



Trinity United Methodist Church

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November 20, 2022

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

We ask that everyone complete an attendance card found in the pew rack or scan the QR code with your phone's camera to register your attendance today. This attendance will be used should contact tracing become necessary.



Prelude (8:30)
Prelude (10:30)

Ar hyd y nos (Rodriguez)
Now, Thank We All Our God (Callahan)

Jerry Rich
Jerry Rich

Welcome and Announcements

Clergy

* Call to Worship

Neil Hough

God calls us here and God calls us beloved.

We are freely given hope, grace and forgiveness.

Even though life can be hard and we sometimes feel overwhelmed,

God remains faithful to us.

We open our hearts to celebrate Christ the King.

May Jesus reign in our hearts forever. Amen.

* Gathering Hymn

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Children's Message

Neil Hough

Prayers of the People

Hough

Offering

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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.

Anthem (8:30)
Anthem (10:30)

We Are God's People (Brahms)
The Splendor of His Holiness (Fettke)

Maggie Rabe
Chancel Choir

Scripture

Luke 23:33-43

Hough

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Message

A King and a Kingdom for All

Eileen Gilmer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

Hough

* Closing Hymn

Soon and Very Soon

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* Benediction

Gilmer

Closing Music

Nun danket alle Gott (Thiman)

Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, November 21 — Ezekiel 34:11-16

Shepherds play a prominent role in the biblical story. There are more than 100 references to shepherds in the Old and New Testaments. Jesus' ancestor, King David, was a shepherd (1 Samuel 16:11). Jesus referred to himself as the Good Shepherd who gave his life for his flock (John 10:11). While we may not want to think of ourselves as sheep, knowing that Jesus is our shepherd is very good news.

- The fact that we have someone to care for us as a shepherd cares for his sheep is meant to be comforting. Is it a comforting image for you? What Biblical stories or images comfort you?
- Prayer: Comforting God, thank you for caring so deeply about me. Thank you for loving, protecting, and guiding me, even when I wander astray. Amen.

Tuesday, November 22 — Luke 15:1-7

Jesus had a reputation for spending time with the "wrong kind" of people. According to the conventional wisdom of Jesus' day, a "good person" should not associate with tax collectors and sinners. Luke tells us that the religious leaders were grumbling about Jesus. In response, he told them three parables, starting with one about a shepherd looking for a single lost sheep.

- What do you think about Jesus' parable? Does it seem irresponsible to leave the flock to search for a single sheep? How would you feel if you were one of the ninety-nine? How would you feel if you were the one?
- Prayer: Seeking God, forgive me when I grumble about the breadth of your grace. Help me remember that I am a sinner who has been saved by your love and grace. Amen.

Wednesday, November 23 — Matthew 25:31-46

In his parable about the last judgment, Jesus describes the shocking discovery that we meet Jesus when we care for the needs of others, specifically "the least of these who are members of my family" (Matthew 25:40). He said the righteous are the ones who cared for others, even though they did not realize they were caring for Jesus himself, and that we are accountable for the way we treat people.

- If you took this parable seriously, would it change the way you look at others? If you took this parable seriously, would you change the way you treat others? Do you take this parable seriously?
- Prayer: God of Judgment, forgive me when I fail to take you seriously. Forgive me for not seeing others the way you see them. Help me see you in every person I meet. Amen.

Thursday, November 24 — Psalm 100

Even on the worst days, we have much for which to be thankful. If we look carefully, we can see the many ways we have been blessed by God. We too easily take life's blessings for granted. We too easily start to believe that we have earned or deserve God's blessings of grace and mercy.

- On this day of Thanks-Giving. Find a few minutes to catalogue the blessings you have received from God. Set aside your complaints long enough to give thanks and praise to God. Also, take time to thank the important people in your life. Let them know what they mean to you.
- Prayer: Merciful God, I am thankful for all the ways you have blessed my life. Thank you for being more generous than I deserve. Today I give you thanks and praise. Amen.

Friday, November 25 — 2 Corinthians 1:1, 8-11

Sometimes it is hard to be thankful, especially during difficult days. Yet the witness of Scripture is that it is possible to give thanks, even in the midst of suffering. Paul and Timothy tell the Corinthians that even though they have suffered, they are blessed and can give thanks. For Christians, thanks-giving is an act of faith and an act of obedience — not simply an emotional response to a positive experience.

- Do you find it difficult to be thankful during difficult days? What helps you give thanks to God even when you don't feel very thankful? Ask God to help you be thankful today.
- Prayer: Loving God, it is all too often easier to complain than to give thanks. Open my heart and mind to experience your presence. Help me be thankful every day. Amen.

Saturday, November 26 — Isaiah 40:1-11

The prophet Isaiah offers comfort to God's people by way of a promise. He promises that even though human life is fragile, God is faithful. He promises that God will provide, like a shepherd feeds his flock, and he calls the people to be prepared for the coming of the Lord.

- It is easy to fall into a state of despair and wonder, "where is God?" Starting tomorrow, we will prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord. Are you willing to believe that God does care for you and will come into your life?
- Prayer: God of Hope, when I doubt, remind me of your promises. When I am weak, grant me your strength to keep going. Prepare me for the coming of Jesus. Amen.

Nursery on Sundays

Masks are optional for everyone who is fully vaccinated. 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 p.m. Contact Jim Wilson for log in link. jaswilson@sloft.com.

Prayer Group

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

This Week at Trinity on TV

Our sermons air on Fairfax Public Access Channel 36 (on Cox and Verizon) on Wednesdays at 5 p.m., Fridays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 7 a.m.

Our Prayer List

Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Amanda, Amber & Briana, Andrea, Andrew, Ann, Asher, Ava, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Bennett family, Betty, Bill, Bill & Maddie, Blackburn family, Bob, Boris, Bud, Buzz, Carol, Carol & Rich, Cathryn, Cathy, Charlie, Cheryl, Chris, Christine, Colin & Kelly, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Carol, Davey, David, Debbie, Diane, Dick, Dilian & Abby, Donna, Donley family, Doris, Earl & Mary Lou, Eduardo, Eileen, Elaine, Ellen, Ellie, Emily, Evelyn, Evey, Finn, Fiona, Fran & Tom, Franco, Gary & Lindie, Gil, Gilmore family, Greenberg family, Hanson family, Harriet, Hayley, Hoepfl family, Homer, Hudson, Isobel, Jack, Jackie, Jean, Jeff, Jeffmander, Jeremy, Jessica, Jill, Joe & Doris, Joe & Judy, Joe & Marie, John, Jorge, June, Junior, Karen, Katherin & Tim, Kathy, Kathy & Russ, Kay & John, Kurtz family, Lana, Ladye, Lena, Lindsay, Lisa, Liz & David, Luana, Maeve, Marcia, Marciene, Marilyn, Mark, Martha, Matt, Melissa, Melissa & Chad, Michelle, Mickey, Mike, Milton & Janine, Minou, Naty, Pauline & Merlin, Patrick, Patterson family, Peg & Dick, Riley, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Rosemarie & Adrian, Sammi, Sandy, Sandy & Vinnie, Sarah, Scott, Sissi, Spencer, Starr family, Steve, Sue, Teresa, Tim, Tom, Tony, Tracy, Valery, Vanessa, Vanna, Vicki, Viles family, Wayne, Weiss family, Williams family, Yancey, Zoren, Trinity's children, youth and volunteers, Trinity Preschool, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters like those displaced by Hurricane Ian, violence and political turmoil around the world - especially in Ukraine and Iran.

Send us your prayer requests at umtrinity.org.

Today's hymn texts for those worshipping at home.

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1. Come, Christians, join to sing:
Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!
3. Praise yet the Lord again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore:
Alleluia! Amen!

Soon and Very Soon

1. Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.
2. No more dying there,
We are going to see the King,
No more dying there,
We are going to see the King.
No more dying there,
We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.
3. No more crying there,
We are going to see the King,
No more crying there,
We are going to see the King.
No more crying there,
We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.

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, **Jan. 10** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. More at <https://umtrinity.org/education>. Contact Kathy Maher, kathyngs@gmail.com, for more.

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 for next week.

Children's Worship (ages 4 - 4th grade) and **Club 56** (grades 5 & 6) meet during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.

Crafts for a Cause

We meet every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: Nov. 21. No crafting experience is needed and all are welcome. If you'd like to sign up, please email **Alesha Luxon** at alesha.luxon@gmail.com.

Fellowship

Fellowship hosts provide snacks during Fellowship following the Sunday morning worship services. Please consider signing up for a week. The sign up is on a white board sitting on top of the coffee bar in the Fellowship Lobby. Contact Alesha Luxon (alesha.luxon@gmail.com).

Trinity Preschool News

Trinity Preschool is always looking for substitutes and floater teachers! The qualifications are: reliable, a cheerful disposition, and a love for young children! Previous childcare experience is a bonus, but not necessary. Two shifts are available: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 1 - 5 p.m., flexible days available. Please email Emily Yosmanovich, Preschool Director at Director.TrinityPreschool@gmail.com

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Today, 4:30—6 p.m.
Register at <http://bit.ly/youthreg22>
For more information about volunteering with youth or joining youth group, contact Catherine Wethington (umtrinityyouth@gmail.com).

Coming Up

November

20 Hanging of the Greens, 4:30 p.m.
21 Crafts for a Cause
24 & 25 Office Closed
25 Christmas Tree Sales Begin
27 Celtic Service

December

4 Martha's Table
5 Crafts for a Cause
7 Honduras Information Night
11 Lessons & Carols
11 Cookies & Carols
15 Spire assembly
17 Christ House
19 Crafts for a Cause
24 Christmas Eve: 5, 8 & 11 p.m.
25 Christmas Day, 10:30 a.m. only

January

2 Office Closed
2 Crafts for a Cause
16 Office Closed
16 Crafts for a Cause
21 Christ House
29 Celtic Service
29 Crafts for a Cause

Children & Youth Activities

Registration 2022-23

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or visit the webpage to complete the registration today.



Children
Preschool - 6th grade
<http://bit.ly/childreg22>



Youth
7th - 12th Grade
<http://bit.ly/youthreg22>

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Office Hours:
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. Sermons air on Fairfax Public Access Channel 36 (on Cox and Verizon). Tune in Wednesdays at 5 p.m., Fridays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 7 a.m.

Why I Give
by Andrea Hager

Noah and I grew up in the United Methodist Church – in fact, we met at church, where as teenagers, we participated together in Youth Handbells and Choir. Through confirmation, it was instilled in us that as Methodists, we honor God with our “Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness.” As Youth, we did so by attending with our families on Sunday mornings, inviting friends, and gave as best we could through the Traditions.

Our family became a part of Trinity in 2016, when our daughter entered the Penguin class at Pre-school. It was through Wednesday Morning Chapel, that she was introduced to the pastors of our church. In their songs and stories, she found her joy. It was wonderful to hear how she enjoyed it all, and we took comfort knowing she was held in such a loving environment. We began attending services and became involved in Sunday School, VBS, and Children's Choir to further enhance our involvement.

Like many in our congregation, our family gives gifts to Missions and Ministries through goods and services to our communities. Additionally, we know our weekly offertory gifts help support the local and global missions of the United Methodist Church as well as the day-to-day operations of Trinity that make much of its programming possible.

As our children are growing and entering Youth status, I reflect on the time I had in the church at that age. I remember fondly music, mission trips, youth group outings, friendships, and Sunday School classes with leaders who would be my mentors through those awkward teenage years and far beyond.

Participating in an outing with Trinity's youth as they raced around Home Depot, filling carts with supplies for flood buckets, brought back many fond memories of time with friends. The buckets we were able to fill and send out across the country are all thanks to the congregants of Trinity. It is the caring heart and generosity of our congregation that made the evening possible for our youth, and I truly believe they felt pride in the number of buckets they were able to assemble that evening.

We are blessed at this church to have a group of children and youth who focus on mission and ministry.

Our family gives so we can see these ministries grow, strengthen, and lead the future of Trinity.



Mission Night

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7
7 - 8 PM
CHAPEL

Presentation by Leadership Mission
International with video, slides,
discussion and fellowship snacks.

 **Leadership Mission**
International



To help prepare for Christmas, we decorate the Sanctuary with trees and wreaths and other festive items. Join us **today at 4:30 p.m.** to help get Trinity ready for the birth of our Lord.



SUPPORT YOUTH & SCOUTS

Christmas Tree Sales

Lot Hours:
Thurs. & Fri. 5 - 7 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun. 12 - 5 p.m.



The Tree Lot opens Friday, November 25 at 12 p.m.
Visit <http://umtrinity.org/education/youth> or
scan the QR code to volunteer on the lot.

