



Trinity United Methodist Church

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January 21, 2024

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 12 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>Divertimento #2</i> (Mysliveček)	Jerry Rich
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Taehwan Roh
Christ is calling you as disciples Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully. You will be led into fields of mission and service. Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go. Listen for Christ's call to you. We are ready to serve the Lord. Amen.		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i>	UMH 158
Children's Message		Neil Hough
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 http://umtrinity.org/give and through our app. On the website, scroll down and click on SET UP ONLINE GIVING.		
Offertory (8:30)	<i>In Remembrance</i> (Red)	Maggie Rabe
Offertory (10:30)	<i>What Does the Lord Require</i> (Nelson)	Chancel Choir
Scripture	Revelation 21:1-7	Taehwan Roh
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'		
And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'		
Message	<i>Paradise Found</i>	Neil Hough
Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)		Clergy
* Closing Hymn	<i>Victory in Jesus</i>	UMH 370
* Benediction		Neil Hough
* Closing Music	<i>L'Espérance - Hope</i> (Telemann)	Jerry Rich
* Please stand as you are able.		

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, January 22 — Revelation 16:1-21

Even though apocalyptic writing, like prophetic writing, envisions the future, its purpose is not to promote speculation. The purpose of apocalyptic writing is to challenge hearers to change their lives right now. Revelation 16:15 is a parenthetical reminder from the living Christ to be prepared, always, for his return. Read Matthew 24:36-44 to find out what Jesus said about watchfulness. Note that Jesus also says that “only the Father” knows the day and hour of the end of the age.

- What would you do differently if you knew for certain the day and hour of Jesus' return? What would be important to you? What trivial matters would you let go? How can you live like that today?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, remind me that only you know the day and hour of Jesus return. Prepare me to be ready, whenever that day arrives. Help me be ready every day. Amen.*

Tuesday, January 23 — Revelation 17:1-18:24

Chapters 17 and 18 describe the fall of Babylon — which represents Rome. It stands in stark contrast to the New Jerusalem described in chapter 21. God's judgment of Rome is consistent with themes of warnings and judgment found in the writings of Old Testament prophets. In the images of Revelation, we find both the justice of God's judgment and the hope of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. In Isaiah 43:18-19, it says that a “new thing” means the “former things” must go away.

- Can you give up “former things” so that God can do a “new thing” in your life?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, I am ready for you to do a new thing in the world, beginning with me. Help me let go of “former things” so that you can make all things new in me. Amen.*

Wednesday, January 24 — Revelation 19:1-21

Revelation 19 begins with a description of the heavenly celebration of God's victory. It reminds hearers that worship is the primary response to God's salvation. In many respects, the Book of Revelation is a book of worship. It describes how God's people worship God — by singing praises — even on the most difficult days, and in the middle of life's trials and tribulations. Revelation calls us to worship.

- Find a recording of *The Hallelujah Chorus* by G. F. Handel and listen to it today. (Many versions are available on YouTube.) Join in the celebration of God's victory.
- Prayer: *Lord God, I worship you today, not only for the promise of future glory in heaven, but also for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ today. Amen.*

Thursday, January 25 — Revelation 20:1-15

In Revelation 13, John describes God's people as those whose names are written in the “Lamb's book of life.” This is a vivid image describing everyone who has accepted the grace of God that has been offered by the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ — the Lamb of God. The judgment described at Jesus' return is meant to inspire repentance, acceptance of God's grace, profession of faith, and holy living in the present.

- This is a day for giving thanks. Give thanks for God's gift of salvation by accepting His grace and becoming a follower of Jesus.
- Prayer: *Heavenly Father, today I confess my sin and I accept your grace and forgiveness. With your help, I will be a faithful follower of Jesus. Write my name in your book. Amen.*

Friday, January 26 — Revelation 21:1-27

The Revelation ends with the vision of God's new heaven and new earth. The city of Rome — the city that represents the empires of the world — was a whore that was judged and ultimately defeated. The holy city — the New Jerusalem — is a bride. It is the bride of Christ. This new city is not built with human hands. It is God's new creation: a gift of God. The last chapters of Revelation offer an image of what God intends for us.

- If you believe that this new life is what God desires for you, what is preventing you from living this new life right now? By God's grace it is possible. Are you able and willing to trust God?
- Prayer: *God of Hope, give me the courage I need to trust you completely and fully enter your Kingdom. Today, I will live the new life you offer through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Saturday, January 27 — Revelation 22:1-21

The Bible ends in the same place it begins: in a garden. The paradise lost when Adam and Eve fell from grace, because they wanted to “be like God, knowing good and evil” (Genesis 3:5) becomes paradise found. The world, that God loves so much that he sent his Son to live and die for its salvation, is redeemed by God's grace. This story has a happy ending. In the end, God wins. This is a story of hope. Revelation not only invites us to *believe in God*; Revelation also invites us to *believe God*.

- How do you keep hope alive when it seems that all hope is lost? What instills you with confidence in God's promises? Are you ready to live your life — today — as someone who believes and trusts God's Word?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, grant me the wisdom to look to you, and you alone, for hope. Help me live the life you intend for me to live. Help me be the person you want me to be. Amen.*

Our Prayer List

Adam, Alan, Alice, Amanda & David, Amber & Brianna, Andi, Andrea, Andrew, Anne, Annie Ruth, Arnold, Audrey, Barb, Barry & Diane, Betty, Bill & Maddie, Brett, Brian, Bruce, Bud, Catherine, Carol & Rich, Caroline, Carrie, Carson, Cathy, Chris, Christopher, Currie family, Daniel, Daniel & Cindy, Danny, Dara, Dave & Gail, Davey, David & Carol, Darlene & Steve, Desarae, Di Letti family, Donnie, Doris, Doris & Joe, Dudley & Susan, Easley family, Ed, Elaine, Eileen, Ellie, Emmett, Eric, Erica & Roberto, Erik, Evans family, Fran & Tom, Frank, Gabe, Gabrielle, Gary & Lindie, Garry, Glenda, Geoff, Gray, Greg, Gregg, Gwen, Hammer family, Hanna, Harriet, Harris family, Harry, Heather, Hef-feron family, Helena, Hemingway family, Henry, Hilary, Holmes family, Hong family, Jack, Jackie, Jan, Janice, Jason, Jean, Jeanette, Jeanne, Jeff, Jenna, Jenny & Michael, Jessica, Jimmy, Joan, Joe & Marie, John, Jomer, Josie, Judi, Judy, June, Karen, Kathy, Kay & John, Kenny family, Krista, Kobi, Lajoie family, Landaverde family, Laura, Leigh, Lejoy family, Leslie, Linda, Lindstedt family, Lisa, Liz & David, Lois, Lon, London family, Long family, Lori, Luana, Lynne, Mack, Macy, Marcia, Marciene, Marilyn, Maher family, Mark, Marty & Mary, Mary, Matt, Matthias, McClain family, Melissa, Meredith, Michael, Michelle, Mickey & Ruth, Mike, Moore family, Nancy, Nell, Nina, Niro, Norma, Nor-man, Olivia, Pat, Patty, Paul, Pauline & Merlin, Pearl family, Peg & Dick, Peter, Peter & Laura, Powers family, Prisilla, Quinn family, Rebecca, Sabbagh family, Sally, Samantha, Sandra, Scott, Sheila, Spencer, Skyard family, Stephanie, Stephen, Steve, Sue, Susan, Teresa, Tim, Tom, Tony, Vanna, Vinnie, Wayne, Williams family, and Yancey, 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 famine and war, peace and more empathy in the world, protection from gun violence in the world and for its victims and families, those living in war zones, hostages, those living with cancer.

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 p.m. Contact Jim Wilson for log in link. 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

Mission Trip Information Meeting

Thursday, January 25

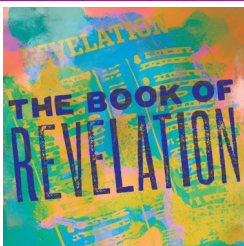
7 p.m.

Chapel

Trip Dates: March 2 - 7

- Activities at The Leadership Center in Honduras
- What it will be like for our 6 days on this beautiful rural campus.
- Learn how we can support the 56 students while we are there.
- Travel and logistics information and what to bring.

No commitment is required. Come to learn more and consider if God is calling you to serve in Honduras for a week!



Pastor's Bible Study

Join Pastor Neil for a study of the Book of Revelation. We are considering how this fascinating book has been read throughout church history and look for its message to us in our 21st century world. No previous Bible Study experience is necessary. Bring your Bible and come ready to learn and grow in your faith. The class meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. (in-person and on Zoom) and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. (on Zoom).

Support The Confirmation Class Project

The 2024 Confirmation Class is organizing a service project where they will assemble Blessing Bags containing food, personal items, and a \$5 McDonald's gift certificate for those in need, especially the homeless or home-insecure in their community. The congregation is invited to contribute to the project by making one-time donations online. If you would like to help, you can go to umtrinity.org/donate and make a one-time gift. Choose "Confirmation" in the dropdown menu under "Fund." The bags cost approximately \$12 each to fill. The goal is to fill 100 bags, and any extra funds will either make more bags or support another mission/service project chosen by the class. Last year, 75 bags were filled. After assembly, the bags will be blessed in a worship service, and the congregation is encouraged to take a bag and help distribute them in the community. The Confirmation Class is commended for their commitment to serving others in Christ's name.

Highlights from E-News

If you're not receiving our Friday e-mail, please send your email address to info@umtrinity.org

Book Chat

Meets Tuesday, **February 27** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome: <http://umtrinity.org/education/adults>.

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

Fellowship

To provide snacks during Fellowship, sign up on the white board on the coffee bar. Contact Alesha Luxon, alesha.luxon@gmail.com.

Mission Trip: March 2024

Exciting news! Join our team on a trip to The Leadership Center in rural Honduras from March 2 to March 7, 2024. You'll join Chris and Dan Moore, who will be serving there for three weeks. For details, contact Chris Moore (christinecmoore@gmail.com, 571-215-2948) or Dan Moore (703-980-5050, danmoore53@gmail.com). Want to learn more? Come to the information meeting on **January 25 at 7 p.m.** in the Chapel. No commitment necessary to attend this meeting.

Preschool Enrollment Open

Enrollment for **Summer Camp 2024** and **2024-25** is open. For details, please visit umtrinity.org/preschool.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

This year's pancake supper will be in Langley Hall on **Tuesday, Feb 13**, 5 - 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person; \$25 per family PLUS two (2) or more cans of food for Trinity Youth's SHARE the Love collection to benefit SHARE of McLean. If you are a "Pancake cooking/flipping aficionado," or cook a mean-sausage, or can set-up/clean-up, please let Jim Wilson know. Many volunteer hands make the event a real success. Contact Jim Wilson at jaswilson@sloft.com.

Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed each Sunday. If you would like to volunteer please sign up at umtrinity.org/ushers.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Youth meeting: tonight, 4:30-6 p.m.

February 4, 12:30-2:30: Laser Tag at Trinity

February 23-25: Youth Retreat at Skycroft Conference Center. We'll join youth from Chesterbrook and Cherrystone for a spiritual weekend exploring **Our Story** and getting to know each other all while have loads of fun! Cost is \$195 per person, which includes room, meals and facilities.

Contact Catherine Wethington, umtrinityyouth@gmail.com. Scan the QR code at the right to register for 2023-24 youth activities.



Coming Up

January

20 Christ House
25 Mission Trip Informational
28 Celtic Service

February

4 Martha's Table
5 Crafts for a Cause
13 Pancake Supper
14 Ash Wednesday
17 Christ House
19 Office Closed
19 Crafts for a Cause
23-25 Youth Retreat
25 Celtic Service
27 Book Chat

March

2-7 Mission Trip to Honduras



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

Don't forget to include the first name of each family member present as well as surname.



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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.