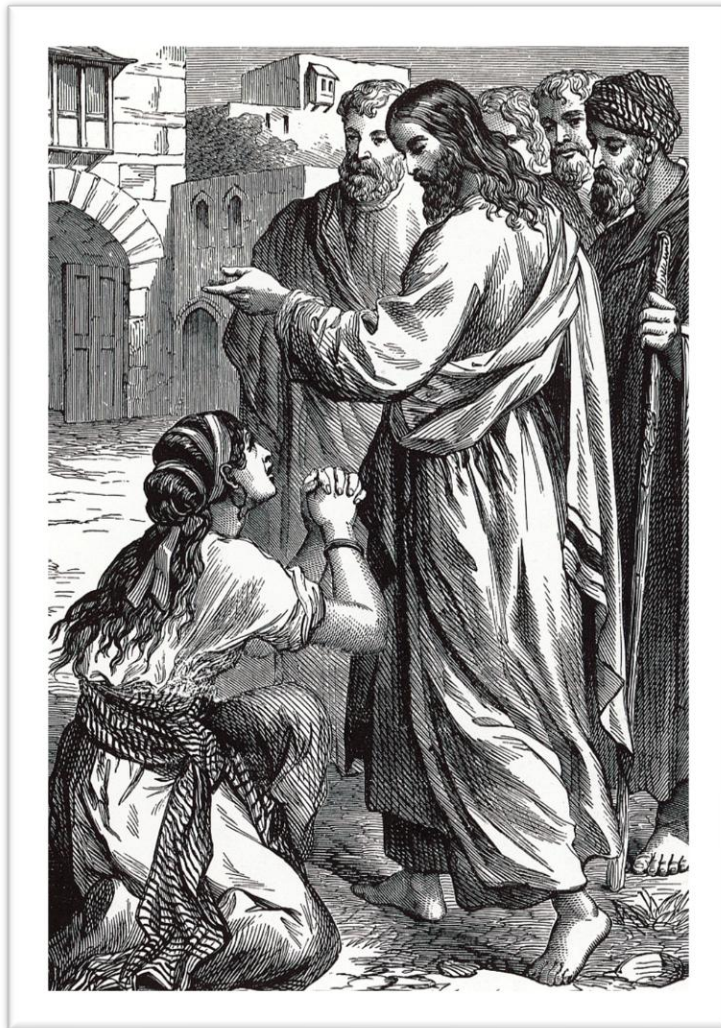




"Jesus and the Syrophenician Woman"
Woodcut engraving, American, c1868

Lord

even the dogs eat the crumbs

that fall from their master's table

Matthew 15:27

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August 16, 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

Philip Keirstead

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 2

Remember that you were separate from Christ,
excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise.

Once we were without hope, and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one.

He has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,
and in one body has reconciled both people to God through the Cross.

For through him we all have access to the Father by one Spirit.

* 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.**

**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]

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!**

**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

God of all nations and peoples,
we praise you that in Christ, the barriers that have separated humanity have been torn down.

**Yet we confess that our slowness to open our hearts and minds
to those from other lands and cultures, other faiths,
whose identities seem alien to us.**

**Deliver us from the sins born of our fear, indifference and prejudice,
that we may move toward the day when we are each made whole
and your people are truly One in Jesus Christ.**

For our sake, and the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

[a time of silent confession]

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may dine with you
and with those whom you have made our neighbors and friends. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dave Rochford

ANTHEM

Spirit of the Living God (Iverson)
In My Heart (Trad.)

Maggie Rabe (8:30)
Chancel Choir (10:30)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:21-28

Kathy Lindstedt (8:30)

Jenny White (10:30)

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

MESSAGE

Of Dogs and Heaven

Dave Rochford

* HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH 420

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

COMMUNION (8:30)

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.**

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.*

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

In Christ There Is No East or West (vs. 1, 3, 4)

UMH 548

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made,
and all are kin to me.**

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Philip Keirstead

**congregation invited to stand*

We are grateful today to enjoy Philip Keirstead as our guest pianist. Philip blesses us with his voice just about every Sunday in our Chancel Choir, and today shares still more of this gift for sacred music.

Grow — Pray — Study

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



Monday, August 17 — Matthew 15:21–28

The Canaanite woman came to Jesus carrying a desperate hope for her daughter. Although she was an outsider to the community of Israel, she continued to seek Jesus even when his first response seemed discouraging. Her persistence revealed a remarkable faith in the mercy of God, and Jesus responded by healing her daughter.

We sometimes draw lines around where we expect to find God's grace and who we think belongs within it. Yet this story reminds us that God's mercy is often wider than the boundaries we create. Faith invites us to remain open to the surprising ways God may be working beyond what we have assumed or expected.

- When have you been surprised by God's grace working in a way you did not expect?
- What assumptions about God's mercy might this story be asking you to reconsider?
- **Prayer:** Merciful God, open my heart to the wideness of your grace. Help me see beyond my assumptions and trust that your mercy is greater than the limits I sometimes place upon it. Amen.

Tuesday, August 18 — Hebrews 13:1–3

The writer of Hebrews encourages believers to practice hospitality, reminding them that some have welcomed angels without knowing it. Hospitality is more than simply being polite to people we already know. It begins with a willingness to make room for someone who may initially seem unfamiliar or different from us.

Most of us can remember a time when someone made room for us—a welcoming conversation, an invitation, or a simple gesture that helped us know we belonged. Such experiences remind us that hospitality does not always require something extraordinary. Often it begins with noticing another person and offering the same welcome that we ourselves have needed.

- When have you experienced someone's hospitality at a time when you needed to feel welcomed?
- What simple act could help someone else experience that same sense of welcome this week?
- **Prayer:** Welcoming God, thank you for the people who have made room for me. Give me a generous heart so that I may offer others the welcome and kindness I have received. Amen.

Wednesday, August 19 — Luke 10:25–37

When a lawyer asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus responds with the story of the Good Samaritan. The person who stops to help the wounded man is not the person the listeners would have expected. The Samaritan crosses a long-standing social and religious divide simply because another person is in need.

What distinguishes the Samaritan is not only what he believes but what he notices and does. He sees the wounded man, stops his journey, and allows another person's need to interrupt his own plans. Compassion often begins in exactly this way—not with a grand intention, but with a willingness to stop when it would be easier to keep going.

- What tends to keep you from noticing the needs of people around you?
- Is there something or someone you may need to make time for, even if it interrupts your plans?
- **Prayer:** Compassionate God, slow me down enough to notice the needs around me. Give me a willing heart to stop, care, and respond when you place someone in my path. Amen.

Thursday, August 20 — Ephesians 2:13–22

Paul reminds the Ephesians that Christ "is our peace." Through Christ, those who had once been separated were brought near, and the walls of hostility between them were broken down. People who once regarded one another as strangers were now being built together into one household of God.

Division can become so familiar that we begin to accept it as unavoidable. We may carry old disagreements, hurt, or mistrust for so long that distance begins to feel normal. Christ offers another way. Reconciliation does not always happen quickly, but God's peace can begin with the willingness to acknowledge what has divided us and take one faithful step toward healing.

- Is there a relationship in which distance or tension has simply become "normal" for you?
- What would one realistic step toward healing look like in that relationship?
- **Prayer:** Christ our peace, enter the places of division and hurt in my life. Give me humility to recognize what needs healing and courage to take a faithful step toward peace. Amen.

Friday, August 21 — Romans 12:3–10

Paul describes a community made up of people with different gifts and different roles, yet all belonging to one another. No single person possesses everything the community needs. Each person has something to offer, and each depends upon the gifts of others.

We often find it easier to recognize what we can contribute than to admit where we need others. Yet Christian community requires both. Receiving another person's gift with gratitude can be as important as offering our own. Our differences remind us that God did not design us to live faithfully on our own.

- What gift has someone else brought into your life that you could not have provided for yourself?
- Where might you need to receive help or wisdom from another person instead of trying to do everything on your own?
- **Prayer:** God of many gifts, thank you that I do not have to walk alone. Help me offer my gifts with humility and receive the gifts of others with gratitude. Amen.

Saturday, August 22 — Revelation 7:9–12

John sees a great multitude gathered before God from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They come from many different places and backgrounds, yet together they worship God. Their differences have not disappeared, but those differences no longer keep them apart. Together they share in the joy of God's salvation.

This vision gives us more than a picture of a distant future. It gives the church a direction for the present. The communities we build today can offer small glimpses of the future God promises. Whenever people who might otherwise remain separated worship, serve, listen, and share life together, we begin to see something of God's coming Kingdom.

- What part of John's vision gives you the greatest hope for the church and the world?
- What kind of community do you hope our church will become as we grow together in Christ?
- **Prayer:** God of every nation and people, keep your vision of a reconciled world before us. Shape our church into a community that reflects the hope, joy, and belonging of your coming Kingdom. Amen.

Today at Trinity

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, 10:40 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 Diós Worship, 6 p.m.

This Week

Wednesday, 9 a.m.: Prayer Group

Join our weekly Zoom Prayer Group as we lift up the needs of our church, community, and world. For details, talk with a pastor or call 703-356-3312.

Saturday, 6 p.m.: Iglesia de Diós

Coming Up

Aug. 23: Blessing of the Backpacks

Students and educators are invited to bring their school bags to worship for a special blessing to start the new school year.

Aug. 25: Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 30: Lay Readers Potluck Lunch, 12 p.m.

Sept. 6: 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!

Sept. 12: Free Concert: New Beginnings

Trinity's Music Ministry will present its annual concert on Saturday, September 12, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The theme is "New Beginnings" to celebrate our new praise band! Vocal soloists Philip Keirstead, Adelaide Loving, Brendon O'Donnell, Maggie Rabe, Catherine Wethington, and Nadine Wethington will be joined by Trinity's Chancel Choir, Handbell Ensemble, Praise Band and selected instrumental soloists; Music Director Jerry Rich will accompany. Admission is free.

September 16: Wednesday Night Dinners Return!

Our Children's Choir will also return to rehearsals on September 16.

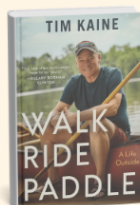


Book Chat

2nd Tuesday on the month

6:30 p.m.

on Zoom*



September 8

Walk Ride Paddle: A Life Outside
by Tim Kaine



October 13

The Book Binder (original title *The Bookbinder of Jericho*)
by Pip Williams



November 10

Driving Home Naked: And Other Misadventures of a Country Veterinarian
by Melinda G. McCall



No December Book Chat



JANUARY 12

What the Chicken Knows: A New Appreciation of the World's Most Familiar Bird
by Sy Montgomery



February 9

The Push by Ashley Audrain

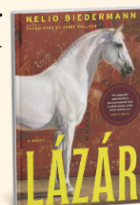
March 9

The Confidante, The Untold Story of the Woman Who Helped Win WWII and Shape Modern America
by Christopher C. Gorham



April 13

The Spanish Daughter by L. Hughes



May 11

Lázár by Nelio Biedermann



June 8

And Then There Were None
by Agatha Christie

Good books.
Great conversation.
Stronger community.

* see website for details

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 ministry teams are assigned to host our refreshments.

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.

Did You Know?

On Thursday, May 26, 1785, Methodist bishops Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke paid a visit to George Washington at his home in Mount Vernon. Washington was at the time a retired military hero, and the Methodist leaders were candid as to the purpose of their visit: they hoped to win Washington's public endorsement of legislation *to abolish slavery in Virginia*. Washington received them graciously, and acknowledged that he shared their sentiments, holding to the belief that the enslavement of people was both immoral and inconsistent with the principles of liberty. But the bishops were unsuccessful; Washington penned a letter to them soon afterward sharing that his concern for the unity of the new Republic restrained him from making what would have been a very early public expression of abolitionist sentiment.



Washington would become President two years later. Though he privately supported a legislative plan for the gradual abolition of slavery (and ultimately provided in his Will for the manumission of more than 150 persons enslaved at Mount Vernon), he would make no public statements on the topic as President. The divisive issue in question would indeed tear the country apart – seventeen years after prompting a schism within the Methodist Episcopal Church itself, which split 'North and South' in 1844.

Quick Links

Scan QR code with your phone's camera & click the link. This page currently includes:

- Prayer Requests
- Children & Youth ministry registration
- Christ House wish list
- Ushers sign-up



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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