



Trinity United Methodist Church

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November 13, 2022

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

We ask that everyone complete an attendance card found in the pew rack or scan the QR code with your phone's camera to register your attendance today. This attendance will be used should contact tracing become necessary.



Prelude (8:30)
Prelude (10:30)

Come, Ye Thankful People (Johnson)
Now, Thank We All Our God (Callahan)

Trinity Ringers
Jerry Rich

Welcome and Announcements

Clergy

* Call to Worship

Eileen Gilmer

God's promises are awesome!

In the midst of difficulty, God gives us a word of hope.

Something new is coming!

We stand eagerly on tiptoes awaiting God's new creation.

Prepare your hearts to receive God's mighty blessings.

Open our spirits and our hearts, Lord, to be ready to receive all that you have to offer. Amen.

* Gathering Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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Children's Message

Laurie Strollo

Prayers of the People

Gilmer

Offering

Neil Hough

This morning's offering will be received as we pass the offering plates. You may also give online at <http://umtrinity.org/give> and through our app. On the website, scroll down and click on SET UP ONLINE GIVING.

Anthem (8:30)
Anthem (10:30)

It Is Well with My Soul (Bliss)
Let All Things Now Living (Davis)

Joey Wilson
Chancel Choir

Scripture

Luke 17:11-19

Eileen Gilmer

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Message

A Life of Thanks-Giving

Neil Hough

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

Gilmer

* Closing Hymn

Take My Life, and Let It Be

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* Benediction

Hough

Closing Music

Little Prelude in G Minor, BWV 558 (Bach)

Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

Things I'd like to remember from today's message:

Monday, November 14 — 1 Chronicles 29:10-19

From beginning to end, the Bible describes thanks-giving and praise as two of the primary responses to God's presence and God's mighty acts of salvation. In today's reading, King David and the "whole assembly" blessed the Lord and gave thanks and praise to God's "glorious name" (1 Chronicles 29:1, 13, 20). Note David's acknowledgment that everything comes from God. When we affirm that everything we have and everything we are comes from God, we will follow David's example and offer our own praise and thanks-giving to God.

- Are you able to affirm that God has provided everything you have? If not, what is holding you back? Ask God to help you take this next step in your faith.
- Prayer: *God of Abundant Life, help me to affirm what I know to be true, that everything I have has come from you. I will bless your name with praise and thanks-giving. Amen.*

Tuesday, November 15 — Psalm 28

Many of the Psalms that have been attributed to David are psalms of thanks-giving, including Psalm 28. Reading and praying the Psalms teaches us about God, about ourselves, and about our relationship with God. We learn to pray as we regularly pray the Psalms. (It is an important spiritual discipline.) Take some time today to read, pray, and reflect on what Psalm 28 can teach you.

- What stands out for you as you let Psalm 28 speak to you? Which words seem important and especially meaningful?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, open my heart, mind, and spirit to hear and understand what you want to teach me today. I will give thanks when I hear of your goodness and mercy. Amen.*

Wednesday, November 16 — Psalm 116

Psalm 116 is another psalm of thanksgiving. Like Psalm 28, the 116th Psalm uses the language of salvation to describe God's response to the psalm-writer's "voice and ... supplications" (Psalm 116:1). The words "save" and "saved" both make an appearance (verses 4 and 6), along with salvation references like "delivered my soul from death" (verse 8), "the cup of salvation" (verse 13) and "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones" (verse 15.) The point is this: when we know that we are saved from the power of sin and death, we give thanks.

- Reflect on the breadth and depth of God's love and grace. Do you believe that God has saved you from sin and death?
- Prayer: *God of Grace, help me accept that I need your saving grace. Help me accept that you offer saving grace. Help me live my life as someone who is being saved. Amen.*

Thursday, November 17 — Ephesians 2:1-10

The Letter to the Ephesians contains one of the clearest statements of the Christian Gospel. It is so important that it is repeated two times "by grace you have been saved" (Ephesians 2:5) and "by grace you have been saved through faith" (Ephesians 2:8). It makes clear that the salvation that we all need and the salvation that we seek is God's doing. It is not something we can do for ourselves, no matter how hard we try to make it all about us.

- Many people find it hard to accept that we are saved by grace through faith. What helps you acknowledge your need for salvation? What helps you accept that you have been saved by grace?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, forgive my reluctance to acknowledge my need for grace. Forgive my persistent desire to take credit for my salvation. Thank you for saving me. Amen.*

Friday, November 18 — Luke 17:11-19

By the 17th chapter of Luke's Gospel, we know that Jesus has both the intention and the power to cure lepers and return them not only to health, but to the community. Remember that lepers were removed from the community for as long as they were labeled as unclean. (See Leviticus 13:3 and Numbers 5:1-4.) In a striking statement, Jesus insisted that lepers being healed was a sign that he was God's Messiah (Luke 7:18-23). So, we are not surprised that Jesus cleansed the lepers in today's reading. What is surprising is the way Jesus responds to the one (a Samaritan) who returned to thank him. He said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." (Luke 17:19). An alternate translation of what Jesus said is, "your faith has **saved** you."

- Thanks-giving and salvation go together. When we discover what God has done for us through Jesus, all we can do, like the Samaritan leper, is to say, "thank you."
- Prayer: *God of Saving Grace, thank you for the undeserved gift of Jesus. Thank you for saving me through his death and resurrection. Thank you for making me whole. Amen.*

Saturday, November 19 — 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The 1st Letter to Timothy expresses the same sentiment that we find in Jesus' healing (saving) of the Samaritan leper in Luke 17:11-19: gratitude for God's mercy. When we can accept and affirm the Good News "that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15), the only possible response is thanks-giving. Thanks-giving and salvation cannot be separated.

- What commitment will you make today to live a life of thanks-giving, not only in the month of November, but always?
- Prayer: *Loving God, continue to transform my life by the power of your love and grace. Cultivate in me the desire to live a life of thanks-giving for all my days. Amen.*

Nursery on Sundays

Masks are optional for everyone who is fully vaccinated. The Nursery is staffed during both Sunday worship services for children 3 years old and under.

This Week on Zoom

Password 1205

Engage Bible Study

Monday at 7 p.m. Contact Jim Wilson for log in link. jaswilson@sloft.com.

Prayer Group

Wednesday at 10 a.m. Meeting ID: 875 6105 5580

This Week at Trinity on TV

Our sermons air on Fairfax Public Access Channel 36 (on Cox and Verizon) on Wednesdays at 5 p.m., Fridays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 7 a.m.

Our Prayer List

Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Amanda, Amber & Briana, Andrea, Andrew, Ann, Asher, Ava, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Bennett family, Betty, Bill, Bill & Maddie, Blackburn family, Bob, Boris, Bud, Buzz, Carol, Carol & Rich, Cathryn, Cathy, Charlie, Cheryl, Chris, Christine, Colin & Kelly, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Carol, Davey, David, Debbie, Diane, Dick, Dilian & Abby, Donna, Donley family, Doris, Earl & Mary Lou, Eduardo, Eileen, Elaine, Ellen, Ellie, Emily, Evelyn, Evey, Finn, Fiona, Fran & Tom, Franco, Gary & Lindie, Gil, Gilmore family, Greenberg family, Hanson family, Harriet, Hayley, Hoepfl family, Homer, Hudson, Isobel, Jack, Jackie, Jean, Jeff, Jeffmader, Jeremy, Jessica, Jill, Joe & Doris, Joe & Judy, Joe & Marie, John, Jorge, June, Junior, Karen, Katherin & Tim, Kathy, Kathy & Russ, Kay & John, Kurtz family, Lana, Ladye, Lena, Lindsay, Lisa, Liz & David, Luana, Maeve, Marcia, Marciene, Marilyn, Mark, Martha, Matt, Melissa, Melissa & Chad, Michelle, Mickey, Mike, Milton & Janine, Minou, Pauline & Merlin, Patrick, Patterson family, Peg & Dick, Riley, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Rosemarie & Adrian, Sammi, Sandy, Sandy & Vinnie, Sarah, Scott, Sissi, Spencer, Starr family, Steve, Sue, Teresa, Tim, Tom, Tony, Tracy, Valery, Vanessa, Vanna, Vicki, Viles family, Wayne, Weiss family, Williams family, Yancey, Zoren, Trinity's children, youth and volunteers, Trinity Preschool, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters like those displaced by Hurricane Ian, violence and political turmoil around the world - especially in Ukraine and Iran.

Send us your prayer requests at umtrinity.org.

Today's hymn texts for those worshipping at home.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
2. There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
3. For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
4. If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

Take My Life, and Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.



Highlights from E-News

If you're not receiving our Friday e-mail, please send your email address to info@umtrinity.org

Book Chat

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, **Jan. 10** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. More at <https://umtrinity.org/education>. Contact Kathy Maher, kathyngs@gmail.com, for more.

Children's Ministries

Children's Worship Folders are available during Sunday morning worship services and are categorized by age and reading ability. Please remember to return your folder to the used bin so it can be replenished for next week.

Children's Worship (ages 4 - 4th grade) and **Club 56** (grades 5 & 6) meet during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.

Crafts for a Cause

We meet every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: Nov. 21. No crafting experience is needed and all are welcome. If you'd like to sign up, please email **Alesha Luxon** at alesha.luxon@gmail.com.

Fellowship

Fellowship hosts provide snacks during Fellowship following the Sunday morning worship services. Please consider signing up for a week. The sign up is on a white board sitting on top of the coffee bar in the Fellowship Lobby. Contact Alesha Luxon (alesha.luxon@gmail.com).

Trinity Preschool News

Trinity Preschool is always looking for substitutes and floater teachers! The qualifications are: reliable, a cheerful disposition, and a love for young children! Previous childcare experience is a bonus, but not necessary. Two shifts are available: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 1 - 5 p.m., flexible days available. Please email Emily Yosmanovich, Preschool Director at Director.TrinityPreschool@gmail.com

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Today, 4:30—6 p.m.
Register at <http://bit.ly/youthreg22>
For more information about volunteering with youth or joining youth group, contact Catherine Wethington (umtrinityyouth@gmail.com).

Coming Up

November

19 Christ House
20 Hanging of the Greens, 4:30 p.m.
21 Crafts for a Cause
24 & 25 Office Closed
25 Christmas Tree Sales Begin
27 Celtic Service

December

4 Martha's Table
5 Crafts for a Cause
7 Honduras Information Night
11 Lessons & Carols
11 Cookies & Carols
17 Christ House
19 Crafts for a Cause
24 Christmas Eve: 5, 8 & 11 p.m.
25 Christmas Day, 10:30 a.m. only

Sermon Series: A Life of Thanks-Giving

"Thanks" and "Giving" go together for many reasons. Put together, they create a word that describes not only a holiday in November, but also a way of living. As children of God and followers of Jesus, we have many reasons to be thankful. We know that God has given us all that we have and made us all that we are, and for that, we give thanks. We affirm that giving and thanking go together in our relationship with God. The Bible teaches us that when we remember what God has done, we are to give *thanks*. The Bible also teaches us that when we remember what God has done, we *give thanks* by *giving* a portion of what we have received back to God. That's what it means to tithe. That's what we're going to discover together as we consider how we might live **A Life of Thanks-Giving**.

Children & Youth Activities Registration 2022-23

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or visit the webpage to complete the registration today.



Children
Preschool - 6th grade
<http://bit.ly/childreg22>

Youth
7th - 12th Grade
<http://bit.ly/youthreg22>



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Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Worship is live streamed on Sundays from the Chapel at 8:30 a.m. and from the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. on YouTube: youtube.com/UMTrinity. The Celtic Service can be seen on the last Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook. Sermons air on Fairfax Public Access Channel 36 (on Cox and Verizon). Tune in Wednesdays at 5 p.m., Fridays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 7 a.m.

Why We Give to the Church

By Bruce Luxon

You have probably heard my wife Alesha record a video on why she gives to the Church. Today you get a very different expression in writing from me.

I give to the church because of the breadth of the entities that the Church supports with our gifts. Alesha and I support many rather narrow causes, but we feel that the Church, especially Trinity United Methodist Church, fulfills our need to help others in many different venues. From scouting to women's education and self-reliance, to helping homeless men find solace, shelter, and employment, TUMC has ministries that support a plethora of activities. It would be impossible for a single person or family to support all these needed expressions of love for mankind, but the Church does it easily. Supporting the Church makes it *convenient* and these days that is of paramount importance to us.

We firmly believe that lives are changed when we support the ministries that we value. This gives us a sense of belonging and helps keep things in perspective when our everyday world seems to be so disjointed and fragmented.

These tenets may seem inconsequential to you. I believe that Alesha and I give for very dichotomous purposes. Each individual needs to find what provides them with sense of well being in the Church and act accordingly.

Mission Night

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

7 - 8 PM

CHAPEL

Presentation by Leadership Mission
International with video, slides,
discussion and fellowship snacks.



Leadership Mission
International



SUPPORT YOUTH & SCOUTS

Christmas Tree Sales

Lot Hours:

Thurs. & Fri. 5 - 7 p.m.

Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sun. 12 - 5 p.m.



The Tree Lot opens Friday, November 25 at 12 p.m.

Visit <http://umtrinity.org/education/youth> or
scan the QR code to volunteer on the lot.



HANGING OF THE *Greens*



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

4:30 - 6 PM

To help prepare for Christmas, we decorate the Sanctuary with trees and wreaths and other festive items. Join us on November 20 at 4:30 p.m. to help get Trinity ready for the birth of our Lord.