



# Trinity United Methodist Church



*The Trinity, by Andrei Rublev  
Tempera on panel, c. 1411–1425*

“You will know that I am in my Father,  
and you in me, and I in you.”

- John 14:20

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May 10, 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!**

## Happy Mother's Day!

PRELUDE

*They Shall Soar Like Eagles* (Manzo)  
*Here I Am, Lord* (Foley)

Trinity Ensemble (8:30)  
Trinity Ringers (10:30)

WELCOME

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather us in, O God.

**Amidst fire and storm, make us whole.**

Bring us into your presence, Holy One.

**From suffering and pain, save us.**

Shelter us in your loving arms, Precious Lord.

**On the highways of life, guide us.**

Make us your disciples, Great Spirit.

**As we worship this day, lead us home.**

\* GATHERING HYMN

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH 140

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

*Refrain:*

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Fulfiller of our lives, You call us to embody your commandment of love and to do what is right.

**Yet we confess that we fall short. We long to care for others, but we cling to our own comfort.**

**We seek to ease others' burdens, yet turn inward when love seems costly.**

At times, we live as though we are alone, forgetting that you have not left us as orphans,  
and that your Spirit abides with us.

**Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us when our love is hesitant, when our compassion is limited,  
and when we fail to live as your children.**

Renew our hope this day. Form us in your love, that we may abide in you and live by your Spirit.

*[a time of silent prayer]*

Gracious God,

restore us by your forgiving grace, strengthen us to walk in love, and lead us in the life you have prepared for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*The Creation*

Meri Faust and our Children

Cast: Sophie, Sia, Colin, Norah, Jack, Miso and Grace

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

John 14:15-21

Joshua Lafferty (8:30)  
Seth Chappell (10:30)

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

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

MESSAGE

*Not Left Orphaned*

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

*You Are the Love* (Schram)

Trinity Ensemble (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

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

UMH 557

**Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.**

**We share each other's woes,  
our mutual burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.**

**When we asunder part,  
it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.**

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

*March in D* (Bach)  
*Allegro from Sonata in F* (Telemann)

Jerry Rich (8:30)  
Ashley Thompson, flute (10:30)

*\*congregation invited to stand*

# Grow — Pray — Study

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



## Monday, May 11 — Isaiah 43:1–7

God speaks to a people who are facing uncertainty and fear, not by giving them instructions first, but by reminding them of who they are: “you are mine.” Before any call to action, there is a declaration of belonging. Their identity is not something they must secure; it is something already given within relationship.

This passage invites us to consider how often we live as though we must establish our own place—proving ourselves, holding things together, or fearing what may be lost. Yet God’s word moves in a different direction. Even in transition or difficulty, God remains present, naming and holding us. To belong to God is not a fragile condition, but a steady reality that does not depend on circumstance.

- Where in your life do you feel pressure to secure your place or identity?
- How might receiving your identity as something given change the way you move through this week?
- **Prayer:** Faithful God, remind me that I belong to you. Help me to trust your presence when I feel uncertain. Amen.

## Tuesday, May 12 — Psalm 27

Psalm 27 holds together confidence and longing. The psalmist speaks boldly of trust—“The Lord is my light and my salvation”—yet also pleads, “Do not hide your face from me.” Faith here is not the absence of struggle, but the willingness to remain oriented toward God even when clarity is lacking.

One line stands out with particular depth: even if the closest human relationships fail, God receives and sustains. This does not diminish the importance of human love, but places it within a deeper foundation. The psalm reminds us that our ultimate security does not rest in what can change, but in the presence of God that endures.

- When have you experienced both trust and uncertainty at the same time in your faith?
- What helps you remain oriented toward God when you do not feel clarity or assurance?
- **Prayer:** Steadfast God, hold me in times of both confidence and doubt. Teach me to seek your presence in all seasons. Amen.

## Wednesday, May 13 — John 17:20–26

In this prayer, Jesus speaks not only of belief but of relationship—of being drawn into a shared life. The repeated language of “in” and “one” points to a reality where distance is overcome, not by human effort, but by God’s initiative. This is not simply companionship, but participation in a relationship that originates in God.

This vision reshapes how we understand faith. We are not merely individuals trying to remain close to God; we are invited into a relationship that already holds us. The life of God becomes the space in which we live, and from that place, our relationships with others are also formed.

- What does it mean for you to think of your faith as participation in relationship rather than simply belief?
- How might this understanding change the way you relate to others this week?
- **Prayer:** God of communion, draw me into your life. Help me to live within the relationship you have given. Amen.

## Thursday, May 14 — Romans 8:14–17, 26–27

Paul describes the people of God using the language of family—not as a metaphor alone, but as a way of expressing belonging. To be led by the Spirit is to be drawn into a relationship where we are received and held, not as strangers, but as those who belong.

At the same time, this passage acknowledges our limits. There are moments when we do not know how to pray, when words fail, or when clarity is absent. Yet even then, the Spirit remains present and active. God’s nearness does not depend on our ability to express it. It continues, quietly and faithfully, even in our weakness.

- When have you struggled to find words in prayer or to understand what you are feeling?
- How does it affect your understanding of God to know that God remains present even in those moments?
- **Prayer:** Spirit of God, remain with me in every moment. When I cannot speak, hold me in your presence. Amen.

## Friday, May 15 — Hebrews 13:1–6

This passage moves from the assurance of God’s presence to the way that presence shapes our lives. Because God does not leave us, we are called to remain with one another in love. Faith becomes visible not only in belief, but in the ways we care, remember, and stay present with others.

The promise “I will never leave you or forsake you” is both comfort and calling. Those who trust that they are not abandoned begin to live in ways that reflect that same faithfulness. Presence becomes a practice—something embodied in relationships, not just affirmed in words.

- Who in your life might need your steady presence more than quick solutions?
- What is one way you can practice staying with someone this week?
- **Prayer:** Present God, teach me to remain with others as you remain with me. Shape my life in your love. Amen.

## Saturday, May 16 — Zephaniah 3:14–17

This passage offers a vision of God not as distant, but as present among the people. God is described not only as one who saves, but as one who rejoices and delights. The relationship is not defined by obligation, but by love that restores and renews.

We often imagine God in terms of expectation or judgment, yet here we are given a different image: God who draws near with joy. To be held in God’s presence is not only to be sustained, but to be renewed. This closing vision invites us to rest in a relationship that continues with grace and hope.

- Where do you find it difficult to believe that God delights in you?
- How might your life change if you trusted that you are held in love rather than expectation?
- **Prayer:** Loving God, renew me in your presence. Help me to rest in your love and live in your joy. Amen.

## Today at Trinity

### Fellowship Hosts

9:30 a.m. Lisa Russell

11:30 a.m. Church & Society

### 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, jrlich@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.

Iglesia de Dios Worship, 6 p.m.

## This Week

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

### Tuesday, 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.

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Cubscout Den 9A

7 p.m.: Scout Troop 1130

7 p.m.: Langley Residential Support Services

### Tuesday, 7 p.m.: Staff Parish Relations Committee

### 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. Cubscout Den 3

6:30 p.m. Cubscout Den 1

### Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Executive Council Meeting

6:30 p.m. Cubscout Den 6, Den 9B

Friday, 6 p.m.: Iglesia de Dios

### Saturday: 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.

### Saturday, 9 a.m.: New Parsonage Good Works Day

Several trustees and members have already signed up to help at Trinity House for the new parsonage Good Works Day, but we still need more hands to get the house ready. Volunteers can join the Punch List Team (hand tool tasks), the Moving Team (small and medium furniture), or the Clean Team (help make the house shine). Come for the fun, the fellowship, and the chance to make a real difference. Contact Karen Hunt to volunteer and learn more at karenwhunt@earthlink.net.

### 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 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



The high school and post-secondary Class of 2026 will be recognized in worship on May 31. Send your name and the name of the school from where you graduated and future plans (as known) by May 27 to [info@umtrinity.org](mailto:info@umtrinity.org).

### May 31, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.:

### Rededication of Trinity House as Parsonage

## 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](http://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?

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 surrey.

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.

## 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](https://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](mailto:info@umtrinity.org)