



# Trinity United Methodist Church

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May 11, 2025

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	<i>Hymn of Promise (Sleeth/Rich)</i>	Trinity Ringers
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Taehwan Roh
Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God's eternal care. <b>Jesus prays for us, giving us into God's care.</b> Know that you have been blessed with the love of the Savior. <b>We live in that love and seek to serve God.</b> Open your hearts and spirits now to hear God's word. <b>May our lives be open to God's Spirit and reflect God's love.</b>		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	UMH 92
Baptisms: Norah and Jack Whittington		Clergy
Reception of New Members: Jonathan and Alet Whittington		Clergy
Children's Message		Laurie Strollo
Prayers of the People		Taehwan Roh
Offering		Neil Hough
This morning's offering will be received as we pass the offering plates. You may also give online at <a href="http://umtrinity.org/give">http://umtrinity.org/give</a> and through our app. On the website, scroll down and click on SET UP ONLINE GIVING.		
Offertory (10:30)	<i>Creation Will Be at Peace (Page)</i>	Chancel Choir
Scripture	1 John 4:16b-21	Taehwan Roh
God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.		
Message	<i>Fearless Love</i>	Neil Hough
* Closing Hymn	<i>Because He Lives</i>	UMH 364
* Benediction		Neil Hough
* Closing Music	<i>March in D from The AMB Notebook (Bach)</i>	Jerry Rich

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# Grow — Pray — Study

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

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## **Monday, May 12 — Psalm 27:1-14**

As we consider how we might live our lives fearlessly, with courage and hope, we rely on the Scriptures that promise God's presence and God's protection. Many passages of Scripture invite us to entrust our lives to God and inspire us to celebrate God's love and God's goodness. Psalm 27 is one of them. The Psalm makes several promises and reminds us that *"The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"* (Psalm 27:1).

- Which one of the promises you find in Psalm 27 is most important for you today? Are you able to claim that promise and God's other promises (in Psalm 27 and elsewhere in Scripture) for yourself? How might you increase your trust in God today?
- Prayer: *God of Light and Salvation, today I place myself fully in your hands. I entrust my life to your care and trust you to be the stronghold of my life. Amen.*

## **Tuesday, May 13 — Romans 8:31-39**

The 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans is a very familiar passage for many Christians. It's promises are powerful and meaningful, especially in times of pain, sorrow, and grief. If we believe that these words are trustworthy and true, then we have nothing to fear. Nothing in life or death; nothing past, present, or future can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus. God's love and grace is the most powerful force in creation, but all too often, we struggle to trust that God's power works this way.

- In what ways have you experienced the life-changing power of God's love and grace today? In the past week? In the past year?
- Prayer: *God of Love, pour out your Spirit in my life and give me the courage to trust in the power of your Love. Help me believe that nothing can separate me from you. Amen.*

## **Wednesday, May 14 — Matthew 5:43-48**

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew's Gospel, chapters 5, 6, and 7) describes the nature of life in God's Kingdom. It's very clear that Jesus has high expectations for his disciples. He casts a profoundly hopeful vision for our future. If we will follow him and allow ourselves to be transformed by his love and grace, our lives will be very different, but we find that his words are often hard to hear and even harder to put into practice. We have to be fearless and trust that Jesus knows best.

- What do you think about what Jesus says about loving our enemies? How have you put his words into practice?
- Prayer: *God of High Expectations, thank you for accepting me the way I am, yet challenging me to be transformed by your grace. Lead me toward perfection today. Amen.*

## **Thursday, May 15 — Luke 9:51-56**

We learn as much from Jesus' example as we do from his teaching. As we read the Gospels, we discover that Jesus practiced what he preached. In the time of Jesus' earthly life, Samaritans and Jews would have been considered enemies. The proposed response by James and John to the Samaritans' rejection of Jesus is an example of the animosity between the groups of people. Jesus' rebuke of their desire for retribution is consistent with Jesus' teaching about love for enemies in Matthew 5 and Luke 6.

- In what ways do you put your beliefs into practice? Are your actions consistent with your words and your professed values?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, forgive me for desiring retribution and revenge and rejecting the teaching and example of Jesus. Give me courage to follow Jesus' example. Amen.*

## **Friday, May 16 — John 4:7-15, 27-30**

The Gospels' accounts of Jesus' life and ministry are filled with stories about the many ways he challenged the conventional religious and social wisdom of 1<sup>st</sup> century Israel. His encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well is one prominent example. (Jesus' use of the Samaritan as the hero in his parable in Luke 10:29-37 about the man who fell into the hands of robbers is another example.) The astonishment of Jesus' disciples in John 4:27 is a clue that Jesus, by engaging the woman in conversation and sharing a drink of water with her, was *"breaking all the rules."*

- How might Jesus' teaching and example challenge the conventional wisdom of our day? Which of our 21<sup>st</sup> century "rules" might Jesus break?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, show me the people who need your love. Remove the fear that prevents me from loving them, helping them, and serving them in Jesus' name. Amen.*

## **Saturday, May 17 — 1 John 4:16b-21**

According to John, love is the antidote to fear. He says, *"Perfect love casts out fear"* (1 John 4:18). The problem is that we have not yet reached perfection in love. So, if we are to be unafraid and live with courage and hope, we will need to strengthen our ability to love. To start with, we accept that we are loved by God. Too many people do not trust or believe that God really loves them. Once we accept God's love, we practice sharing God's love in an ever-expanding circle: family, friends, colleagues, neighbors, strangers, even enemies. That's how we change the world in God's name.

- In light of today's reading, with whom will you share God's love today?
- Prayer: *Loving God, thank you for loving the world so much that you sent Jesus to show us perfect love. Help me receive your love and then share your love with everyone. Amen.*

# Celebration of Christian Baptism for Norah and Jack Whittington

Jonathan and Alet, on behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world,  
and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you  
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as your Lord,  
in union with the Church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

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Will you nurture Eleanor and Jack in Christ's holy Church,  
that by your teaching and example they will be guided  
to accept God's grace for themselves,  
to profess their faith openly,  
and to lead a Christian life?

**I will.**

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To the Trinity Church Family:  
do you, as Christ's body, the Church,  
reaffirm both your rejection of sin  
and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life  
and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround this family  
with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that they may grow in their trust of God,  
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,  
that they may be true disciples  
who walk in the way that leads to life.**



*The pastor prays a Thanksgiving over the Water.*

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Eleanor/Jonathan, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you,  
that being born through water and the Spirit,  
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Now it is our joy to welcome  
our new brother and sister in Christ.


**Through baptism  
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit  
into God's new creation  
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.  
We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you  
as a member of the family of Christ.**

Members of the household of God,  
I commend this family to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase their faith,  
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you  
in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation  
of The United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant  
faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of the Church  
by our prayers, our presence,  
our gifts, our service, and our witness  
that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace,  
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish you and strengthen you  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
that you may live in grace and peace.



On Sunday, June 8, we will be celebrating Neil Hough's ministry at Trinity. Neil will be preaching at both services, and we will have an opportunity to thank him and Anne for their many years of service in the church and community.

Then, after the 10:30 service, we'll gather for a picnic lunch. We plan to be outside, but please note that the picnic will be held rain or shine. Here are some details as you plan for Sunday:

- Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided, grilled to perfection by the United Methodist Men.
- Drinks will be provided — water, iced tea, and sodas.
- We need you to help provide the rest of the feast. Please bring a vegetable, salad, side dish, or dessert to share. You can drop them off in the Fellowship Building Lobby before the service. The refrigerator will be available if you need it.
- If you have special dietary requirements, please bring what you need.

We need help setting up and cleaning up on Sunday. Set-up will start around 10 a.m. and we'll clean-up as the party draws to a close.

Finally, you can contribute to a Love Offering for Neil and Anne by going to [umtrinity.org/give-now](https://umtrinity.org/give-now) or using the app and choosing Love Offering in the Fund options. You can also write a check to bring or send to the church. Make sure it's clearly marked for the Love Offering.

I hope you'll plan to join us on Sunday June 8, not only to say goodbye to Neil and Anne, but also to spend time in Christian fellowship with the Trinity Church Family.

*Stephanie Gruenfelder*



# Graduate Recognition

The high school and post-secondary Class of 2024 will be recognized in worship on June 1. Send your name and the name of the school from where you graduated and future plans (as known) by May 28 to [info@umtrinity.org](mailto:info@umtrinity.org).



## Nursery on Sundays

The Nursery is staffed during both Sunday worship services for children 3 years old and under.

## This Week on Zoom

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### Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 894 8087 9762  
Tuesday's class is also in-person. Wednesday at 7 p.m.: Meeting ID: 886 5257 6837 on Zoom only.

### Book Chat: **May 13**

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Meeting ID: 824 6934 5400

### Prayer Group

Wednesday at 9 a.m. Meeting ID: 875 6105 5580

### New Bible Study Series: Philippians

The power of Christ's resurrection continues to shape our daily lives long after Easter Sunday. Join Pastor Taehwan as we study the book of Philippians, a letter filled with encouragement, written by the Apostle Paul while in prison. Together, we will explore the themes of lasting joy, Christ-like humility, and the strength of Christian community. Beginning **May 13 & 14**, this 3-week study offers space for listening, reflection, and sharing. No prior experience is needed — just come with an open heart. All are welcome!

⇒ **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** – Trinity Library (Hybrid with Zoom)

⇒ **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.** – Zoom Only

## Our Prayer List

Aaron, Alan & Rhonda, Allen family, Amy, Anita, Anne, Anusha, AP, April, Audrina, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Becca, Becky, Ben, Ben & April, Betty, Bill, Bob, Brent, Brett & Laurie, Bruce, Bud, Cameron, Cami, Carl, Carol & Rich, Caspari family, Cathy, Charlie, Chick, Chris, Christine, Christopher, Chuck, Dan, Daniel, Daniele, Danny, Dara, Darlene & Steve, Davey, David, David & Carol, David & Doreen, David & Sara-Michelle, Debbie & Steve, Diane, Douglas, Eifiona, Eleanor, Ella, Ellen, Emily, Eric, Erica, Evan, Frank, Franklin, Gail, Gary & Lindie, Gregg, Hanna, Harry, Holly, Hoyt, Hyland, Jack, Jack & June, Jackie & Ron, Jason & Emmett, Jeff, Jennifer, Jewel, Jim, Jim, Jimmy, Joan, Joanna, Joe, John, Jonathan, Jones family, Judy, Juli, Julie, Katie, Ken, Kevin, Krista & Robert, Kurt, Ladye, Laura, Leo, Leonore, Leslie, Levi, Libby, Linda, Lon & Barb, Luke, Macy & Ellie, Mandy & Mack, Margarita, Marie & Joe, Margie, Marguerite & John, Marilyn, Mark, Matthew, Melissa, Merlin, Mia, Mickey & Ruth, Mikey, Mikie, Myrtle, Nancy, Nanette, Nolen family, Okun family, Olin, Owena, Pearl, Peggy, Peter, Pi, Ples, Rishi, Rosemary, Rowan, Sam, Sam & Evan, Sheila, Silva, Sissi, Sitta, Spencer, Stacy & Ellie, Steve, Susan, Teddy, Teresa & Norman, Terry, Tessa, Tim, Thomas, Tom, Tom & Hannah, Veda, Victor, Vinnie, Wayne family, Winie & Joseph, Woody, Yancey, and those who are traveling, people losing jobs, success for employment seekers, the children and staff at Heart to Heart Worldwide Village in Honduras, The Leadership Center, our nation's leadership and unity, soldiers abroad and at home, peace on earth, an end to antisemitism and Islamophobia, leadership crisis in South Korea, those affected by the California wildfires and Myanmar earthquake, storm and flood victims, those trying to make a better future for our nation, government employees, immigrants, orphans in Ethiopia, victims of abuse and hostages throughout the world, and the Hough & Rochford families & Trinity UMC during the pastoral transition.

## Meditation & Mindfulness

Wednesday, May 21

7 - 8 p.m.

Langley Hall

Experience how mindfulness and meditation can quiet the mind, help us navigate the changing world, and explore our spiritual selves.

Questions? Call the Church Office, 703-356-3312

## Vacation Bible Saturday

Saturday, July 12

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

ages 3 - rising 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Register at [umtrinity.org/vbs](http://umtrinity.org/vbs)

## Highlights from E-News

### Book Chat

Book Chat meets on Tuesday, **May 13** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. This month's book is *Table for Two: Shorts Stories* by Amor Towles. All are welcome and you don't need to be a Trinity member or have even read the book to join. Zoom information on p. 3.

### Camp Highroad

**Summer Camp** ages 5 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. <https://www.camphighroad.org/summer-camp>

**Camp Highroad is hiring** summer counselors, counselors in training and program staff. <https://camphighroad.campbrainstaff.com/>

### Children's Ministries

**Children's Worship 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.

**Children's Worship** (ages 4 - 6th grade) meets during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.

**Vacation Bible Saturday** will be July 12. More details will be available soon.

### Fellowship

Each week individuals, families or ministry groups host our Fellowship snacks. Please consider signing up for either the 8:30 or 10:30 service's Fellowship time. Scan the QR code at the right to sign-up.

### Meditation & Mindfulness

Experience how mindfulness and meditation can quiet the mind, help us navigate the changing world, and explore our spiritual selves. The hour-long session begins at 7 p.m. on **Wed., May 21**, in Langley Hall.

Maureen Kammerer will conduct the session and has been giving lessons in mindfulness for over 30 years, helping others to experience the peace of a comfortable seated guided meditation. Questions? Call the church office, 703-356-3312.

### Prayer Group

Meets on Zoom on Wednesdays at 9 a.m.! Everyone is welcome.

### Trinity Preschool of McLean

Class options for children two and a half to six years old. Enrollment for Summer Camp 2025 and 2025-26 is open. Call the school office today to inquire about current openings or to schedule a school tour. <http://umtrinity.org/preschool>.

### Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

No Sunday youth group on May 4. Youth Group will meet on May 18, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

To receive youth emails, contact Catherine Wethington, [umtrinityyouth@gmail.com](mailto:umtrinityyouth@gmail.com).

## Coming Up

### May

13 Book Chat  
17 Christ House  
18 Confirmation Sunday  
20 Trustees  
21 Meditation & Mindfulness  
25 Celtic Service

### June

1 Martha's Table  
1 Choir Concert  
8 The Houghs last Sunday  
8 Farewell Reception for Houghs  
10 Book Chat  
15 *Spire* deadline  
19 Office Closed  
21 Christ House  
29 Celtic Service

### July

4 Office Closed  
12 Vacation Bible Saturday

### Quick Links

Scan this QR code with your phone's camera and click the link for quick access to forms. Or, visit: [umtrinity.org/about-us/quick-links](http://umtrinity.org/about-us/quick-links)  
This page currently holds:

- > Worship attendance
- > Children and youth registration
- > Christ House wish list
- > Fellowship hosts
- > Ushers
- > VBS



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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](https://youtube.com/UMTrinity). The Celtic Service can be seen on the last Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook.