



# Trinity United Methodist Church



*The Light of the World*, William Holman Hunt  
Oil on canvas, English, 1854

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8:30 a.m.



Welcome to Trinity Church! We are grateful you are here. We'd appreciate it if you would complete an attendance card found in the pew rack (or scan the QR code on page 8 with your phone's camera and click the link) to register your attendance today - and do include each family member present.

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Prelude *On Earth As It Is in Heaven/Gabriel's Oboe* (Morricone) Ben Rochford, flute

Welcome

- \* Call to Worship *from Isaiah 2, Romans 13*  
Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.  
**Let us enter God's presence.**  
God will teach us the ways of peace.  
**Let us travel along God's paths.**

- \* Gathering Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* see insert

- \* Lighting of the Advent Candle *Light the Advent Candle* (vs 1) FWS 2090  
Light the Advent candle one; now the waiting has begun;  
We have started on our way, time to think of Christmas day.  
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;  
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God,  
we begin our journey toward Christmas with hope stirring within.  
**Teach us how to get ready. Show us how to prepare our hearts for Jesus.**  
When our hearts wander in the shadows, draw us back to your light.  
**Forgive us when we choose distraction over devotion,  
and when we forget the nearness of your light.**  
Help us walk in your ways, as we put on the image of your Son, Jesus Christ.  
*[a time of silence follows]*  
Guide us on your paths of peace and understanding,  
as we prepare our hearts anew for the road ahead.  
**Amen.**

Children's Message Laurie Strollo

*Children are invited to Children's Worship in Room 402,  
a place for those 4 years through 6th grade to worship God in their own ways.*

Prayers of the People Taehwan Roh

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 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (Thomerson) Quartet

Reading from the Scriptures Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Message *Wake Up to the Light* Taehwan Roh

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*(Continued on page 3)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
*[The minister continues this prayer of thanksgiving, concluding:]*

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*[The minister continues the prayer, recalling the institution of the Lord's Supper, concluding:]*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and cup.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.**

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
**all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*All are invited to come forward to receive bread and juice by means of intinction (the dipping of a piece of bread in the cup). You may then return to your seat by the side aisle. Those who prefer gluten-free elements may obtain them up front. Those who prefer to remain in the pew and receive Communion may do so, and are asked to signal your desire to do so to an usher.*

Anthem

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* (Praetorius)

Quartet

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we thank you for the way to abundant life  
that you have opened up for us.  
Grant that we may make our own crossings and passages  
as we bear to the world the Good News of your saving Grace,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* Closing Hymn

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

see insert

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

*Praise God, All Christians* (Vetter)

Jerry Rich

\* Please stand as you are able.

# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 196

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy  
 2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,  
 yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -  
 now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of  
 spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744  
 MUSIC: Rowland H. Pritchard, 1830; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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# 2173 Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine, — fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry,  
 blaze, Spir - it, blaze, — set our hearts on fire;  
 flow, riv - er, flow, — flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy,  
*Fine*  
 send forth your word, — Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing  
 2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence  
 3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing;  
 from the shad - ows in - to your ra - di - ance;  
 so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness;

Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,  
 by the blood I may en - ter your bright - ness,  
 ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
 search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness.  
 mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry.

WORDS: Graham Kendrick (2 Cor. 4:6)  
 MUSIC: Graham Kendrick  
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SOCIAL HOLINESS

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
 Irregular with Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me.  
 Shine on me, shine on me.  
 Shine on me, shine on me.

*D.C.*

# Grow — Pray — Study

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



## **Monday, December 1 — Isaiah 2:1–11**

Isaiah paints a breathtaking vision of a future where people from every nation stream toward God's mountain. It's a vision of hope that challenges our present darkness. Instead of trusting in weapons or wealth, God's people are invited to walk in light—to live as if peace were already possible.

But Isaiah also warns against arrogance. The higher we build ourselves, the more we forget who truly reigns. Advent reminds us that true security is found not in power or possessions but in walking humbly with God.

- What “mountains” of pride or self-reliance might God be calling you to lower?
- How could your life become a sign of peace and humility this week?
- **Prayer:** God of light, lead me away from the shadows of pride. Teach me to walk in your ways of peace and gentleness, so that my life may reflect your coming kingdom. Amen.

## **Tuesday, December 2 — Psalm 122:1–9**

The psalmist rejoices to enter the house of the Lord—a place where gratitude and peace meet. In Advent, we, too, are pilgrims on a journey toward God's presence. Jerusalem means “city of peace,” yet peace never happens automatically. It must be prayed for, pursued, and practiced. True worship overflows into relationships marked by reconciliation and care.

When we pray for peace, we are not asking God to do what we will not. We are joining God's work to make peace possible.

- Who around you need your prayer for peace today?
- How might worship shape your actions beyond Sunday?
- **Prayer:** Faithful God, let my prayer for peace begin with my own heart. Make me an instrument of harmony in my family, church, and world. Amen.

## **Wednesday, December 3 — Matthew 24:36–51**

Jesus teaches that no one knows the hour of his return. The point is not fear but faithfulness. When life feels routine, it's easy to drift into spiritual sleep, forgetting that every day matters.

The faithful servant stays ready not by anxious watching, but by steady service—doing ordinary tasks with extraordinary love. The kingdom arrives not in grand displays, but in small acts of integrity and care.

- What everyday task could become an act of faithfulness for you this week?
- How can you stay spiritually awake amid daily routines?
- **Prayer:** Ever-present God, help me stay ready through simple faithfulness. Keep my heart attentive and my hands active in love. Amen.

## **Thursday, December 4 — Romans 12:9–21**

Paul describes what it means to live as people of the light: sincere love, patient endurance, generosity, and peace. These are not moral checklists but signs of a heart transformed by grace.

Advent hope is lived out through kindness—feeding the hungry, blessing our enemies, rejoicing with those who rejoice, and weeping with those who weep. When we choose love over resentment, we mirror the light of Christ to a weary world.

- Where do you sense God inviting you to show love that costs something?
- How might you “overcome evil with good” this week?
- **Prayer:** God of grace, shape my heart to love as Christ loves. Let my life reflect your goodness even in difficult places. Amen.

## **Friday, December 5 — John 1:1–18**

John's prologue declares that the Word became flesh and lived among us. This is the mystery of Advent: the Creator entering creation, the light shining where it is least expected. God's light doesn't erase darkness—it transforms it. When we welcome that light, we discover that grace is not a theory but a person.

In a world that confuses success with worth, John reminds us that divine glory looks like humility, compassion, and truth embodied in Jesus Christ.

- Where have you seen God's light breaking through darkness in your life or community?
- What does it mean for you to “receive” the Word today?
- **Prayer:** Light of the world, shine in me anew. Let your truth dwell deeply within, and may my life bear witness to your grace. Amen.

## **Saturday, December 6 — 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11**

Paul reminds believers that they are “children of the light.” Advent is not about guessing when Christ will return but about living ready every day. To live in the light is to live with courage, encouraging one another, building up faith, and staying sober-minded in hope. The armor of light is not made of metal but of mercy, compassion, and endurance.

The day of the Lord will come, but until then, every sunrise is an invitation to begin again.

- How can you encourage someone else to live in hope this week?
- What would it look like to begin each morning as a new Advent moment?
- **Prayer:** God of hope, keep me steady in faith and generous in love. Clothe me with your light and teach me to live awake in every season. Amen.

## Today at Trinity

### 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](mailto:jrich@potomacschool.org).

**Children's Worship, 10:30 a.m.** (ages 4 - 6th grade) takes place following the Children's Message.

## This Week



**Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.: Seeking Starlight: A Brief Bible Study for Advent**

**Wednesday, 7 p.m.**

Who is God? How can God be known? And what is God's disposition toward us? These questions will shape a 3-session reflection on the history and present significance of the season called Advent. Come be with us for this broad-reaching, scripture-focused inquiry into what it really means that God chose to become one of us.

★ Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (Church Library + Zoom)

★ Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Zoom only)

Dec. 2/3 – 16/17. All are welcome!

**Wednesday, 9 a.m.: Prayer Group**

A dedicated community that meets via Zoom to lift up the needs of our church family, community and world. If you'd like to know more or to participate, please speak to one of our pastors or call the office, 703-356-3312.

## Coming Up

### November 30: Celtic Service

Come to experience the holy at our Celtic Evensong. With both quiet moments of reflection and contemplative music, experience God in a new way. God is waiting. All are welcome. The service will be at 5 p.m. in the Chapel; it is also live streamed.

### December 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!

### December 7: Youth Group

Youth Group, grades 7-12, meets 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. Visit <https://umtrinity.org/education/youth> to view the Youth calendar.

### December 11: Trinity Ladies' Cookie Exchange

All ladies of Trinity are invited to the Newcomb residence for our annual cookie exchange on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.. Please bring 2 dozen cookies and an extra container. RSVP: Mary Newcomb ([m\\_newcomb@yahoo.com](mailto:m_newcomb@yahoo.com)) for the address.

### December 14: Lessons & Carols

During worship, Trinity's Music Ministry will offer carols to accompany Bible readings about the events leading up to Jesus' birth. Come be with us for the journey!

### December 20: Christ House Meal Mission

Christ House is a place of healing; a residential, medical facility for homeless men located on Columbia Road in the Adams Morgan area of Washington, DC. We prepare lunch on the third Saturday of every month. Contact Connie Jeremiah for more information, 703-307-4635 or [dcjeremiah@verizon.net](mailto:dcjeremiah@verizon.net).

## Our Prayer List

Adamson family, Anderson family, Anne, Annie Ruth, Arla, Arnold family, Leth, Barb, Ben, Betty, Brett, Bud, Carolyn, Casey, Chris, Christie, Clara, Claudia, Corbin, Crista, Dale, Dane, Daniel, Dara, Dave, Davey, David, Douglas, Dudley & Susan, Earley family, Emmett, Evan, Faga family, Frances, Gail, Gililand family, Gloria, Grace, Grubich family, Hager family, Heather & Paul, Jack, Jason, Jewel, Jimmy, Joan, Joe, Joel, John, Karen, Kate & Leo, Kathy, Kenny family, Kristen, Laurie, Lenore, Linda, Luke, MacVean family, Maines family, Margie, Marie, Mary, Mary Frances, Michael, Nancy, Peggy, Peter & Dee, Ples, Rubina, Sally, Sam & Alex, Sheila, Spinks family, Staley family, Sue, Tina, Vasser family, Vicki, Willis & Carter, Winie & Joseph, Wade, Wyatt, Yancey, and peace in the Middle East and efforts of those seeking peace, our nation's leadership and unity, workers losing jobs, people experiencing natural disasters, those without housing, those traveling, those who are hungry.





Join Trinity in serving our community this holiday season through these opportunities:

Due Today

### Angel Tree for SHARE of McLean

Partner with Trinity Youth in filling gift bags for SHARE, choosing ornaments on Trinity's Angel Trees (Narthex and Fellowship Hall).

This is how it works!

1. Beginning Nov. 16, choose an ornament (handmade by Trinity Youth) from an Angel Tree.
2. Purchase one of the suggested (\$15) gifts OR donate funds for a gift/gifts to be purchased for your SHARE youth (ages 12-13, 14-15, 16-18) by a Trinity shopper.
3. Place your gift(s) in a gift bag (Decorate if you'd like!) and tie ornament around bag handles.
4. Return bag to large labeled box in Trinity Fellowship Lobby by **Sunday, November 30**.

### SHARE of McLean's Holiday Treat Tables

Saturday, December 6, 8:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.

or

Wednesday, December 17, 8:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Contribute to a holiday "treat table" for SHARE clients in one of the following ways:

- providing 25-50 individually wrapped baked goods
- providing 25-50 individual juice packs
- volunteering along with a Trinity SHARE partner (Cindy Oh, Lisa Russell) on one of the selected mornings. Contact Lisa to sign up.

If you are not available for these holiday events but would like to learn more about partnering with Trinity and SHARE, please contact:

Cindy Oh  
cohva7762@gmail.com  
703-760-0047

Lisa Russell  
russ5bunch@gmail.com  
571- 294-9525

Thank you for your generosity in sharing the joy of the Christmas season with our community!



## 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 cordially invited to meet friends and neighbors after each of our worship services. Join us in the Fellowship Lobby to the right of the breezeway. Each week individuals, families or ministry groups host our refreshments. Please consider signing up for either the 8:30 or 10:30 service's Fellowship time. Scan the QR code under Quick Links at the right to sign-up.

### Trinity Preschool of McLean

TPoM welcomes all students ages 2-6. Please visit [umtrinity.org/preschool](http://umtrinity.org/preschool) to learn more about this vibrant ministry or to schedule a tour for your child.

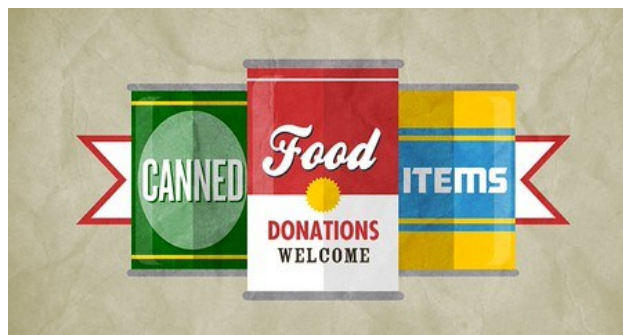
### Ushers Needed

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.

- > Worship attendance
- > Children & Youth registration
- > Tree Lot Volunteers
- > Book Chat discussion group
- > Christ House wish list
- > Fellowship Hour hosts
- > Ushers



## Children's Ministry/Trinity Preschool "Stone Soup" Food Collection for SHARE

Given the enormous increase in food insecurity here in our community, Trinity is stepping up. The congregation is strongly encouraged to participate in our Food Drive for SHARE. Please bring your contributions by December 4. SHARE's current most needed items include:

- ♥ Peanut butter
- ♥ Canned fruit
- ♥ Fruit cups
- ♥ Granola bars
- ♥ Pasta
- ♥ Tomato products (diced, sauce, whole)
- ♥ Spaghetti sauce (plastic containers)

Other canned, packaged, and boxed items are welcome as well! You'll find a collection bin in the Narthex. Thank you for helping Trinity's children help our neighbors.

### Trinity Church Staff

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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://youtube.com/UMTrinity). Our 5 p.m. Celtic Service is in-person and streamed on the last Sunday of the month. If you're not yet receiving our Friday weekly events e-mail, please send us your address at [info@umtrinity.org](mailto:info@umtrinity.org)