



Trinity United Methodist Church

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September 24, 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 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 *Estrellita* (Ponce) Jerry Rich (8:30), Yorke Allen, violin (10:30)

Welcome and Announcements Clergy

* Call to Worship Taehwan Roh

Come near to the Lord.

Lord, be with us this day.

Lift your sorrows and joys to the Lord.

Lord, hear the cries of our hearts.

Come, rest in the love and mercy of God.

Bless us, O Lord, that we may be blessings for others in your name. Amen.

* Gathering Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* [UMH 64](#)

Children's Message Laurie Stollo

Prayers of the People Taehwan Roh

Mission Moment: Honduras and Iglesia de Dios

Offering Neil 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.

Offertory (8:30) *Be Thou My Vision* (trad. Irish) Philip Keirstead

Offertory (10:30) *God and God Alone* (McHugh-Fettke) Chancel Choir

Scripture Matthew 3:13-17 Taehwan Roh

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Message *I Believe in the Holy Spirit* Neil Hough

* The Apostles Creed [UMH 882](#)

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30) Clergy

* Closing Hymn *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* [FWS 2241](#)

* Benediction Neil Hough

* Closing Music *Voluntary* (Boyce) Jerry Rich (8:30), Yorke Allen (10:30)

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, September 25 — Matthew 3:13-17

The third person of the Trinity is the Holy Spirit. We find references to *God's Spirit*, the *Spirit of God*, or the *Holy Spirit* in both Old and New Testaments. We will need to read and study the entire Bible to have a complete description of who and what the Holy Spirit is and does, but one of the primary roles of the Holy Spirit is to provide power for God's work in the world. That's why we find the "Spirit of God" descending upon Jesus at his baptism (Matthew 3:16). The "Spirit of God" is the source of power for Jesus' life and ministry. It's also the source of power for our life and ministry.

- In what ways have you experienced the presence of the Spirit of God in your life? In what ways have you experienced the Spirit of God providing power (energy) for your life and ministry?
- Prayer: *God of Power, help me remember my baptism today. Help me to believe and to trust that your Spirit is empowering me to follow the teaching and example of Jesus. Amen.*

Tuesday, September 26 — Luke 4:16-21

According to Luke's Gospel, Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and affirms that the "*Spirit of the Lord*" is upon him (Luke 4:17-18). The passage Jesus read is Isaiah 61:1-2. The point is that God has anointed Jesus to fulfill the prophet's promises and that God's Spirit is empowering his God-given mission. The good news for us is that the same "*Spirit of the Lord*" will empower us when we commit our lives to Jesus and to Jesus' mission in the world.

- In prayer, reflect honestly on your life today. Do you share Jesus' vision for the world? Do you share his mission? What will help you trust God and trust God's Spirit enough to follow Jesus?
- Prayer: *God of Vision and Hope, grant me the courage I need to accept your vision and share your mission. Grant me the gift of your Spirit so that I can answer your call. Amen.*

Wednesday, September 27 — John 14:23-29

The presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives is a fulfillment of the promise made by Jesus to his disciples in the hours before his death on the cross. In John 14, Jesus prepares his disciples for his departure and comforts them by promising that the God would send the Holy Spirit to be their Advocate and Counselor. He says the Holy Spirit would keep Jesus' teaching alive for them and that, through the Holy Spirit, God would be with them.

- The Greek word Jesus uses for the Holy Spirit is *paraclete*. It is also used to describe a defense attorney in a courtroom. How might the Holy Spirit serve that role for you? Does the Holy Spirit stand with you in the middle of the trials of life?
- Prayer: *Loving God, I am thankful for the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and for the promise of the Holy Spirit. Fill me with your Spirit and grant me the gift of peace. Amen.*

Thursday, September 28 — Acts 2:1-4

The Pentecost account of the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus' disciples parallels the story of Jesus' baptism in Matthew 3, Luke 3, and Mark 1. Just as the descent of the Holy Spirit marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry, the descent of the Holy Spirit marked the beginning of the disciples' continuation of Jesus' ministry. Just as the Holy Spirit empowered Jesus' ministry, the Holy Spirit empowers our (disciples of Jesus) continuation of Jesus' ministry.

- In what ways do you hear God calling you to continue Jesus' earthly ministry? Do you believe that the Holy Spirit will empower you to do whatever God asks of you?
- Prayer: *God of Grace, forgive me for not believing that you call me to do great things in your name. Help me to trust more fully that you will empower me to serve. Amen.*

Friday, September 29 — 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

When we confess our faith using the historic words of The Apostles' Creed, we profess that we "*believe in Jesus Christ, [God's] only Son, our Lord.*" According to Paul, the New Testament apostle and writer of the letters to the Corinthians, we can only make that confession of faith through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. This is good news because it means that God is willing and able to help us to believe what we need to believe.

- If you believe that God is helping to form your faith and clarify your beliefs, it means that you trust God. How does it feel to give God access to your life and trust that God knows what's best for you? Are you doing anything that is interfering with what God is doing in your life right now?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, help me to confess that Jesus is Lord and give your complete and unconditional access to my life. Help me take the next steps in my faith today. Amen.*

Saturday, September 30 — Galatians 5:16-26

The fruit of the (Holy) Spirit described in Galatians 5:22-23 is an important list for everyone who follows Jesus. It describes the kind of person we will be if we give God unlimited and unfettered access to our lives. It describes the kind of person God wants us to be and gives us a way of evaluating whether we have completely surrendered ourselves to God. It encourages us to reflect on the ways we might be interfering with what the Holy Spirit is trying to do in us.

- Use the nine (9) characteristics of the fruit of the Spirit to review your life. Do you see any evidence that you are blocking or interfering with the Holy Spirit?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, open my eyes so that I can see myself the way you see me. Remove anything and everything in me that is preventing the Holy Spirit from bearing fruit. Amen.*

Nursery on Sundays

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 7:00 p.m., on Zoom. Contact Jim Wilson for details - 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 9 a.m. Meeting ID: 875 6105 5580

Our Prayer List

Alessandro, Alethia, Amanda & David, Amber & Briana, Andrew & family, Ashley, Betty, Bill & Maddie, Brett, Bruce, Bud, Carol & Rich, Cathy, Chris, Christopher, Claudia, Dan, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, David, David & Carol, Debbie, DeMicco family, Dick, Ed, Ellie, Erica, Fran & Tom, Frankie, Gary & Linda, Greg, Hammer family, Harry, Isobel, Jan, Jenna, Jeffrey, Joe & Marie, John, Judi, Kathy, Kay & John, Leah, Leslie, Linda, Liz & David, Laurie, Luana, Macy, Marcia, Marciene, Matt, Matthew, Maxley, Michael & family, Mickey & Ruth, Milligan family, Nancy, Nell, Niki & Blake, Patty, Pauline & Merlin, Pearl family, Peg & Dick, Peter, Roberto, Spencer, Speidel family, Stephanie, Steve & family, Stuart, Susan, Tim, Tom, Tony, Vanna, Whitney, students, seminarians, graduates, travelers, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by the opioid epidemic and those working to end it, victims of earthquake and flooding, victims of famine and war.

Current Sermon Series — This We Believe

Pastor Neil Hough is preaching a sermon series called, ***This We Believe***. It's based on The Apostles' Creed, one of the most familiar statements of what Christians believe. If you know someone who has questions about what it means to be a Christian, invite them to join us as we learn about our faith together.

Pastor's Bible Study — Continues This Week

As a complement to his sermon series, Pastor Neil is leading a study of Adam Hamilton's book, ***Creed: What Christians Believe and Why***. The study is exploring, in great depth, the statement of faith known as The Apostles' Creed. The study is on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. (in-person and on Zoom) and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. on Zoom. It's not too late to join the class. No registration or Bible study experience is required. The study book is available in various formats at Amazon, Cokesbury, and other booksellers.



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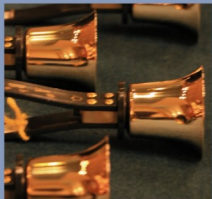
 Saturday, Oct. 7 7 - 9:15 p.m.	 Trinity Parking Lot behind Fellowship Building
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BYO: chair, blanket, snacks, and drinks
*Rain Location: Fellowship Lobby

Choir Rehearsals



Chancel Choir
every Sunday in the Sanctuary
10 a.m. warmup
10:30 a.m. service
11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. rehearsal



Trinity Ringers
second Sunday of each month in
the Sanctuary
9:30 - 10 a.m. rehearsal
10:30 a.m. prelude

Contact Jerry Rich, jrich@potomacschool.org

Fall Women's Retreat: Woman To Woman

Ladies: give yourself the gift of a special day, designed just for you, by attending this one-day retreat led by Reverend Anne Hough on **Saturday, September 30 from 9:30 – 4:30** in the Fellowship Building at the church. We will learn from various women in the Bible, and from each other, as we spend time relaxing, having fun, and growing closer to God and one another. The cost to cover lunch and supplies is \$20, payable by check, or through the church app, and designated for the retreat. Email Anne at aeahough@gmail.com to register. **The registration deadline is today,**



Trinity's choirs welcome new singers and ringers. Contact the director, Jerry Rich, for more information about Trinity's music ministry.

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, **October 10** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. The 2023-24 book schedule and more at <https://umtrinity.org/education/adults> or contact Kathy Maher, kathyngs@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.



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

Sign up on the white board in the coffee bar to provide snacks during Fellowship following the Sunday morning worship services. Contact Alesha Luxon, alesha.luxon@gmail.com.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sundays: Youth Group

4:30 - 6 p.m. at the church.

Upcoming Special Events:

Oct. 15: UNITE VA YOUTH @ Arcola, UMC 5-7:30 p.m.

Register Today by letting Catherine know you plan to attend. Must be registered in advance. Registration fee increases after Oct. 1.

Nov 4: RISE AGAINST HUNGER:

Register for the **8 a.m. volunteer slot**. Volunteer slots are filling up. Don't miss your chance to participate in this important volunteer ministry!

Do you receive Youth emails? If not, email Catherine at umtrinityyouth@gmail.com to be added to our list.

Coming Up

September

- 24 Mission Sunday
- 25 Crafts for a Cause
- 26 Preschool Board Meeting
- 30 Women's Retreat

October

- 1 Martha's Table
- 1 Pet Blessing
- 1 Celtic Service
- 7 Movie Night
- 9 Crafts for a Cause
- 15 Spire Deadline
- 21 Christ House
- 21 Good Works Day
- 21 Trustees Meeting
- 23 Crafts for a Cause
- 24 Charge Conference
- 29 Trunk or Treat
- 29 Celtic Service

November

- 4 Rise Against Hunger
- 5 Martha's Table
- 24 Christmas Tree Sales Begin

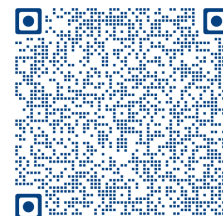
Youth Registration for 2023-24



Pet Blessing

October 1
2 p.m.

Attendance: Please complete a pew rack attendance card or scan the QR code with your phone's camera and click the link.



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Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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.