



*"The Vale of Nazareth," William French
Steelplate engraving, English, 1882*

for thine

is the Kingdom

Matthew 6:13

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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 record 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

Adagio in C, K. 617a (Mozart)

Jerry Rich

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 145

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name for ever and ever!

**One generation shall proclaim your works to another,
declaring your mighty acts.**

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

They shall speak of the glory of your Kingdom and tell of your power,

**to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.**

Yours is an everlasting Kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all seasons.

The eyes of all look to you; you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is near to those who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

* GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is our God

UMH 110

**A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.**

MORNING PRAYER

adapted from Rev. Nathan Williams

God of grace,

**we confess that we are more eager to receive your mercy
than we are to extend your kindness to others.**

We ask for what we need,

without considering whether we have what someone else needs.

We seek your forgiveness, but are inclined to hold grudges against others.

We want you to lead us away from evil,

but prefer that you send us where we want to go.

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**By your grace, we want for something greater, truer than this.
We choose to give generously, beyond that which we easily can spare;
to forgive even those who have yet to ask for forgiveness;
to follow you wherever you choose to lead us.
Receive our commitment to new life,
in Jesus' matchless name. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Laurie Strollo

ANTHEM

We Know that Christ is Raised (Geyer)
The King of Love (Beck)

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

READING OF THE EPISTLES

1 Peter 2:4-10

Barry Beach (8:30)
Lisa Rochford (10:30)

"As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

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

MESSAGE

God's Own People

Dave Rochford

THE LORD'S PRAYER *with Accompanying Verses* (ESV)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

"You are the light of the world. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

"The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you." Luke 17:20-21

Give us this day our daily bread,

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Therefore do not be anxious. For your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:25, 31-33

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

"And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses." Mark 11:25

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

"Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:41

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For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

"When you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near." Luke 21:31
Amen.

HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

UMH 157 (vs. 1, 2,5)

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!**

**To Jesus endless prayer be made,
and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HOLY 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.*

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

Go Forth for God

UMH 670

**Go forth for God; go forth to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in his kingdom we behold his face.
Go forth for God; go forth to the world in peace.**

**Go forth for God; go forth to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right,
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.
Go forth for God; go forth to the world in strength.**

**Go forth for God; go forth to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak,
help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God; go forth to the world in love.**

**Go forth for God; go forth to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God; go forth to the world in joy.**

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D (Stanley)

Jerry Rich

**congregation invited to stand*



Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, October 19 — Matthew 6:5–13

When Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray, he first reminds them that God already knows what they need before they ask. Prayer is not a way of informing God of our desires or persuading God with many words. The Lord's Prayer invites us to trust the God who knows our needs and to seek God's name, Kingdom, and Will before anything else.

When our circumstances do not change despite our earnest prayers, we may begin to question the meaning of prayer itself. Yet the value of prayer cannot always be measured by whether we receive the answers we expect. Prayer is more than a means of getting what we want. It is a relationship in which we remember who God is and learn to trust God more deeply. Within that relationship, even our desires and the direction of our prayers can begin to change.

- Do you tend to measure answered prayer by whether you receive the outcome you hoped for?
- How might remembering who God is change the way you pray today?
- **Prayer:** Loving God, help me trust that you already know my needs. Keep me from focusing only on the answers I desire, and lead me to know your goodness and Will more deeply through prayer. Amen.

Tuesday, October 20 — Romans 12:1–2

Paul urges those who have experienced God's mercy to offer their lives to God. The worship he describes is not limited to a particular time or place. Our bodies and everyday lives can become an offering to God. Paul also calls us not to conform automatically to the patterns of this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds so that we may discern God's Will. Even as we pray, we sometimes hope that God will simply approve the answers we have already chosen. Yet seeking God's Will means more than asking God to bless our plans. It means being open to having our thoughts and judgments changed. As we remember God's mercy and seek to discern God's Will, prayer begins to reshape our everyday choices and the direction of our lives.

- Do you sometimes pray while already having decided what answer you want from God?
- What thoughts or attitudes might need to change as you seek to discern God's Will?
- **Prayer:** Merciful God, keep me from placing my own thoughts and judgments above your Will. Renew my mind through your mercy, and help me respond to you through the choices I make each day. Amen.

Wednesday, October 21 — 1 Peter 2:4–10

Peter describes those who come to Christ as living stones. Each stone does not stand alone but is built together with others into a spiritual house for God. Peter also calls believers God's own people, chosen to proclaim God's wonderful works to the world. Our identity begins not with what we have accomplished, but with the God who has called us.

It matters that the Lord's Prayer begins with "Our Father," not "My Father." The daily bread, forgiveness, and guidance we seek are not meant for ourselves alone. When we remember that we belong to God as one people, we are called to care for one another's needs and share in God's grace together. Our community becomes a place where the world can see something of who God is.

- How does your identity as one of God's people shape the way you see yourself and others?
- How is your community reflecting God's goodness to the world?
- **Prayer:** God who calls us, help us remember the grace of belonging to you. Teach us to care for one another and grow together, so that your love and goodness may be revealed through our community. Amen.

Thursday, October 22 — Micah 6:6–8

Micah reminds the people, who are wondering what they should bring before God, of what God truly desires. More important than abundant sacrifices or costly offerings are lives that do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. What God desires is not simply more religious activity, but lives that recognize and respond to God's Will.

Sometimes we approach prayer and worship as though we are offering something to God in exchange for what we hope to receive. But our relationship with God is not a transaction. When we remember that God is a God of justice and mercy, our prayers begin to shape lives that reflect those same qualities. Praying for God's Will to be done also means asking that our own lives be shaped by that Will.

Do you sometimes measure your relationship with God by what you give and what you receive?

How might remembering God's justice and mercy change the way you live?

Prayer: God of justice and mercy, keep me from treating my relationship with you as a transaction. Help me remember your goodness, practice justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

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Friday, October 23 — John 15:1–11

Jesus describes himself as the true vine and his disciples as the branches. Just as branches bear fruit by remaining connected to the vine, the lives of his disciples bear fruit through their relationship with Christ. Jesus calls them to remain in his love, teaching that this relationship leads to obedience and joy. Even in prayer, we can become focused on what we might receive or what changes we hope to see. Yet Jesus invites us to consider not only what we gain, but in whom we remain. The fruit of prayer is not always something we can see in outward results. Sometimes, even when difficult circumstances remain unchanged, prayer bears fruit as our trust in God deepens and our lives grow in love and obedience.

- How do you usually recognize or measure the fruit of your prayers?
- What does it mean for you to remain in Christ even when your circumstances do not change?
- **Prayer:** Lord of life, help me treasure my relationship with you more than the results I desire. Whatever I face, keep me rooted in your love, growing in trust and bearing the fruit of obedience. Amen.

Saturday, October 24 — Ephesians 3:14–21

As Paul prays for the church in Ephesus, he asks that believers may be strengthened by God's power and come to understand the breadth and depth of Christ's love. His prayer reaches beyond the resolution of immediate difficulties, seeking that the whole community may experience the fullness of God. Paul then gives glory to the God who is able to accomplish far more than all we can ask or imagine.

The closing doxology of the Lord's Prayer reminds us of the One toward whom all our prayers are directed. The Kingdom, the power, and the glory belong not to us, but to God. We continue to bring our needs before God and pray for those who suffer, while trusting the One whose work reaches beyond our understanding and expectations. Ultimately, the Lord's Prayer invites us to ask God to be God, and to entrust our lives to God's loving Will.

- Do your prayers look beyond your own expectations toward God's greater power and love?
- What does it mean for your life to confess that the Kingdom, the power, and the glory belong to God?
- **Prayer:** Glorious God, help me trust in your love and power, which are greater than anything I can ask or imagine. May my prayers and my life be directed toward your Will, and may all glory belong to you alone. Amen.



Today at Trinity

- 10 a.m. Chancel Choir**
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, jrlich@potomacschool.org.
- 10:40 a.m. Children's Worship**
Ages 4–6th grade. Meets following the Children's Message in our Fellowship Building (across the Breezeway).
- 2 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal**
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group**
Grades 7–12. We meet in the Fellowship Building to nurture lasting friendships while discussing Scripture, faith, life and more. Contact Catherine, umtrinityyouth@gmail.com for more.
- 6 p.m. Iglesia de Diós Worship**

This Week

MONDAY

- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 869**
7:30 p.m. Church & Society Meeting

TUESDAY

- 10:30 a.m. Fall Pastors' Bible Study: Teach Us to Pray!**
Join our five-week Bible Study, *Teach Us to Pray!* as we explore the Lord's Prayer through Scripture, discussion, and practical reflection. We'll consider expressions of prayer in both Testaments as well as real-life examples that help us practice the Lord's Prayer daily. Meets in the Library and via Zoom. Contact Pastor Dave, drochford@umtrinity.org, to learn more.
- 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting**
7 p.m. Boy 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.
- 6 p.m. Wednesday Supper Program (see adjacent column)**
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
Grades 1–6 rehearse 6:30–7:10 in the choir room, followed by supervised playground time. Contact Adelaide at adeloving11@gmail.com.
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Den 6**

THURSDAY

- 5:30 p.m. Lay Leadership Committee Meeting**

SATURDAY

- 8 a.m. SHARE New Beginnings**
Trinity has agreed to work together with SHARE of McLean to furnish a new home for an unhoused local family. More details about how your help is needed are on page 6 at right.
- 10 a.m. Christ House Meal Ministry in D.C.**
6 p.m. Iglesia de Diós

Coming Up

Oct. 25 • Trunk or Treat

Children's Ministry invites our Trinity church, preschool, and community families to our annual "spook-tacular" celebration on Sunday, October 25! The Trunk or Treat follows the 10:30 a.m. service in the back parking lot behind the Fellowship Building. Sign up to bring your car and a trunk full of treats! See the QR code on page 7.

Nov. 1: 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!

Nov. 7 Rise Against Hunger

Join us at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, McLean, to package nutritious meals that help feed communities around the world. Sign up and donation opportunities at the QR code on page 7.

SUPPER PROGRAM

Wednesday • 6 p.m.

Come be with us for a delicious meal and an engaging discussion this Wednesday, as we enjoy the second installment of **Jeff Pugh's**



"Peacebuilding in a Conflict-Weary World."

A University of Massachusetts-Boston professor and co-director of its Center for Peace, Democracy and Development, Jeff led us in a

fascinating exploration of peacebuilding tools last week, and now turns to the timely topic of conflict resolution in our community and world. Discussion starts at 6:30!

Our 6 p.m. dinner will feature a standout favorite: a taco bar catered by **District Taco** of McLean! (Attendees are also welcome to bring a side or dessert to help round out our offering each week.) Hope to have you with us!

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.

Quick Links

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

- Prayer Requests
- Rise Against Hunger
- Trunk or Treat sign up
- Book Chat
- Children & Youth ministry registration
- Christ House wish list
- Ushers sign-up



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 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.

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