



Trinity United Methodist Church



"Saint John the Baptist Bearing Witness," Annibale Carracci
Oil on copper, Italian, c.1600

Look,
here is the Lamb of God!

John 1:36b

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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 8 with your phone's camera and click the link) to register your attendance today - and do include each family member present.

Prelude

SLANE (Wilan)

Jerry Rich

Welcome

* Call to Worship

from John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
In him was life, and that life was the light of all humankind.

Come and see.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Come and see.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.

Come and see!

♦ Gathering Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vs. 1,2,4,6)

UMH 154

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
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O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
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Opening Prayer

You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—

when I awake, I am still with you.

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Laurie Strollo

Prayers of the People

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

Be Thou My Vision (Lowry)
If I Can Help Somebody (Androzzo-Rich)

Philip Keirstead (8:30)
Chancel Choir (10:30)

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Reading from the Scriptures

John 1:35-46

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

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

Message

What God Is Like

Dave Rochford

* Closing Hymn

Precious Name (vs. 1-3)

UMH 536

Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe;
it will joy and comfort give you; take it then, where'er you go.
Precious name, (Precious name,) O how sweet! (O how sweet!)
Hope of earth and joy of heaven. Precious name, (Precious name,)
O how sweet! (O how sweet, how sweet!) Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Take the name of Jesus ever, as a shield from every snare;
if temptations round you gather, breathe that holy name in prayer.
Precious name, (Precious name,) O how sweet! (O how sweet!)
Hope of earth and joy of heaven. Precious name, (Precious name,)
O how sweet! (O how sweet, how sweet!) Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

O the precious name of Jesus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
when his loving arms receive us, and his songs our tongues employ!
Precious name, (Precious name,) O how sweet! (O how sweet!)
Hope of earth and joy of heaven. Precious name, (Precious name,)
O how sweet! (O how sweet, how sweet!) Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

* Benediction

L'Espérance/Hope (Telemann)

Jerry Rich

(At the conclusion of our service, you are welcome to depart or to remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.)

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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



Monday, January 19 — Psalm 139

Startlingly candid and deeply personal, the Psalm we call 139 stands out for its depiction of an intimate connection between God and the author — not only among ancient literature, but even among the psalms themselves. If we have ever felt that your knowledge of God was more intellectual than personal, this poetic plea (which moves between awe, a confessed impulse to run away, a fierce thirst for justice, and an expression of enduring trust) makes clear that God knows us individually and intimately. There is no other Psalm like it. And no other God like ours.

- What experiences do you think may have motivated the author to write this prayerful psalm?
- When in your life have you needed to know God's searching, unrelenting love? Has that searching love ever made you want to run away (v.7)?
- **Prayer:** You are invited to slowly and meditatively pray the Psalm aloud - as was likely intended!

Tuesday, January 20 — John 1:35-42

John loves to make use of irony: quite often the reader is invited to perceive what the characters cannot. This brief passage, in which Jesus calls his first followers from among those attached to John the Baptist, invites readers to notice the many titles that people apply to Jesus on encountering him. Perhaps this expresses some particular need that has motivated each to seek him. (Of note: in the Gospel of John, Jesus' first words are "what are you seeking?")

- What needs do you think bring people to Jesus today? What needs brought you to him?
- If Jesus were to ask you today what you are seeking, how would you reply?
- **Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you know my heart, my hopes and fears, my inmost thoughts. You know that my intentions are much better than my actions. As you love me as I am, give me a vision of what I may become. Amen.

Wednesday, January 21 — John 1:43-51

Continuing in John, we see that Philip uses Jesus' very words to invite his friend Nathaniel to meet Christ: "come and see!" (Jn. 1:39, 46). For his part, Nathaniel at first seems close-minded and unpromising to the reader, but Jesus somehow sees something else in him — and Nathaniel's proclamation of who Jesus is, while incomplete, is the most insightful one to date in John's Gospel.

- Did anyone invite you to come and meet Jesus? If not, how did you know to do so?
- Have you ever made such an invitation to others? If so, why and when?
- **Prayer:** Jesus, you are many things to many people. But above all else, you are our Savior, and I praise God for that. And I thank you. Amen.

Thursday, January 22 — Genesis 28:10-17

Fleeing from the wrath of his defrauded brother, Jacob beds down for a strange dream, observing a stairway connecting heaven and earth, with angels (the messengers of God) ascending and descending upon it. From Wednesday's reading, you may notice that John 1:51 is a clear allusion to that story from Genesis — uniquely so in all the Bible.

- What do you think Jesus meant by what he said Nathaniel would ultimately see?
- What has following Jesus enabled you to see? In what ways has your vision, your ability rightly to perceive things, changed?
- **Prayer:** Lord, there is so much that seems chaotic in the world, in my life, that at times I want to shut my eyes. But today, what might you enable me to see? Give me wisdom and insight to see others as you see them. Amen.

Friday, January 23 — John 14:5-10

In John's "Farewell Discourse," Jesus admonishes Thomas, who has nervously interjected that the disciples have no idea where Jesus is going and thus cannot know the way there. Philip then bluntly asks Jesus to quit speaking in riddles and just "show them the Father." Jesus replies to him that "anyone who has seen me has seen the Father," pointing to the right perception of his true nature, based on all that he has said (his teachings) and all that he has done (his miracles).

- With all that the disciples had heard and seen, why was it so difficult for them to conclude that Jesus in fact is God?
- What keeps so many today from making that discernment: that Jesus was God enfleshed on earth, and is God now?
- **Prayer:** Eternal Creator, you are a great mystery, in some ways unknowable. But you know me, and you wish to be known by me. So today I turn to what Jesus said and did in your name. And I take hope. Amen.

Saturday, January 24 — John 15:9-17

Nearing his departure for the Mount of Olives and subsequent seizure by Temple police, Jesus bestows a new title upon his followers. He has called them disciples and servants, but now, possessed of the full knowledge of God, they are his *friends*. But what does this mean? The answer is found in self-sacrificing love. Jesus' entire life, and his impending death, will reveal fully the mystery of God's inmost nature — which is **love**. Those called by Jesus to go in his name to others will be known by this unique expression of God's very Self: the God who "knit us together in our mother's womb" has chosen to extend forgiving love to each and all.

- Have you ever seen a church express such otherworldly love? If so, was it noticed? Why did it seem otherworldly?
- What expression of God's love do you think our community most dearly needs?
- **Prayer:** Jesus, I am amazed beyond words to call you my friend. As you lay down your life for me, so do I begin again today in laying my life down for you. May it be so. Amen.

Today at Trinity

Mission Trip Informational Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Join us in the Chapel for about 30 minutes to learn more about our upcoming trip to The Leadership Center in Honduras where we will spend wonderful time with and be blessed by 60 young women and future leaders.

- ♦ In our meetings you will learn more about our typical day's activities on campus and our plans for the trip.
- ♦ We will answer your questions and appreciate your inputs and suggestions.

We depart Friday morning February 20 and be on campus that afternoon. We will depart campus Thursday or Friday, Feb. 26 / 27 and be home that evening.

Please reach out to Chris (571-215-2948) or Dan Moore (703-980-5050) if you are interested in the trip.

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. Visit <https://umtrinity.org/education/youth> to view the Youth calendar.

This Week

Tuesday & Wednesday: Winter Bible Study - see next page for full description. Sessions for **Walking the Land of Abraham** meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (Church Library & Zoom) and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Zoom) and continue through February 11 / 12.

Tuesday, 5 p.m.: Creative Worship Team Inaugural Meeting

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.

Coming Up

January 25: Youth Group, 4:30 p.m.

Youth Group, grades 7-12, meets 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Building.

Feb. 1: 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!

Feb. 10: Book Chat

Book Chat will meet on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *The Lady and the Unicorn* by Tracy Chevalier.

Feb. 15: Spire newsletter deadline

February 18: Ash Wednesday

Feb. 19 - 25, 2026: Honduras Mission Trip

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

February 21: 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.

Our Prayer List

Aaron, Adamson family, Anne, Annie Ruth, Arla, Arnold family, Leth, Barb, Ben, Beth, Bill, Bob, Brett, Bryan, Bud, Carol & Rich, Carrie, Casey, Cathey, Chris, Christie, Christina, Chuck, Cindy, Clare, Claudia, Corbin, Corte family, Crista, Dale, Dane, Daniel, Dara, Darlene, Dave, Davey, David, DeMicco family, Detwiler family, Doug, Douglas, Dudley & Susan, Earley family, Elaine, Ella, Emmett, Evan, Faga family, Frances, Frank, Gail, Gloria, Grace, Gray family, Gregg, Hager family, Hanna, Heather & Paul, Holly, Isabel, Jack, Jane, Jason, Jessica, Jewel, Jimmy, Joan, Joe, Joel, John, Karen, Kate & Leo, Kathy, Kizner family, Kristen, Lenore, Linda, Luke, Maggie, Margaret, Margie, Marie, Martha & Fred, Mary, Mary Frances, Matt, Matthew, Meri, Michael, Miso, Myrtle, Nancy, Peg & Dick, Peggy, Peter, Phoenix family, Ples, Rasmussen family, Richard, Robert, Roh family, Ron, Rubina, Russ, Sally, Sam & Alex, Scott & Kathy, Sharon, Sheila, Staley family, Steve, Sue, Tina, Tish, Vanna, Vasser family, Vicki, Whitney, Willis & Carter, Winie & Joseph, Wade, Wyatt, Yancey, and peace in the Middle East and efforts of those seeking peace, our nation's leadership and unity, people experiencing natural disasters, those without housing, those who are hungry, those in Australia and Brown University affected by gun violence, those trying to do the right thing, peace in our nation.

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, or speak to one of the pastors.

Quick Links

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

- > Worship attendance
- > Children & Youth registration
- > Book Chat discussion group
- > Christ House wish list
- > Fellowship Hour hosts
- > Ushers



Trinity Preschool of McLean

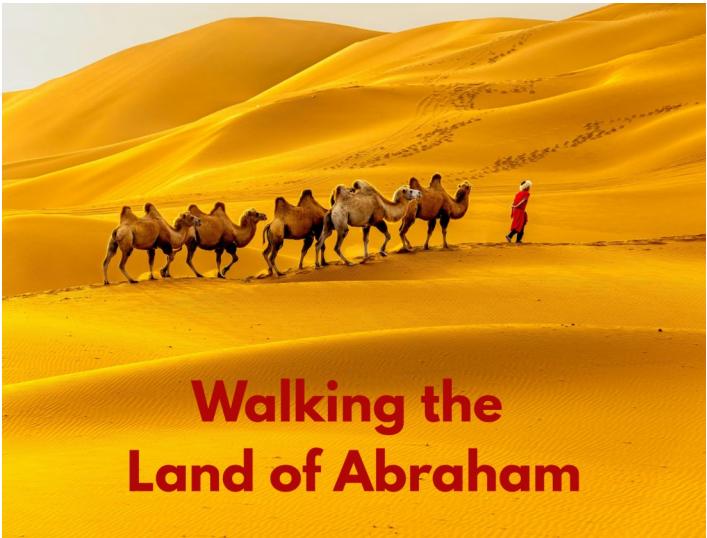
Registration for 2026 - 27 opens January 20 for church members and on January 26 for non-members. Our preschool has classes for toddlers - Pre-Kindergarten.



Summer Camp (ages 2 - 2nd grade): **June 15 - July 24**

Info & registration: umtrinity.org/preschool

Schedule a tour: mclean.trinitypreschool@gmail.com



Walking the Land of Abraham

Winter Bible Study: Walking the Land of Abraham

Join us for a journey through the Pentateuch, as we explore the stories of Abraham, Isaac, Joseph, and Moses as well as a close-up look at the lands where these events unfolded. Using Bruce Feiler's *Walking the Bible* video series, supplemented with mementos from Pastor Dave's travels, we'll reflect on how these ancient stories shape our own walk with God.

Sessions meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (Church Library & Zoom) and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Zoom). We'll begin with Genesis, and continue through February 11 / 12. Whether you've traveled to the Middle East or simply hope to someday, come enjoy this visual and spiritual "walk through the land of Abraham." Bring your Bible and your Bible-walking shoes!

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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://www.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