



Trinity United Methodist Church

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November 26, 2023

Christ the King Sunday

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

We ask that everyone complete an attendance card found in the pew rack or scan the QR code on page 4 with your phone's camera and click the link to register your attendance today. Don't forget to include **each** family member present.

Prelude *Saint Denio / The Ashgrove* (Rodriguez) Jerry Rich

Welcome and Announcements Clergy

* Call to Worship Neil Hough

God calls us here and God calls us beloved.

We are freely given hope, grace and forgiveness.

Even though life can be hard and we sometimes feel overwhelmed,

God remains faithful to us.

We open our hearts to celebrate Christ the King.

May Jesus reign in our hearts forever. Amen.

* Gathering Hymn *Come, Thou Almighty King* [UMH 61](#)

Children's Message Laurie Strollo

Prayers of the People Neil Hough

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.

Offertory (8:30) *Come, Ye Thankful People* (Elvey) Catherine Wethington

Offertory (10:30) *Hymn of Grateful Praise* (Carter) Chancel Choir

Scripture 1 Samuel 8:1-9, 19-22 Neil Hough

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. Yet his sons did not follow in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice.

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.' When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. The Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to their voice and set a king over them.' Samuel then said to the people of Israel, 'Each of you return home.'

Message *We Want a King* Taehwan Roh

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30) Clergy

* Closing Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* [UMH 203](#)

* Benediction Taehwan Roh

* Closing Music *O Jesus Christ, Thou Prince of Peace* (JB Bach) Jerry Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, November 27 — Jeremiah 33:7-16

This week we're going to read how the prophets of the Old Testament promised a kingdom that would be unlike any kingdom the people could imagine. Jeremiah, writing during some of Israel's bleakest moments of exile, described a promise that likely seemed unbelievable to even the most faithful of God's people: an heir of David would be on God's throne forever and would bring about God's promised future.

- Have you ever experienced the depth of hopelessness? If so, where did you turn to find strength to keep going? What are the promises that give you hope for tomorrow.
- Prayer: *Faithful God, even when my faith is weakened, I know I can count on you. Thank you for hopeful promises. Help me to trust you more fully every day. Amen.*

Tuesday, November 28 — Jeremiah 33:15-22

Through Jeremiah, God promised that the heir of David's throne would "execute justice and righteousness" (Jeremiah 33:15). In Jeremiah's time, this promise probably referred to Temple practices and Israel's political reality. It would have different meaning when Jesus was born, when we believe the promise was ultimately fulfilled. Our world is not all that different. We, too, long for justice and righteousness. We long for the justice and righteous that comes through Jesus.

- What kinds of justice and righteousness do you long for? What kind of justice and righteousness do you think Jesus brings to our world? What kinds of justice and righteousness does Jesus bring to your life?
- Prayer: *Righteous God, forgive me when I fail to act with justice and righteousness toward other people. Teach me how to live the life you intend for me and for the world. Amen.*

Wednesday, November 29 — Isaiah 11:1-10

Like Jeremiah, Isaiah also looked forward to the day when a righteous branch would come out of David's lineage. (Jesse was David's father. See 1 Samuel 16.) With vivid images, Isaiah describes a new reality, a kingdom that is unlike anything anyone could imagine. In a broken world, these promises seem like an impossible dream. To keep our faith, we need to remember what Jesus told his disciples, "for mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27).

- As you read Isaiah's words, do you think these words were fulfilled in Jesus' life and ministry? Are they being fulfilled in your life today? What can you do to help fulfill these promises?
- Prayer: *God of Hope, I sometimes think your promises are unrealistic. Remind me that with you, nothing is impossible. Increase my faith. Help me trust you more fully. Amen.*

Thursday, November 30 — Ezekiel 34:17-24

God promises that the heir of David will reign over a kingdom of justice and righteousness. In God's Kingdom, the Good Shepherd will care for all of God's flock and the "fat sheep" will not take advantage of the "lean sheep." God's Kingdom will be unlike any human kingdom that ever existed. There will be no bullying or exploitation of the weak. There will be justice and righteousness among God's people. As Jesus taught us, "many who are first will be last, and the last will be first" (Mark 10:31).

- Are you aware of any situations where you unjustly take advantage of others? Do you hear God calling you to change anything about your life? Will God's words affect the way you celebrate Christmas this year?
- Prayer: *God of Light, open my eyes to clearly see the consequences of my actions. Forgive me when I fail and teach me to follow your will. Let your Kingdom come. Amen.*

Friday, December 1 — Isaiah 64:1-9

God's Kingdom dream is not only to change the world and change the nature of human relationships, but also to change the hearts and minds of God's people. Like a potter molds and remolds a lump of clay (Isaiah 64:8), God's love and grace is constantly molding and remolding our lives. By God's grace, we are invited to respond to the Gospel's message, "the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news" and follow Jesus (Mark 1:14-20). That's how God changes the world, through the transformed lives of Jesus' disciples — people like us.

- Isaiah's prophecy and Jesus' invitation challenge us to honestly reflect on our lives. How well does your life reflect the teaching and example of Jesus? Do you sense God trying to mold or remold your life? Will you let God change your life?
- Prayer: *God of Love and Grace, I know that you want the best for me. I'm ready to respond to your invitation to follow Jesus. I'm ready for you mold and remold my life today. Amen.*

Saturday, December 2 — Jeremiah 18:1-4

Like Isaiah, Jeremiah describes God as a potter who wants to rework the vessels of human lives. He reminds us that God can and will change our lives. The human part of God's transformation project is to stay firmly in the center of the potter's wheel. This means we center our lives in the love and grace of God. As a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas, Advent — which begins tomorrow (December 3) — invites us to (re)center our lives in God so that we can be transformed by the birth of Jesus.

- Is the image of a potter reworking a vessel a helpful image for you? Is it scary or is it hopeful? Or both? What do you need to do to stay centered during the Advent season?
- Prayer: *Loving God, give me the courage to stay focused on you during the craziness of December. Help me discover, and believe, that in Jesus, a new day is dawning. Amen.*

Nursery on Sundays

The Nursery is staffed during both Sunday worship services for children 3 years old and under.

This Week on Zoom

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Engage Bible Study

Monday at 7 p.m., on Zoom. Contact Jim Wilson for details - jaswilson@sloft.com

Prayer Group

Wednesday at 9 a.m. Meeting ID: 875 6105 5580

Our Prayer List

Alan, Alice, Amanda & David, Amber & Brianna, Andrea, Andrew, Arnold, Audrey, Beem family, Betty, Bill & Maddie, Brett, Brian, Bruce, Bud, Carol & Rich, Caroline, Carrie, Cathy, Chris, Christopher, Claudia, Daniel, Danny, Dave & Gail, Davey, David & Carol, Darlene & Steve, Desarae, Dick, Di Letti family, Donnie, Doris, Ed, Elanie, Eileen, Ellie, Erica & Roberto, Erik, Fran & Tom, Gabe, Gary & Lindie, Glenda, Greg, Gregg, Hammer family, Harriet, Harry, Henry, Hong family, Jackie, Jan, Janice, Jean, Jeanette, Jeanne, Jeff, Jenna, Jessica, Jimmy, Joan, Joe & Marie, John, Jomer, Josie, Judi, Kathy, Kay & John, Krista, Kobi, Lajoie family, Laura, Lejoy family, Leslie, Linda, Liz & David, London family, Lori, Luana, Lynne, Mack, Macy, Marcienne, Marilyn, Mark, Mary, Matthias, Michael, Michelle, Mickey & Ruth, Mike, Moore family, Nancy, Nell, Nina, Norma, Norman, Pat, Patty, Paul, Pauline & Merlin, Pearl family, Peg & Dick, Peter, Peter & Laura, Powers family, Prissilla, Sandra, Sheila, Spencer, Stephanie, Susan, Teresa, Tim, Tom, Tony, Vanna, Wayne, Williams family, and Yancey, travelers, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by the opioid epidemic and those working to end it, victims of famine and war, peace in the Middle East, protection from gun violence in the world and for its victims and families, those living in war zones, those living with cancer, more empathy in the world.

Advent & Christmas

Worship at Trinity

Sundays of Advent

Dec. 3 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Dec. 10 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Lessons & Carols
Dec. 17 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Children's Presentation
Dec. 24 10:30 a.m. only

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

5 p.m. Family Service
8 p.m. Candlelight & Communion
11 p.m. Candlelight & Communion

Hanging of the Greens
November 26
11:45 a.m.

Support Youth & Scouts

Christmas Tree Sales



Scan QR code
to sign up to
help on the lot.

Lot Hours:

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

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

Sun. 12 - 5 p.m.



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, **January 9** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. The 2023-24 book schedule is at <https://umtrinity.org/education/adults> or contact Kathy Maher, kathyngs@gmail.com.

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.



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

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class for 7th graders, and older youth who have not taken the class, will begin with a kick-off for youth, parents and faith friends on **Sunday, January 7, 2024**, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Pastor Anne Hough will once again be the lead teacher, and the class will meet most Sundays from 4 - 5 p.m. and will run through mid-May. Confirmation Sunday will be Pentecost Sunday, May 19. For more details and to register, please visit the youth webpage: umtrinity.org/education/youth. Registration is needed now so we can order Bibles.

Mission Trip: March 2024

We are excited to announce a Trinity trip to The Leadership Center in rural Honduras from Saturday, March 2 to Thursday, March 7, 2024. This team will be on campus to support 55 young women in their educational and spiritual development. This team will join Chris and Dan Moore who will be serving three weeks on campus. Interested persons should contact Chris Moore (christinecmoore@gmail.com, 571 215-2948) or Dan Moore (703 980-5050, danmoore53@gmail.com).

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Tonight: No Youth Group
Dec. 3 & 10: 4:30-6 p.m.

The Trinity Youth Group/Trinity Congregation share the sales shifts with the Trinity Boy Scout Troops. All proceeds from the sales support our Boy Scout and Youth Group activities throughout the year. There are many ways you can support our annual fundraiser:

- Sell trees on the lot
- Buy a tree

Find more details at <https://conta.cc/3SuiH0x>

For more, contact Catherine Wethington, umtrinityyouth@gmail.com. Scan the QR code to register for 2023-24 youth activities.



Coming Up

November

26 Hanging of the Greens
26 Celtic Service

December

3 Martha's Table
4 Crafts for a Cause
10 Lessons & Carols
12 Trustees Meeting
14 Cookie Exchange
16 Christ House
18 Crafts for a Cause
24 No 8:30 a.m. worship
24 Christmas Eve: 5, 8, 11 p.m.
25 Office Closed
26 Office Closed
31 Celtic Service

January

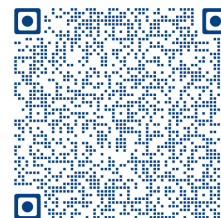
7 Confirmation Kick-off
9 Book Chat
15 Office Closed
20 Christ House

March 2024

2-7 Mission Trip to Honduras

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Don't forget to include the first name of each family member present as well as surname.



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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.