding
till in glory they appear.

Worship, honor, power, and blessing
Christ is worthy to receive;
loudest praises, without ceasing,
right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
help to sing of Jesus' merits,
help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord,
You invite us into your peace, promising a place to dwell,
a home prepared by you, the Carpenter-king.

But we confess that our hearts are troubled, anxious, and discouraged.

Often we choose worry over an abiding trust in you.

We admit that we have wandered from the way prepared for us,
seeking our own way, our own "truth," and our own life, rather than following You.

**We have acted as though the way to God were something we had to discover ourselves,
forgetting that you alone have pioneered the path for us to follow.**

Lord, have mercy on us. Calm our fearful hearts. Forgive our straying and our lack of faith.
Lead us back to the intimate place you have prepared for us,
so that where you are, we may abide also.

[a time of silent prayer]

May the promise of life in Christ give us hope and strength, food for our journey,
and the forgiving grace we need to begin again, this new day. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Laurie Strollo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

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

MESSAGE

Real Estate

Dave Rochford

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
In ancient days beyond our reckoning, you created us in your image,
inviting us to live as your people upon this earth.
When we fell short and acted out of fear and doubt,
you held our hand and walked with us beyond the Garden
and unto every corner of the earth.
When we struggled to love each other, still you blessed us,
and challenged us to be a blessing to all the nations.
You continue to extend the hand of your steadfast love, abiding with us always,
even when we turn away.
In the words of the prophets, you challenged us to live the ways of love and righteousness.
And even as we shrunk from the challenge, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ,
as the embodiment of your love for a love-starved world.
From the earliest days of Creation, to the most recent of days,
you offer to abide in us, even as we take shelter in your love.

And so, with your people on earth,
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you and blessed is your steadfast love.
Through Christ's patient compassion and unfailing grace,
we are once again invited into your abiding mercy
and rescued from the fears and sins
that would separate us from your life-giving presence.
With Christ's nourishment in our lives,
we are invited to abound in your love,
offering ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again.**

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Fanfare in D (Lemmens)

Jerry Rich

**congregation invited to stand*

Did You Know?

The bright, ringing peal that calls us to ready ourselves for worship each Sunday in the Sanctuary is "**the Langley Bell**," a visible link to Langley Methodist Church (1853), our predecessor congregation. Before the community called McLean existed, the Langley Bell would summon Methodists to make the journey to Sunday service by foot, horse and sully.

Today, we seek elementary-age disciples to ring our 128-year-old bell. Doing so with a mallet is safer than, but perhaps not as *fun* as, the days when the bell rope was known to lift people off the floor (even grown-ups!). If YOU would like to ring the Bell, speak to either of our pastors today.



Grow — Pray — Study

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



Monday, May 4 — Genesis 18:1–15

Abraham and Sarah receive unexpected visitors and, in offering hospitality, encounter the promise of God. What begins as a simple act of welcome becomes a moment in which ordinary space becomes sacred space. Home is revealed not merely as shelter, but as a place where God's presence may be received.

This passage suggests that dwelling with God is not first about reaching a destination, but about learning to recognize holy presence in the places where we already live. Hospitality itself becomes a form of faith. In opening space for others, Abraham and Sarah discover that God has already opened space for them through promise.

- Where have you experienced ordinary places becoming places of grace or encounter?
- How might practicing hospitality deepen your awareness of God's presence this week?
- **Prayer:** Welcoming God, teach me to receive your presence in ordinary moments. Open my heart and home to the grace you continue to bring. Amen.

Tuesday, May 5 — Ruth 1:6–18; 2:8–12

The story of Ruth unfolds through loyalty, risk, and unexpected belonging. Ruth leaves what is familiar and steps into uncertainty, yet in that vulnerable journey she discovers community and provision. Her story reminds us that home can be created not only by place, but by covenantal relationship. There are seasons when life feels marked by displacement, whether outwardly or inwardly. This passage offers hope that God often works through human faithfulness to create new belonging. Sometimes redemption begins in the simple act of staying with one another.

- Where in your life are you being invited to trust God amid uncertainty or transition?
- Who has helped you experience belonging, and how might you offer that gift to someone else?
- **Prayer:** Faithful God, guide me when the path ahead feels uncertain. Form in me a spirit of steadfast love that helps others find belonging. Amen.

Wednesday, May 6 — Psalm 84

This psalm speaks of longing for the dwelling place of God, not as escape from life but as the deep desire to live in God's presence. Even the pilgrim journey, with its valleys and weariness, becomes blessed because it leads toward communion with God.

The psalm reminds us that faith is not simply about arriving but about being sustained along the way. The "house of God" is not only a final hope but a present reality, shaping how one walks through life. Those who trust God find strength for the journey itself.

- What does it mean for you to seek God's presence in the midst of daily life, not only in worship?
- Where do you need renewed strength for the journey you are walking right now?
- **Prayer:** Living God, draw my heart toward your presence. Strengthen me in every weary place and make my life a pilgrimage toward you. Amen.

Thursday, May 7 — Ephesians 2:11–22

Paul speaks of Christ breaking down dividing walls and forming a new household of God. This is not only personal reconciliation with God, but a transformed community where strangers become fellow citizens—and even family!

Resurrection life is revealed here in relational form. God does not simply gather isolated individuals, but builds a People together. In a fractured world, this vision challenges habits of separation and invites us into the difficult grace of shared life.

- What walls—visible or invisible—might God be inviting you to help dismantle?
- How might you participate more intentionally in building a reconciling community?
- **Prayer:** Reconciling God, break down what divides and build us into your living household. Teach me to be an instrument of peace and reconciliation. Amen.

Friday, May 8 — 1 Peter 2:2–10

Peter describes the people of God as living stones being built into a spiritual house. Faith is imagined not as solitary experience but as participation in something being formed together. Each life matters as part of a larger dwelling God is shaping.

This image invites reflection on vocation and identity. We do not simply visit God's household; we are being built into it. To live as "living stones" means allowing God to shape us in ways that support, strengthen, and bless the whole community.

- What gifts or experiences has God given you that can strengthen the community around you?
- In what ways might God still be shaping you as part of something larger than yourself?
- **Prayer:** Building God, shape my life as part of your living household. Help me offer that which I am for the strengthening of your people. Amen.

Saturday, May 9 — Revelation 21:1–7, 22–27

This vision does not end with people going away to God, but with God coming to dwell among the people. The hope of Resurrection is pictured as renewed Creation where tears are dried, divisions ended, and God's presence fills all things.

This is not only future promise but present orientation. The vision of God 'making all things new' shapes how we live now—with hope, courage, and participation in that renewing work. Christian hope is never passive waiting, but faithful living in light of what God is doing.

- Where do you most long to see God's renewing work in your life or in the world?
- How might Resurrection hope shape one concrete action you take this week?
- **Prayer:** Renewing God, keep alive in me the hope of your new Creation. Help me live even now as a witness to the world you are making new. Amen.

Today at Trinity

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!

Fellowship Hosts

9:30 a.m. David Case
11:30 a.m. Executive Council

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.

Youth Group, 4:30 p.m.

Youth Group, grades 7-12, meets 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Building for an engaging lesson and lively conversation.

BSA Troop 869 Court of Honor for Christian Perrin, 1 p.m. (Chapel)

Iglesia de Dios Worship, 6 p.m.

This Week

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

Tuesday, 7 p.m.: BSA Troop 1130
7 p.m.: Langley Residential Support Services

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. We are praying for you to join us! 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, 6 p.m. BSA Den 3
6:30 p.m. BSA Den 1

May 7, 6:30 p.m.: Executive Council Meeting

Friday, 6 p.m.: Iglesia de Dios

Saturday, 4 p.m.: Interfaith Choir rehearsal

Saturday, 6 p.m.: Iglesia de Dios

IF I CAN HELP SOMEBODY



10TH ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT
SHARE OF MCLEAN

INTERFAITH CONCERT

May 17 @ 7pm

Trinity United Methodist Church
1205 DOLLEY MADISON BLVD.
MCLEAN, VIRGINIA

Donate an item as your entrance ticket
<https://www.shareofmclean.org/most-needed-list>

Reception with service fair to follow



Coming Up

May 12: 6:30 p.m.: Book Chat

Book Chat will meet on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. For more, contact Suzanne Hamilton or use the QR code on page 5.

May 16: 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.

May 16: Trustees Meeting

May 17, 7 p.m.: SHARE Interfaith Benefit Concert

Trinity's Chancel Choir will join with other local choirs in a benefit concert for SHARE of McLean. All are welcome to attend this free concert and bring something from SHARE's most-needed items list. The list can be found using the QR code on page 5.

May 25: Office Closed for Memorial Day

May 30: Lay Reader Potluck

May 31: Graduate Recognition Sunday

May 31, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.: Rededication of Trinity House

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.



May 3 at 7 p.m.

National Presbyterian Church
4101 Nebraska Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

We are pleased to share that our own Catherine Wethington will again be featured in a new chamber concert. For tickets and more information, visit egcproductions.org.

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.

Quick Links

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

- > Prayer Requests
- > Children & Youth registration
- > Book Chat discussion group
- > Christ House wish list
- > Children's Creation Story Skit
- > 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. 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