



Trinity United Methodist Church

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August 10, 2025

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Trinity Church! We are grateful you are here. 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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (Mason) Trinity Quartet (8:30), Chancel Choir (10:30)

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship *from 1 Chronicles 29*

God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.
Come and see what amazing things the Lord has done on earth.

**God stops wars around the world; the Lord breaks the bows,
destroys the spears, and sets the shields on fire.**

"Be still," says the Lord, "and know that I am God,
exalted over the nations, exalted over the world."

**The Lord of hosts is with us,
the God of Jacob is our refuge!**

* Gathering Hymn *O Worship the King*

[UMH 73](#)

Prayer of Confession

God of ages past and those to come, when all else changes
you are still the same. When the path before us seems uncertain,
and our minds are confused and unsettled,

**when we cannot discern what the future holds,
and our days are marked by fear and anxiety,**

when the things on which we have relied turn out to be fleeting

and we wonder where and in whom to place our trust,

when we discover that others revile us for who we are

and that we are the poorer for returning that sentiment,

when sorrow and sudden loss swirl around us,

and we long to find hope again,

then we gain a new sense of vulnerability,

wondering if true security is even possible.

But you, O God, have no shadow of turning away.

In you lie our truest desires, our best hopes,

and to you belong the power and the glory forever. Amen!

Children's Message

Lauire Strollo

Children are invited to Children's Worship in Room 402-403,
a place for those 4 years through 6th grade to connect with God in their own ways.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Taehwan Roh

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 *Precious Lord* (Dorsey-Amidon) Trinity Quartet (8:30), Chancel Choir (10:30)

Reading from the New Testament Romans 5:1-8 pew Bible, p. 913 (8:30)

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

Message

The Maker's Mark

Dave Rochford

* Closing Hymn

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (verses 1-3)

[UMH 480](#)

* Benediction

* Postlude

As the Deer (Nystrom)

Brendon O'Donnell, piano

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Grow — Pray — Study

Monday, Aug 11 — James 5:7-11

The Letter of James is attributed to the brother of Jesus, and dates from 45 to about 60AD. It offers strong encouragement to patiently wait for the (then-urgently-anticipated) return of Jesus. James points to the courage of the prophets of old to urge the believers to locate hope for redemption in the mercy and compassion of God.

- Why do we believe that God is compassionate and merciful? On what basis, and what evidence do we have?
- Prayer: *Lord, much about you is a mystery. But I hold on to the belief that what you have done and all that you do for me is mercy and love. Today, for me that is enough. Amen.*

Tuesday, Aug 12 — 2 Timothy 2:1-12; 3:10-17

Writing to guide and encourage a young pastor, Paul connects enduring persecution as a Christian to the example of Jesus, who by Resurrection triumphed over violence and death. He also points to the faithfulness of eyewitnesses and to Scripture as grounds for our hope.

- Have I ever suffered for the sake of the Gospel? Would I?
- Prayer: *O God, your Son endured so much to free me from hopelessness and death. I would honor him by offering back the life he won. Today, show me how I may. Amen.*

Wednesday, Aug 13 — Hebrews 10:19-25, 32-39

The Letter to the Hebrews is unique. It is less a letter than a treatise or a sermon, and unlike the Letters we don't know to whom it was originally written. But Hebrews is dense with wisdom for a young Church struggling in a pagan culture. Observe how the author has no mere "passive waiting" in mind, but links endurance (withstanding trials) with perseverance (overcoming obstacles to reach an end goal) in the Christian life.

- How does this imply enduring faith showed up in the life of 1st century Christians? How does it today?
- Prayer: *Jesus, I have tried the paths to fulfillment and success offered by the world. Your path seems harder at times, but only in God's way am I healed and made whole. Amen.*

Thursday, Aug 14 — Hebrews 12:1-12

In this passage, Hebrews uses the image of an athletic contest to enable believers who are enduring persecution and shame for the sake of the Gospel to see these trials as conditioning and discipline.

- What seasons of life have you come to see as having offered discipline to "run the race of faith?" What lesson or discipline do you need to move forward to maturity in faith?
- Prayer: *Jesus, I have known trials, and I prefer peaceful seasons. But if we love, we will know hurt, and all who live will falter in body. Root my trust in your unfailing grace. Amen.*

Friday, Aug 15 — Luke 18:1-8; Romans 12:9-18

In an often-misunderstood parable, Jesus illustrates that the habit of continual prayer is based on a constant and loving God who means to provide what we need. Paul takes up the theme of prayer in his letter to the Romans, connecting it with ways in which a distinctively Christian character manifests in our lives, including hope and patience in seasons of hardship.

- What do you think is the outcome of a vigorous prayer life? What might that look like in your own context?
- Prayer: *Lord, I know you are ever more ready to hear from me than I am to seek you. But it is in your nature to listen. Thank you. Amen.*

Saturday, Aug 16 — Romans 5:1-8

In what may be the quintessential text for Christian perseverance amid hardship, Paul speaks to the transformation that may occur within us when we suffer for the sake of being different from the world. We are marked, he says, by a uniquely Christian character, which enables the Spirit to use our sufferings to produce someone who is better-suited to follow Christ.

- Contemplating the seasons of trials you have known, how were you shaped by them? Did any make of you a more faithful follower of Jesus? How, or why?
- Prayer: *Lord Christ, I don't find this prayer easy. But remind me again that it is not until I lose the life I imagined for myself that I will be able to receive the life you died to give to me. Amen.*

Today at Trinity

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 (ages 4 - 6th grade) meets during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.

This Week

Monday: Youth Group*

All day trip to Kings Dominion. To inquire about time and RSVP please contact Catherine at umtrinityyouth@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.

August 15: *Spire* newsletter Deadline

This deadline is for the September-October issue of our church newsletter that will be mailed/emailed around September 1.

August 16: Christ House Meal Mission

Christ House is a very healing place; 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, dcjeremiah@verizon.net, 703-307-4635.

Coming Up

August 17: Backpack/Back to School Blessing

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

September 7: Martha's Table Snack Packaging

September 7: Bounce Back Sunday

We'll celebrate the new program year with a bounce house, games, picnic and fellowship.

September 9: Book Chat

All are welcome to join our monthly book club on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. This year's selections and Zoom link can be found using the QR code on page 4.

* All Youth in grades 7-12, including recent graduates are welcome at Youth events. Friends are always welcome! Questions? Reach out to Catherine at umtrinityyouth@gmail.com

Our Prayer List

Adam, Amy, Annie Ruth, Arla, Barb & JR, Bill & Mad-die, Brett, Bud & Linda, Carol & Rich, Claudia, Corbin, Darlene & Steve, Dave, Davey, David & Carol, Douglas, Gregg, Joan, Joanna, Judy, Kenny family, Ladye, Lorene, Maines family, Marciene, Marie & Joe, Marilyn, Maryann, Mickey & Ruth, Naty, Peg & Dick, Russ, Sheila, Shepard family, Smith family, Summers family, Teresa & Norman, Tom, Willis & Carter, Winie & Joseph, Woody, Yancey, and Zerkow family, and prayer life for Trinity congregation, those who are traveling, people losing jobs, employment seekers, the children and staff at Heart to Heart Worldwide Village in Honduras, The Leadership Center, our nation's leadership and unity, soldiers abroad and at home, peace on earth, an end to antisemitism and Islamophobia, those affected by natural disasters, those trying to make a better future for our nation, government employees, immigrants, the homeless, victims of abuse and hostages throughout the world.

Back to School Blessing Next Sunday, August 17



All of our students and teachers are invited to bring their school bag for a special blessing to launch into the new school year.

Keeping Our Young Ones Safe

In order to ensure the safety of children in our Nursery, during the 10:30 service the exterior doors to our Fellowship Building will now be secured. Parents/caregivers needing to pick up their child prior to the conclusion of worship may speak to an usher in the back, or signal an attendant from an exterior nursery window to obtain access.

About Our Ministries

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

At Trinity Preschool of McLean, skills and content are integrated through imaginative play activities and hands-on learning stations. The daily schedule includes a circle/story time, art, sensory play, active play, snack and lunch, and lots of time for exploration. Children attend a weekly Music class, and Chapel Time led by our Pastors.

A ministry of TUMC, Trinity Preschool of McLean is very popular in our community! Call the school office, 703-790-2767, to inquire about space in one of our programs. For more information visit umtrinity.org/preschool

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.

To Know and Be Known

In the hope of making it easier to meet and get to know one another, we are making nametags available to all who are willing will wear them! If you need a name tag, please email your first and last name (and those of any family member who attends) to hlatta@umtrinity.org



Name tags will look similar to the one above, and be printed on durable plastic with magnetic backing. (If you prefer the pinback style, you may indicate that in your email.) For any who would like to contribute to the cost of their name tags, they are \$6 each.

Quick Links

Scan this QR code with your phone's camera and click the link. Or, visit: umtrinity.org/about-us/quick-links
This page currently includes:

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



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Summer Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Worship is 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. If you're not yet receiving our Friday weekly events e-mail, please send us your address at info@umtrinity.org