



Trinity United Methodist Church

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October 31, 2021

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Please complete a purple attendance card found in the pew rack or scan the QR code with your phone's camera to register your attendance today.



Prelude	<i>Arioso, BWV 156</i> (Bach)	Jerry Rich
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Eileen Gilmer
God is calling you today.		
Help us to hear God's call in our lives.		
God needs your gifts and graces to help others.		
May we use the blessings which God has given us to benefit others.		
Come, let us worship and celebrate God's love for us.		
Let us show our faithfulness in our words and actions. Amen.		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	UMH 127, Catherine Wethington
Children's Message		Neil Hough
Prayers of the People		Gilmer
Offering		Hough
This morning's offering will be received in the offering plates at the entrance. 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>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i> (Temple)	Catherine Wethington
Anthem 10:30	<i>Day by Day</i> (How)	Ensemble
Scripture	Matthew 13:44-46	Gilmer
"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.		
"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.		
Message	<i>Simple Money</i>	Neil Hough
Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)		Gilmer
* Closing Hymn	<i>Take My Life, and Let It Be</i>	p. UMH 399, Wethington
* Benediction		Hough
Closing Music	<i>Fughetta on A Mighty Fortress</i> (Pachelbel)	Jerry Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, November 1 — Hebrews 12:1-4

The Church celebrates All Saints' Day every year on November 1. It is the day we remember and thank God for the members of God's Church who have died in the past 12 months. (Remember: we are all saints, not because we are good, but because God is good.) On All Saints' Day we are reminded that "we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses," (Hebrews 12:1) and that the people who have gone before us have impacted our lives. The "cloud of witnesses" inspires us to keep the faith and run the race of discipleship that is set before us. (Note: Trinity UMC will celebrate All Saints' Day in worship on November 7.)

- Spend time today in prayerful thanksgiving for the people — living or dead — who have impacted your life. Ask God to help you impact the lives of others through your time, your talent, and your treasures.
- Prayer: *Eternal God, thank you for the many witnesses who have impacted my life. Grant them your grace and peace. Use me to impact the lives of others today. Amen.*

Tuesday, November 2 — Matthew 13:44-46

The two parables in Matthew 13:44-46 are about people who found treasures that were so valuable that they were willing to sell everything to get them. Jesus' message is clear: God's Kingdom is this surpassingly invaluable treasure. The Good News of God's Kingdom calls for the commitment of our whole life — everything that we are and everything that we have — our time, our possessions, and even our money. Following Jesus (entering the Kingdom) requires that we be willing to give everything to God.

- How much is the Kingdom of God worth to you? Would you be willing to give up everything to follow Jesus? What is keeping you from giving your whole life to God?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, thank you for helping me discover the treasure that is your eternal Kingdom. Let your Kingdom come, and your will be done, in my life today. Amen.*

Wednesday, November 3 — Deuteronomy 15:7-11

One thing we know about God is that God uses people like us to help people in need. Even though we give to God through the Church as an act of obedience and a response to God's blessings in our lives, we also know that God uses our generosity to bless others. In other words, God uses us to answer the prayers of people who are calling to God for help in times of pain, suffering, and distress. Deuteronomy 15:11 is clear that, as God's people, we are expected to help our poor and needy neighbors.

- In what ways does the church respond to the needs of its poor and needy neighbors? In what ways do you participate in the ministries of the church that help people in need?
- Prayer: *God of Love, too often I ignore the needs of the people around me and think only of myself. Open my eyes so that I can see and help my poor and needy neighbors. Amen.*

Thursday, November 4 — Deuteronomy 26:1-15

The Old Testament book of Deuteronomy describes the covenant between God and the people of Israel. As God's people, we see ourselves in this story as the people God has blessed so that we can be a blessing to the world. In the 26th chapter, we are reminded that when we know ourselves to be blessed by God and saved by God's grace through Jesus Christ, we must return to God the first fruits — the tithe — of all that we have received. We are also reminded that God uses our tithes to bless "the aliens, the orphans, and the widows" (Deuteronomy 26:12).

- What helps you remember and be thankful for the blessings you have received? Which portions of God's blessings do you return to God, the first fruits or what's left over?
- Prayer: *God of Grace, thank you for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. Grant me the courage I need to return the first fruits of your blessings back to you. Amen.*

Friday, November 5 — 2 Corinthians 8:1-14

In the apostle Paul's second letter to the Corinthians he reminds them about the collection he is receiving for the Church in Jerusalem (see 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 and Galatians 2:1-10) and uses the collection as an opportunity to teach them about generosity. He says that generosity is a tangible sign of their response to God's grace and that they should give according to their means.

- What does your level of generosity say about your response to God's grace? What does your generosity say about your faith, your trust in God's promises, and your love for God?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, thank you for the abundance of blessings that I enjoy every day. Teach me how to be generous and excel in my response to your grace. Amen.*

Saturday, November 6 — 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

The final section of Paul's appeal to the Corinthians reminds them that they will be blessed by their generosity. This doesn't necessarily mean that they will be financially rewarded, but that their relationship with God (and with others) will be transformed. Paul insists that generosity is one of the ways we grow in our faith and nurture our relationship with God. Generosity is a vitally important spiritual discipline.

- Do you believe that generosity is a spiritual discipline? In what ways have your acts of generosity nurtured your relationship with God? What kinds of blessings have you received when you have generously blessed others?
- Prayer: *Generous God, I am grateful that you held nothing back when you sent Jesus to be my Savior. Transform my life through the spiritual discipline of generosity. Amen.*



Online Worship



On Facebook: facebook.com/TrinityUMCMcLean
Sundays, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

On YouTube: youtube.com/UMTrinity
Sundays, 8:30 a.m.

Indoor Worship

Sundays, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Pre-register at umtrinity.org/health

Masks are required for those who are not fully vaccinated; strongly recommended for those who are fully vaccinated.

The Nursery will be staffed and available during both Sunday worship services beginning Sept. 12 for children 3 years old and under. Those who are 2 years old and older are required to wear a mask according to [CDC guidelines](#).



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This Week on Zoom

Password 1205

Engage Bible Study

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

Prayer Group

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

Pastor's Bible Study

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

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

Our Prayer List

Adrienne, Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Andrea, Ann, Ann & Jay, Annaliza, Ashton, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Bea, Beem family, Bennett, Betsy & Dave, Betty, Bill & Maddie, Bill, Brackley & Gail, Brandon, Bud, Buddy & Anna, Burt, Calvin, Carey, Carol & Rich, Carolyn, Case family, Cathryn, Cathy, Charlie & Judy, Connie, Crystal, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Carol, Debbie, Denis, Dick, Elaine, Elizabeth & Jose, Emily, Erica & Roberto, Fran & Tom, Gary & Lindie, Geoff, Grunenfelder family, Harriet, Henry, Hill family, Isabel, Isobel, Jane, Janice, Jasell, Jean, Jeremy, Jessie, Jill & George, Jim & Sue, Jimmie, Joe & Marie, Julie, Juliet, Kathleen, Kathy, Kay & John, Kayla, Kelly, Lara, Laurel, Leah, Lewis family, Linda, Linda & Richard, Lisa, Liz & David, Luana, Marciene, Marge, Marlis, Melissa & Chad, Meredith & Kyle, Milligan family, Miso, Naty, Nikolai, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Powell family, Rachel, Ricky, Roberts family, Rosie, Sandy, Scott, Shelby, Shirley, Sihoo, Sophie, Spencer, Sue, Suzanne, Tom, Vanessa, Vicki, Vinnie & Sandy, Whittfield family and Yancey, students, our children's ministry, healthcare and emergency workers, hospital chaplains, those who mourn, the homeless and those who face eviction, the unemployed, healing for our country, those who have or have had COVID-19, those distributing vaccines, COVID vaccines for children, solution for delta variant, those who serve our country, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters and political turmoil around the world, especially in Louisiana, Haiti and Afghanistan, Afghan & Haitian refugees & missionaries, Gold Star families, those displaced by fires and floods, and schools dealing with COVID outbreaks.



Pastor's Bible Study

On Zoom – Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Join Pastor Eileen Gilmer for a four-week overview of the book of Acts. Week 1 will be held on Tuesday, November 2 and Wednesday, November 3. If you'd like more information, please contact Pastor Eileen, egilmer@umtrinity.org. No previous Bible study experience necessary.

Send us your prayer requests: Visit umtrinity.org and look for Prayer Requests under Worship.

Highlights from E-News

You'll find more information in Friday's E-News. If you're not receiving our weekly e-mail, please send the address where you want to receive it to info@umtrinity.org

Book Chat: Nov. 8—New Date

Our monthly Book Chat meetings on Zoom are going well! We plan to continue with virtual meetings and occasional (safe) in-person social events. On Monday, November 8, at 6:30 p.m., we'll meet to discuss *Mink River*, by Brian Doyle, about a fictional town on the Oregon coast that is brought to life through the jumbled lives and braided stories of its people. Then we'll take a break for the holidays! We'll resume on Tuesday, January 11, with *Uncommon Type: Some Stories*, by Tom Hanks. Please contact Kathy Maher (Kathyngs@gmail.com) to be added to the Book Chat list and receive the Zoom link for the meeting.

Charge Conference

Our 2021 Charge Conference, the annual meeting of our congregation will meet on Zoom this year. This is the meeting to set clergy compensation and leadership nominations for 2022. Members of the Executive Council are voting members of the Charge Conference. Others are also welcome to log on and hear the reports from this year and the plans for 2022. Meeting ID: 878 3345 6747

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 if can be replenished for next week.

Children's Worship for ages 4 - 4th grade meets during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.

Club 56 for grades 5 & 6 meets during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.

Christ House Closet

Christ House is a medical facility for homeless men in Washington, D.C. All newly admitted patients are provided with comfortable, clean clothing. The current needs list can be found in E-News. Donations can be left in the bins placed outside the Fellowship Building: Tuesday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Grocery Gift Cards

Last month, we distributed over \$800 in gift cards to over 40 families. The people we help are always very appreciative. Cards can be put in the offering plate.

Halloween Egg Hunt—TODAY

All children are invited to a Halloween egg hunt following the 10:30 service today, Sunday, October 31. Start your trick-or-treating with your friends at Trinity. Costumes optional!

Poinsettias—Order by Nov. 9

Order at <http://umtrinity.org/poinsettias>

This Week at Trinity on TV

Our sermons air on Fairfax Public Access Channel 36 (on Cox and Verizon). Listed below are the 30-minute time slots for *This Week at Trinity* airing on Channel 36:

Every Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Every Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Every Sunday at 7 a.m.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sundays 5-6:30 p.m.

Weekly in-person meetings

Youth meet every Sunday for a time of fellowship, food, and fun!

Confirmation classes will be held Jan. 9—May 15 on Sundays, 4 - 5p.m. Pastor Anne Hough will serve as this year's lead teacher.

For more information about our Youth Group or to volunteer as Confirmation mentor, please contact Karim Boyce (umtrinityyouth@gmail.com).

For more youth activities, including service opportunities, please visit umtrinity.org/education/youth.



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