

 **Trinity United Methodist Church**



*Behold,
now is the acceptable time of God's favor;*

*behold,
now is the day of salvation!*

2 Corinthians 6:2b

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May 24, 2026

Pentecost

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



Welcome to Trinity Church! We are grateful you are here. We'd appreciate it if you would complete the registration pad and pass it down. For those worshipping in the Chapel today, please complete an attendance card. Remember to name each family member present today.

Please join us in our Fellowship Lobby following each service for delicious food and a chance for us to get to know one another!

PRELUDE

Come, Holy Spirit (Telemann)

Jerry Rich

WELCOME

* Call to Worship

from Ephesians 2

God, who is rich in mercy, has made us alive together with Christ,

out of great love, while we were still in our sins!

It is by Grace that you have been saved, through faith; this is not your own doing.

**It is the gift of God, not the result of our own works,
so that no one may boast.**

We are what God has made us,

created in Christ Jesus for good works,

which our Lord prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

* Gathering Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Verses 1 - 4)

UMH 57

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.**

**He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord Jesus Christ,

today we give thanks for your Church across time,
and for this church, for all that it has been in our lives.

For the joy of singing hymns to your glory,
for our fellowship with you and with one another,

**for the teaching of the Scriptures
and the preaching of the Word,
we give you thanks.**

For all faithful believers who have gone before us,

**and for those who have embodied for us the faith,
we give you thanks.**

Lord, in seasons of trial and whelming need,
you raised up servants like John and Charles Wesley,
and your Holy Spirit enabled them to light a spark
that became an inextinguishable blaze across continents.

Empower all whose hearts have been warmed at these altar fires.

Renew and enliven us by your Holy Spirit,

so that the breath of Pentecost may again move throughout the land,

and that our time will be the season

when your will is done altogether in our world, as it is in heaven. Amen.

Children's Message

Dave Rochford

Prayers of the People

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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

MESSAGE

There Is Yet Still Time
(a Sermon in the spirit of John Wesley)

“Rev. John Wesley”

COMMUNION (8:30)

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

Litany to the Holy Spirit (Hurford)
If Ye Love Me (Wilby)

Catherine Wethington (8:30)
Chancel Choir (10:30)

Doxology

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* CLOSING HYMN

*See How Great a Flame Aspires
to the tune of “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

UMH 541

**See how great a flame aspires,
kindled by a spark of grace.
Jesus’ love the nations fires,
sets the kingdoms on a blaze.
To bring fire on earth he came,
kindled in some hearts it is;
O that all might catch the flame,
all partake the glorious bliss!**

**Saints of God, your Savior praise,
who the door hath opened wide;
he hath given the word of grace,
Jesus’ word is glorified;
Jesus mighty to redeem,
who alone the work hath wrought;
worthy is the work of him,
him who spake a world from naught.**

**When he first the work begun,
small and feeble was his day;
now the Word doth swiftly run,
now it wins its widening way;
more and more it spreads and grows,
ever mighty to prevail;
sin’s strongholds it now o’erthrows,
shakes the trembling gates of hell.**

**Saw ye not the cloud arise,
little as a human hand?
Now it spreads along the skies,
hangs o’er all the thirsty land.
Lo! the promise of a shower
drops already from above;
but the Lord will shortly pour
all the spirit of his love.**

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary (Alcock-Stubley)

Jerry Rich

**congregation invited to stand*

A Visit from the Rev. John Wesley?

Well, *not quite*. Preaching is an imaginative exercise, and perhaps even more so today! So...what would the Rev. John Wesley, Oxford professor and 18th century-Revivalist preacher, have to say to us today? Pastor Dave has spent a good bit of time reading John Wesley's sermons, biblical commentaries and *Journal*, as well as Wesley's meticulous *Directions Concerning Pronunciation and Gesture* (1749) guidelines for preachers (many of which he will transgress today).

Born in 1703 as the fifteenth child of a minister of the Church of England and his devout (and presumably exhausted) wife, John Wesley would become an internationally-renowned preacher, theologian and author in his own lifetime. He is best remembered, however, for single-mindedly creating an expression of the Anglican faith (a "method") that connected laity in accountable small-groups to cultivate their spiritual lives and capacities for leadership. His movement ultimately launched the fastest-growing Protestant Church in late-18th century America, and is credited with creating the first medical dispensary for the poor in Europe, the 'Ragged Schools' for children of the poor (the genesis of modern public education), reform of prisons and asylums, and tireless advocacy for the abolishment of Britain's slave trade. We are pleased to welcome Rev. Wesley here with us today...sort of.

Celebrating the Life of a Beloved Pastor

Recently we received news of the death of the Rev. Jim Sprouse, a deeply beloved, former minister to Trinity UMC. A **Service of Remembrance for Jim will take place at Bon Air United Methodist Church (1645 Buford Rd., Richmond VA) on Saturday, May 30 at 12 p.m.***

For the many of our Trinity family who plan to attend, we are coordinating travel to convenience those who might prefer not to drive. Please call or email Harriet (703-356-3312, hlatta@umtrinity.org) by Monday, May 25 **if you would like to participate in carpooling** for that Saturday. (If the decision is made to livestream the service, we will make the link available.)

Jim's family has agreed to allow us to cover the cost of a **reception** to follow the service. If you would like to honor Jim in this way, **please make a gift to The Community Benevolence Fund with the notation "Sprouse Reception."** Or, make your gift online and select **Community Benevolence Fund** in the drop-down menu.

Thank you to those who sent us **pictures from Jim's 23 years of ministry with us**. We are hoping for even more! If you have such images, printed or digital, please convey those to Harriet for the sake of a photo book we are creating for Molly and family.

And thank you, sincerely, for your continued prayers for the Sprouse family, so dear to us and to God.



*We received word that the service time has been changed to 12 p.m.

Grow — Pray — Study



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



Monday, May 25 — Deuteronomy 30:11–20

As Moses nears the end of his life, he offers Israel a final invitation. God's commandments are not distant, hidden, or impossible to understand. They are near, placed before the people as a choice between the way of life and that of death, of blessing and of curse. Moses urges them to choose life—not merely for themselves, but for future generations as well.

Many of our decisions may seem less stark than the choice Israel faced, yet we are continually shaping the direction of our lives through everyday choices. We choose whether to trust or fear, whether to forgive or hold resentment, whether to seek God or become distracted by competing voices. This passage reminds us that faith is not simply about what we believe, but also about how we respond when God places opportunities for faithfulness before us.

- Where in your life do you sense God inviting you to choose a path of life and faithfulness?
- What small decisions this week might help you grow closer to God?
- **Prayer:** Gracious God, help me recognize the choices that lead toward life, hope, and faithfulness. Give me wisdom to follow your way each day. Amen.

Tuesday, May 26 — Psalm 51

Psalm 51 is one of Scripture's most honest prayers. The psalmist comes before God without excuses or self-defense, trusting completely in God's mercy. Rather than hiding failure or pretending everything is fine, the prayer opens a path toward healing through honesty, repentance, and trust, which is the way of conversion and regeneration – the focus of the Wesleyan Revival we heard about on Sunday.

Many people carry burdens they rarely share with others, if ever. We regret past mistakes, struggle with disappointment, and feel weighed down by habits that are difficult to change. Yet this psalm reminds us that God's grace meets us precisely in those places. The request, "create in me a clean heart, O God," points not only to forgiveness but also toward the way of transformation. God is able to renew what has become weary and restore what feels broken.

- Are there burdens or struggles you need to bring honestly before God today?
- What would it mean to trust God's renewing grace for an area of pain in your life, rather than relying on your own strength?
- **Prayer:** Merciful God, thank you for your grace that forgives and renews. Create in me a clean heart and guide me into the new life you desire for me. Amen.

Wednesday, May 27 — Ezekiel 36:22–28

Through the prophet Ezekiel, God speaks to a people who have experienced loss, failure, and exile. Yet God's promise is not limited to restoring their former circumstances. God promises something deeper: "a new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you." The future God envisions begins with transformation from within, a Pentecost of the heart that opens pathways for the Spirit.

While we may focus on changing external circumstances, hoping for better outcomes, clearer answers or easier paths, God often works first in the heart. A renewed heart may allow us to see, respond and live differently. The Pentecost promise of an in-dwelling Spirit reminds us that lasting transformation is not something we accomplish alone! It is the work of God's Spirit, active within us.

- What area of your life most needs God's renewing work today?
- Reflect: how have you experienced growth or transformation through God's grace over time?
- **Prayer:** Holy God, thank you for your promise to make all things new. Renew my heart and fill me with your Spirit so that my life may reflect your love and faithfulness. Amen.

Thursday, May 28 — Luke 15:11–32

The Parable of the Prodigal Son is often remembered for the younger son's return (and is named for that!), but the story ultimately points to the extraordinary compassion of the father. Before the son can finish his rehearsed plea for mercy, the father runs to embrace him. The focus is not on what the son has done or is doing, but on the grace that welcomes him home.

There are times when we imagine that God's love depends upon our performance or worthiness. We may feel that we must first fix ourselves before approaching God. Yet Jesus presents a different picture! God's grace moves toward us even before we have "everything figured out." At the same time, the parable challenges us to consider whether we, unlike the older brother, are willing to celebrate the grace extended to others. Receiving grace and sharing grace are inseparable parts of life with God.

- Which character in this story do you most identify with today, and why?
- How might God be inviting you to extend forgiving grace to someone this week?
- **Prayer:** Loving God, thank you for welcoming me with compassion and mercy. Teach me to receive your grace with gratitude and to share that grace generously with others. Amen.

Friday, May 29 — Romans 8:1–17

Paul begins Romans 8 with a remarkable statement of confidence: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." He speaks to people who know something about both the reality of human weakness and the power of God's grace. The life of faith is not rooted in fear or shame, but in the freedom made possible through Christ.

Paul goes on to describe life in the Spirit. Rather than being controlled by anxiety, guilt, or the illusion of self-reliance, believers are invited to live as children of God. This identity does not depend upon achievement or success, but is grounded in God's love. The Spirit continually reminds us who we are and whose we are. From that secure foundation, we are able to face challenges with courage and hope.

- What voices have in the past shaped, and now most often shape the way you think about yourself?
- How might your daily life change if you more fully embraced your identity as a beloved child of God?
- **Prayer:** God of grace, thank you for calling me your child. Help me to listen to the voice of your Spirit and to live with confidence, gratitude, and hope. Amen.

Saturday, May 30 — James 2:14–26

James reminds believers that faith is not merely something we believe or say. Genuine faith expresses itself through the way we live. Acts of compassion, generosity, and service do not earn God's favor, but reveal a heart that has been shaped by God's grace.

As we prepare for "Trinity Sunday" tomorrow, this passage invites us to reflect on the vital connection between belief and action. Faith grows deeper when it moves beyond words and takes shape in daily life. Acts of kindness, generosity, and faithfulness may seem ordinary, but may become powerful expressions of God's love. The grace God gives to us is meant to bear fruit in the world around us.

- What is one practical way you can put your faith into action this week?
- Where have you recently seen someone's faith expressed through service, compassion, or generosity?
- **Prayer:** Faithful God, thank you for the grace that transforms both hearts and lives. Help me to live out my faith in ways that reflect your love and bring blessing to others. Amen.

Today at Trinity

Fellowship Hosts

9:30 a.m. Howard Chatham

11:30 a.m. Youth Group

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).

Iglesia de Dios Worship, 6 p.m.

This Week

May 25: Office Closed for Memorial Day

Monday, 7:30 p.m.: Scout Troop 869

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Den 9A

7 p.m.: Scout Troop 1130

7 p.m.: Langley Residential Support Services

Wednesday, 9 a.m.: Prayer Group

Join our weekly Zoom Prayer Group as we lift up the needs of our church, community, and world. For details, talk with a pastor or call 703-356-3312.

Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Den 9B

Saturday, 6 p.m.: Iglesia de Dios

Coming Up



May 31: Graduate Recognition Sunday

The high school and post-secondary Class of 2026 will be recognized in worship on May 31. Send your name and the name of the school from where you will graduate and future plans (as known) by May 27 to info@umtrinity.org.



May 31, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.:

Rededication of Trinity House as Parsonage

After each of our services, you are invited to gather at Trinity House (by the playground at the far end of the parking lot) for a celebration of its rededication as a parsonage for our Associate Pastor and his family. Refreshments provided by our SPRC and tours by our Trustees.

June 7: 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!

June 9, 6:30 p.m.: Book Chat

Book Chat will meet on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. when Molly Sprouse will lead us in discussing *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* by Dame Muriel Spark. For more, contact Suzanne Hamilton or use the QR code on page 6.

June 15: *The Spire* newsletter deadline

June 17 - 20: Annual Conference

June 19: Office Closed for Juneteenth

June 20: Christ House Meal Mission

Christ House is a residential medical facility for homeless men located in the Adams Morgan area of Washington, DC. We prepare and serve lunch on the third Saturday of every month. Contact Connie Jeremiah for more information, dcjeremiah@verizon.net or 703-307-4635.

June 25: Executive Council meeting

July 3: Office Closed for Independence Day

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 invited to meet friends and neighbors after each of our worship services! Join us in the Fellowship Lobby across the breezeway. Each week individuals, families or ministry teams host our refreshments. Please consider signing up for the 8:30 service's Fellowship time. Scan the QR code under Quick Links below 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.



Did You Know?



Trinity's Communion Table in the sanctuary has not two, but six candlesticks. Tall and simple, these not only lift the light that symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit with us in our worship (like a flame!), but also have a story to tell.

In 1778, when our nation was still new, **William Watters, the first American-born itinerant Methodist minister**, married a girl from Falls Church. He ultimately retired and took up farming in what is now McLean, and in 1808 convened a group of women and men for Methodist Class meetings around his kitchen table. Those kitchen meetings were **the beginning of the congregation that now meets here at Trinity** – with candlesticks made in 1961 from the beams of the Watters' kitchen. (See how it all comes together?)

If you would like to know more about being an **Acolyte** (candle-lighter) for either of our services, speak to one of our Pastors! If you would consider being part of a **Chancel Guild** to help adorn and care for our worship space, we'd sure love to know *that*, too.

Quick Links

Scan QR code with your phone's camera & click the link. This page currently includes:

- Prayer Requests
- Children & Youth registration
- Book Chat discussion group
- Christ House wish list
- Fellowship Hour hosts
- Ushers



Our Prayer Ministry

Trinity Church is grateful to receive any request for intercessory prayer. Each Wednesday, our Prayer Group meets at 9 a.m. to lift up these submissions as well as on-going needs. Those willing to pray with us are both welcomed and invited! Please speak to one of our pastors if you would like to know more.

Prayer requests can be submitted by scanning the QR code on the left with your phone's camera and clicking the link, or you may fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate.

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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](https://www.youtube.com/UMTrinity). If you're not yet receiving our Friday weekly events e-mail, please send us your address at info@umtrinity.org

**Make Sure to Be with Us NEXT SUNDAY (5/31)
for the Grand Open House of our NEW PARSONAGE!
9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Refreshments on the Lawn
and Guided Tours; Rededication at 12 p.m.**

Trinity House
the Story of the Home that Love Built...and Rebuilt!

In 1948, a sturdy and spacious brick house was built for the family of the appointed clergy of the new Methodist Church on Dolley Madison in McLean. As the Church grew with the community around it, that house served faithfully as the home to ministers' families until 1981, when a new parsonage was built on the southwest edge of our campus (off Gilliams Drive).

In the decades that followed, a Pastoral Counseling ministry was lodged in Trinity House, as were a succession of less-financially-able seminary students to whom Trinity UMC offered a home away from home.

Last year, the Trustees and Church Council held thoughtful deliberations as to the missional potential (or possible demolition) of the aging building. Amid those conversations, one of our church families became aware of the need and stepped forward to offer to fund the required repairs and updates to enable its continued use to benefit our Church and its mission.

That truly extraordinary gift inspired our Trustees, Youth and many others to make their own gifts of time and talent to stage and coordinate the needed (and extensive!) renovation projects. As we now near the completion of the last "punch list," we invite you to come see the newly refurbished and much-improved Trinity House, which will next month become home to Rev. Taehwan Roh and his dear family. This will enable Pastor Taehwan to cease commuting from Fairfax each day, as well as obviate the need for the Associate Pastor's monthly housing allowance.

We invite you to come by after each of our services next week for refreshments, tours by our Trustees (who now know every inch of the place), and at 12 p.m., a Rededication of the once and future-Parsonage! To God be the glory.

