



Trinity United Methodist Church



The Transfiguration, Raphael
Oil tempera on wood, Pinacoteca Vaticana, 1518–1520

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February 15, 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 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 (8:30)
(10:30)

I Want to Be Ready (Helvey)
To God Alone Be Glory (Walther)

Trinity Quartet
Jerry Rich

Welcome

* Call to Worship

Come and meet God on the mountain.

We come to listen.

Listen for the voice that reveals God's heart.

We listen for the word that gives us direction.

Not to remain in glory,
but to be shaped for the road ahead.

We listen so that we may follow.

Come and meet God in this place.

**We come ready to worship,
and ready to go where God sends us.**

* Gathering Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206

Opening Prayer

Faithful God,
we confess that we often prefer clarity over trust
and comfort over faithfulness.

**We seek moments that inspire us,
but resist paths that require patience and obedience.**

**We listen for words that reassure us,
yet hesitate when those words call us to change.**

Forgive us when we hold on to spiritual moments
but fail to carry your word into daily life.

Forgive us when we hear, but do not follow.

Turn our hearts again toward your way.

**Teach us to listen with openness,
and to respond with faithfulness.**

(A moment of silent prayer is kept.)

By your grace,
lead us from hearing to living,
from worship to witness,
from this place into lives shaped by your love.

Amen.

Children's Message

Youth Group

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.*

Offertory

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies (Ledger)

Trinity Quartet (8:30)
Chancel Choir (10:30)

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After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

Message *The Glory on the Mountain – and the Way Back Down* Taehwan Roh

Communion (8:30)

* Closing Hymn *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* UMH 438

* Benediction

* Postlude *Rondeau (Purcell)* 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.

An Invitation to Community

A time of food and fellowship follows each of our services, to which all are invited and encouraged to come. Join us across the breezeway in the Fellowship Lobby for a variety of refreshments and great conversation.

Our Prayer List

Aldridge family, Annie Ruth, Barb & JR, Becky, Carol & Rich, Carol & David, Carolyn, Cathey, Daniel, Dara, Darlene & Steve, Davey, David, Emily, Gail, Gregg, Jane, Jenny, Jessica, Jimmy, Joanna, Judi, Linda, Maddy & Bill, Marciene, Margie, Marina, Marguerite, Matthew, Meri, Norman & Teresa, Peg & Dick, Petruy family, Phoenix family, Richard, Roh family, Ruth & Mickey, Sheila, Silva, Standerfer family, Tami, Tom, Valerie, Vanna, Vicki, Winie & Joseph, 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 trying to do the right thing, peace in our nation.

Grow — Pray — Study

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



Monday, February 16 — Exodus 33:12–23

In this passage, Moses asks God for assurance while standing in a place of uncertainty. God promises presence—“I will go with you”—before offering direction or explanation. What Moses receives is not a full vision, but enough to continue the journey. God’s glory is revealed not as something Moses can grasp or control, but as presence that accompanies the next step.

This text reminds us that faith is not sustained by clarity alone, but by trust in God’s nearness. We often long to remain in moments where God feels close, yet God’s promise is not that we will stay there, but that we will not walk alone when we move forward.

- Where do you find yourself seeking certainty rather than trusting God’s presence?
- What might it mean to move forward knowing God goes with you, even without full clarity?
- **Prayer:** Faithful God, teach me to trust your presence more than my need for answers. Walk with me as I take the next faithful step. Amen.

Tuesday, February 17 — Psalm 121

Psalm 121 begins with a question: “From where will my help come?” The psalm does not deny danger or fatigue; instead, it points to God as the steady keeper of life. God is not distant or passive, but attentive—guarding coming and going, day and night.

This psalm speaks to the movement of faith. Help does not come by escaping the journey, but by being kept within it. God’s care surrounds the road itself, not just the destination!

- Where do you currently feel vulnerable or unsure along your path?
- How might trusting God as Keeper reshape how you walk through today?
- **Prayer:** Keeper of my life, steady me as I walk. Help me trust your care in every step, coming and going alike. Amen.

Wednesday, February 18 — 1 Kings 19:1–13

Elijah encounters God not in dramatic displays of power, but in the sound of sheer silence. After exhaustion and fear, God meets Elijah on the mountain—not to glorify escape, but to restore direction. Elijah does not remain there; God sends Elijah back into the work ahead.

This passage reminds us that God’s presence often reorients rather than removes us from our calling. Moments of encounter are given not to avoid the road, but to prepare us to return to it.

- Where might you be longing for escape rather than renewed direction?
- How could God be meeting you quietly, inviting you forward again?
- **Prayer:** Gentle God, meet me where I am weary. Restore my courage and send me forward with trust in your presence. Amen.

Thursday, February 19 — Micah 6:6–8

Micah reframes what faithfulness looks like. God does not ask for dramatic offerings or impressive gestures, but for justice, kindness, and humble walking. Faith is not measured by intensity, but by alignment with God’s way of life.

This passage grounds spirituality in daily practice. Walking humbly with God means living attentively, ethically, and faithfully in ordinary choices.

- What expectations about faith might need to be simplified in your life?
- Where is God inviting you into faithful practice rather than spiritual performance?
- **Prayer:** God of justice and mercy, shape my life by what matters to you. Teach me to walk humbly and faithfully each day. Amen.

Friday, February 20 — Philippians 2:1–11

This hymn describes Christ not as one who clings to glory, but as one who self-empties and descends to share human life. Exaltation comes not through grasping, but through obedience and self-giving love. The passage invites us to consider how the movement of faith mirrors this pattern. Following Christ leads us not upward in status, but outward in love and downward in service.

- Where are you tempted to hold tightly to position, comfort, or recognition?
- How might Christ’s way of humility shape your relationships today?
- **Prayer:** God revealed in Christ, form my heart after your humility. Teach me to live with love that does not cling, but gives. Amen.

Saturday, February 21 — Luke 9:51–62

As Jesus sets face toward Jerusalem, the journey becomes clear and costly. Following Jesus means movement—leaving behind what feels secure and stepping into commitment. The road ahead is not explained in detail, but the direction is unmistakable.

This passage reminds us that faith is not about remaining in meaningful moments, but about walking forward in trust. Discipleship is lived on the road, shaped by daily decisions to follow.

- What attachments might be holding you back from moving forward in faith?
- What step of following is God inviting you to take next?
- **Prayer:** O God who calls, give me courage to follow where you lead. Help me walk faithfully, trusting your way, day by day. Amen.

Today at Trinity

Spire newsletter deadline

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.

This Week

Tuesday: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Who doesn't love pancakes or good fellowship? Be with us for a Trinity tradition: our Pancake Supper will be in Langley Hall on **Tuesday, February 17**, from 5 to 7 p.m. Come enjoy a delicious pancake-and-sausage supper, and enjoy the **inaugural performance of our new praise band**, who will play a few songs for our dinner enjoyment! The meal is a suggested donation of \$10 per person or \$25 per family, with the proceeds going to fund Trinity's worthy mission causes. Moreover, bring donations for the Youth Group's "Share the Love" Food Drive. Your help with set-up, cooking or take-down would be welcome; family suppers are easier when everybody helps out! Contact Elisabeth at ephahn@gmail.com.

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.

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m.

Come be with us for a time of quiet reflection on the significance of God's forgiving love, and Christ's sacrifice for us.

Saturday: 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.

Coming Up

February 19 - 25: Honduras Mission Trip

Please keep our mission team in your prayers!

February 22: Youth Group, 4:30 p.m.

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

February 22: Celtic Service

Come to experience the holy at our Celtic Evensong. With both quiet moments of reflection and contemplative music, experience God in a new way. God is waiting. All are welcome. The service will be at 5 p.m. in the Chapel; it is also live streamed.

February 24 & 25: New Lenten Bible Study

Sessions for **Walking the Bible** meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (Church Library & Zoom) and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Zoom) and begins February 24 & 25. See back page for full description.

February 28: W & L University Singers Concert

Trinity Church will host the Washington & Lee University Singers on February 28 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend! This free concert will be followed by a reception for alumni and friends.

March 8: 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!



List of most needed items on the next page.

**FOOD ITEMS**

- Canned Fish
 - Salmon
 - Sardines
 - Anchovies
- Healthy Snacks (Granola Bars, Seeds, Nuts, Dried Fruits)
- Canned Tomato Sauce (15-30 oz)
- Spaghetti sauce (cans or plastic jars only—no glass) (24 oz)
- Ramen Noodles
- Cooking Oil
- Shelf Stable Milk (1 Qt.)
- Spices
 - Salt
 - Pepper
- Condiments
 - Ketchup
 - Mayo

NON-FOOD ITEMS

- Feminine Hygiene (liners, pads)
- Bar soap
- Pull-ups (4T – 5T)
- Diapers Size 1, 2, 5, and 6
- Baby wipes
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Dish Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothbrushes (individually wrapped)
- Toothpaste (not travel size)
- New socks and new underwear (all sizes needed)

- Please remember:
 - **NO GLASS** jars or bottles
 - **NO OVER-SIZED** cans or bottles
 - **NO OPENED** items
 - **NO EXPIRED** items
- Low or no sodium items preferred
- Share can accept refrigerated and frozen food such as chicken, fresh produce, yogurt, cheese, and eggs but only by prior arrangement (contact: info@shareofmclean.org).

Share a Smile

Needed Items for
Children's Dental Kits:

Child's Toothpaste
Child's Toothbrush
(individually wrapped)
Children's Flossers

WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY SINGERS



TOUR
CONCERT

Trinity United Methodist Church
1205 Dolley Madison Blvd
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February 28, 7:00 PM

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 is open. 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



Call for Scripture Readers!

Would you like to be part of a group of worship leaders who read Scripture for our worship services? If you are interested in sharing the Scripture lesson, Tom Long will have a sign up sheet at the 8:30 a.m. service and Emily Summers will have one at the 10:30 a.m. service today; we will introduce them for those who may not know them as yet. Worship is the work of *all* the people, so we are seeking adult, Youth and Elementary-age readers! If you would like to know more, speak with Emily, Tom, or either of our Pastors.

Lenten Bible Study: *Walking the Bible*

Join us for a journey through the Books of Moses, as we explore the story of the Exodus, as well as take a close-up look at the places 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 along the footsteps that lead to the Cross.

Sessions meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (Church Library & Zoom) and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Zoom). We'll begin on February 24 & 25, and continue through March 31 & April 1 (no foolin'!). Whether you've traveled to the Middle East or hope to someday, come enjoy this visual and spiritual "walk through the Holy Land." Bring your Bible and your walking shoes!



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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. 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