



Trinity United Methodist Church

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January 8, 2023

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 3 with your phone's camera to register your attendance today.

Prelude (8:30)	JORDAN (Johnson)	Jerry Rich
Prelude (10:30)	<i>Joy to the World</i> (Page)	Trinity Ringers
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Eileen Gilmer
We are marked as God's beloved ones. What have we done to deserve God's love. God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever. Even when we are difficult and turn away from God, God's love never vanishes from us. Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us. Amen.		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	p. 3 / UMH 156
Children's Message		Laurie Strollo
Prayers of the People		Gilmer
Offering		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.		
Anthem (8:30)	<i>At the River</i> (Lowry)	Catherine Wethington
Anthem (10:30)	<i>At the River</i> (arr. Rich)	Chancel Choir
Scripture	Mark 1:9-15	Eileen Gilmer
In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'		
And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.		
Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'		
Message	<i>The Man and His Message</i>	Neil Hough
Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)		Gilmer
* Closing Hymn	<i>We've a Story to Tell to the Nations</i>	p. 3 / UMH 569
* Benediction		Hough
Closing Music	<i>Sonata 29</i> (Speer)	Rich
* Please stand as you are able.		

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, January 9 — Mark 1:1-8

During the next few weeks, the GPS will guide you through the entirety of *The Gospel According to Mark*. The Gospel does not identify Mark as the author; the tradition of the church has provided the title we use today. However, the Gospel does have a title sentence. Mark 1:1 serves as the title for the Gospel: "*The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*"

- If this verse is the title of the book, why does it say, "The **beginning** of the Good News"? Is it possible that the 16 chapters of Mark are just the beginning, and that Gospel is still being written in our lives today?
- Prayer: *God of Good News, open my mind and heart to learn what you would have me learn this week. Grant me wisdom to understand the meaning of the Gospel. Amen.*

Tuesday, January 10 — Mark 1:1-8

There are many possible reasons for John the Baptist's popularity. One is that he was an interesting character, much like the prophets of earlier generations. Another reason is that his message was compelling and spoke to the needs of the people. Mark says that John preached "*repentance for the forgiveness of sins*" (Mark 1:4).

- Is forgiveness a compelling message for you? Does it speak to needs in your life? Do you have a need to confess your sin and receive assurance of God's forgiveness today?
- Prayer: *God of mercy, hear my prayer of confession today. Remind me once again that, through your saving grace, you promise to forgive my sins. Assure me of your love. Amen.*

Wednesday, January 11 — Mark 1:9-11, Galatians 4:4-6

The baptism of Jesus is a significant event. It is so significant that each year, in January, the church calendar recognizes *Baptism of the Lord Sunday*. It reminds us to remember our own baptism and reflect on its meaning. As we consider the baptism of Jesus, we remember that our baptism is a sign of God's love and our adoption as children of God.

- Do you know how much God loves **you**? Read Mark 1:9 again. Hear those words spoken to you. You are a beloved child of God!
- Prayer: *Loving God, thank you for my baptism and place in your church. Remind me how much I am loved. Use me to share your love with others in my life. Amen.*

Thursday, January 12 — Mark 1:10-13, Matthew 4:1-11

Even though Mark does not describe the specific ways Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, Mark 1:12 provides an important insight into the event. It says that the Spirit **drove** Jesus into the wilderness. Jesus didn't just happen to wander into the wilderness, nor was he lured into the wilderness by Satan. Mark says that the Holy Spirit, which descended on Jesus at his baptism, is the "*driving*" force in Jesus' life.

- Is the Spirit of God the driving force in your life? If so, where is the Spirit of God driving you today? Are you willing to go?
- Prayer: *God of Spirit and truth, I want to go where you lead me. If it is your will, I am willing to go into the wilderness, to be tested and strengthened for ministry. Amen.*

Friday, January 13 — Mark 1:14-15

These two verses summarize Jesus' ministry: he proclaimed the Good News of God, which was that God's Kingdom has come near and is entered by repentance and faith. Of course, it takes the rest of the Gospel's 16 chapters to fully grasp what Jesus means, but Mark insists that the story of Jesus is the story of God's Kingdom, of faith, and of repentance.

- As you begin to read Mark's Gospel, consider your personal definitions of kingdom, faith, and repentance. Are you willing to let God expand or change your definitions? Are you open to new understanding?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, forgive me when I refuse to hear the Good News and change my ways. Help me turn my life in your direction and live a Kingdom life. Amen.*

Saturday, January 14 — Mark 1:14-15, Mark 6:7-13, Matthew 10:5-7

Conclude this week by considering that Jesus' disciples share the message and ministry of Jesus. The Gospels tell us that Jesus called disciples to follow him, but he also sent them into the world, to expand and ultimately continue his ministry. Their message is the same. Their ministry is the same.

- Do you think of yourself as a disciple of Jesus? If so, in what ways are you participating in his ministry? How are you spreading his message of God's Kingdom, faith, and repentance?
- Prayer: *Sending God, forgive me when I keep your message to myself. Use me to share the Good News with others. Give me courage to do what you want me to do. Amen.*

Nursery on Sundays

Masks are optional for everyone who is fully vaccinated. The Nursery is staffed during both Sunday worship services for children 3 years old and under.

This Week on Zoom

Password 1205

Engage Bible Study

Monday at 7 p.m. Contact Jim Wilson for log in link. jaswilson@sloft.com.

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 894 8087 9762

Tuesdays are hybrid (in-person & on Zoom).

Wednesday at 7 p.m.: Meeting ID: 886 5257 6837

Prayer Group

Wednesday at 10 a.m. Meeting ID: 875 6105 5580

This Week at Trinity on TV

Our sermons air on Fairfax Public Access Channel 36 (on Cox and Verizon) on Wednesdays at 5 p.m., Fridays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 7 a.m.

Our Prayer List

Aidan, Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Alison, Amanda, Amber & Briana, Andy, Annie Ruth, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Bea, Beath, Becky, Betty, Bill, Bill & Maddie, Boris, Bryan, Bud, Carol & Rich, Carolyn, Carolyn & Janice, Cathy, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Carol, Davey, Dick, Dobson family, Dylan, Earl & Mary Lou, Elaine, Eliza, Emily, Evelyn, Evey, Fahimi family, Fran & Tom, Fred, Gary & Lindie, Glenn, Green family, Gwyn, Hanna & Franz, Harriet, Ingrid, Jackie, Jane, Janelle, Jennifer, Jenny, Jeremy, Jessica, Jewell family, Jill, Joe & Marie, John, June, Junil, Karen, Karyn, Katherine, Kathleen, Kathryn, Kathy, Kay & John, Ladye, Lana, Lena, Linda, Lisa, Liz & David, Lizzie, Luana, Lyndee, Marcia, Marciene, Marcy, Maria, Marilu, Marilyn, Matt, Meak family, Melissa & Chad, Mendez family, Mickey, Minou, Nancy, Nime, Pat, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Peggy, Rasmussen family, Richard, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Roger, Sandy & Vinnie, Scott, Shadle family, Susan, Tatiana, Teagan, Teresa, Tessa, Tim, Tom, Tommaso, Tony, Tracy, Vanna, Vicki, Wanita, and Yancey, Yvonne, Trinity's children, youth and volunteers, Trinity Preschool, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters, violence and political turmoil around the world.

Today's hymn texts are provided for those worshipping at home.

I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story;
more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies
of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story,
it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee. [Refrain]
3. I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word.
[Refrain]
4. I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long.
[Refrain]

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

1. We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall
come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword.
[Refrain]
3. We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love.
[Refrain]
4. We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God.
[Refrain]

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Pastor's Bible Study Resumes January 10 and 11.

Join Pastor Neil as we read and study *The Gospel According to Mark* on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. starting on January 10 and 11. Tuesday morning classes will be held in-person and on Zoom. Wednesday evening classes will be on Zoom. Everyone is invited to participate. No previous Bible study experience is necessary.

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, **Jan. 10** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. More at <https://umtrinity.org/education>. Contact Kathy Maher, kathyngs@gmail.com, for more.

Crafts for a Cause

We meet every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: Jan. 16. No crafting experience is needed and all are welcome. If you'd like to sign up, please email **Alesha Luxon** at alesha.luxon@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 for next week.

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



Fellowship

Fellowship hosts provide snacks during Fellowship following the Sunday morning worship services. Please consider signing up for a week. The sign up is on a white board sitting on top of the coffee bar in the Fellowship Lobby. Contact Alesha Luxon (alesha.luxon@gmail.com).

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Today: 4:30 - 6 p.m.
Register at <http://bit.ly/youthreg22>
For more information about volunteering with youth or joining youth group, contact Catherine Wethington (umtrinityyouth@gmail.com).

Coming Up

January

- 10 Book Chat
- 10/11 Pastor's Bible Study begins
- 16 Office Closed
- 16 Crafts for a Cause
- 19 Lunch and Learn Event for Seniors
- 21 Christ House
- 29 Celtic Service
- 30 Crafts for a Cause

Lunch and Learn: Senior Housing Options

Thursday, January 19, 2023
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Fellowship Lobby

Join us for lunch and a presentation by Jeanina DiVittorio, a Senior Living Expert. She will speak on these subjects:

- In-home care vs. retirement community living
- Elder nourish and senior community programs
- Retirement community options and their costs
- How to decide when to downsize and move
- Selling your home to help pay for long-term needs

A complimentary lunch will be served to all attending.

Please RSVP by January 16 to 703-734-0192 or Homes@HBCGroupKW.com. The event is hosted by Trinity members Karen Briscoe and Lizzy Conroy.

Confirmation Class

Youth (grades 7-12) are invited to join our 2023 Confirmation Class. It will meet on **Sundays, 4-5 p.m. beginning today** and run through the end of May. In order to mature in their own faith journey, the confirmands will explore what the Bible teaches us, what it means to follow Jesus, and how we serve God as members of Trinity United Methodist Church. Pastor Anne Hough will serve as this year's lead teacher. There will be a **confirmation information meeting** for confirmands, parents, and faith friends today at 4 p.m. Register at <http://bit.ly/youthreg22> or scan the QR code.

Contact Pastor Anne at eaehough@gmail.com or Catherine at umtrinityyouth@gmail.com for more information.



Faith Friends for Confirmation: Interested in being an adult faith friend for one of our Confirmands? Contact Anne or Catherine for more details.

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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. Sermons air on Fairfax Public Access Channel 36 (on Cox and Verizon). Tune in Wednesdays at 5 p.m., Fridays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 7 a.m.