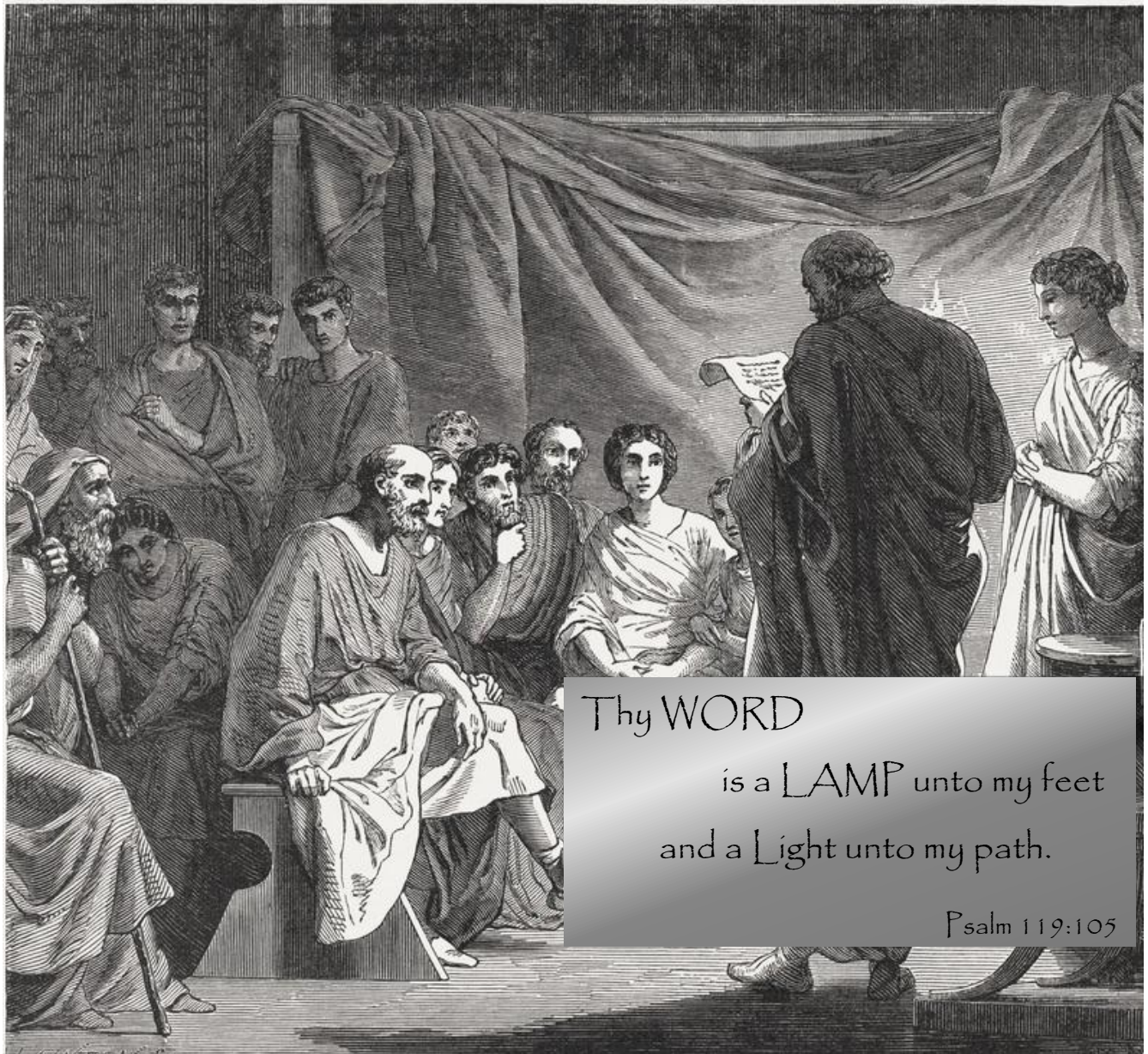




Trinity United Methodist Church



Thy WORD

is a LAMP unto my feet
and a Light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

*"Listening to a Letter from Paul," William Linton
Woodcut engraving, American, 1872*

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June 28, 2026

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



Welcome to Trinity Church! We are grateful you are here. We'd appreciate it if you would complete the registration pad and pass it down. For those worshipping in the Chapel today, please complete an attendance card. Remember to name each family member present today. **Please join us in our Fellowship Lobby following each service for delicious food and a chance for us to get to know one another!**

PRELUDE

America (Peeters)

Jerry Rich

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Proverbs 6

My child, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

Let us bind them upon our hearts forever.

When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you.

When we awake, they will whisper to us.

For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light,

and the sharing of discipline is the way to life.

* GATHERING HYMN

Wonderful Words of Life

UMH 600

**Sing them over again to me,
wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty
teach me faith and duty.**

Refrain:

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.**

**Christ, the blessed one, gives to all
wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call,
wonderful words of life;
all so freely given,
wooing us to heaven. (Refrain)**

**Sweetly echo the gospel call,
wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all,
wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior,
sanctify forever. (Refrain)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dare we admit it, Lord, but coming to worship you does not always awaken us from the numbing cadence of our routines.

**We shrink back from disciplines of study and reflection;
we hesitate to make sacrifices of heart and life.**

We treat your written word like a talisman, a possession, and turn away from ways that we might gently share it with those who may be hungry for hope and truth.

**We need you to open our eyes to such moments,
and illumine the path that leads us and those we love to you.**

Rescue us from complacency, from laxity, and prepare us to hear anew your Word in a season of mounting skepticism and indifference.

[a time of silent prayer]

Awaken in us, this yet un-lived day, the hope of finding our purpose in your desire to reconcile each and all to you. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Laurie Strollo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our prayer will conclude with:

**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.**

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine (Work) Maggie Rabe (8:30)
O Word of God Incarnate (Courtney)
Chancel Choir; Michael Delaune, trumpet (10:30)

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 3:14-17 Howard Chatham (8:30)
Allison White (10:30)

“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.”

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

MESSAGE

Open Book, Open-Hearted: Living the Scriptures in a Skeptical World Dave Rochford

* HYMN

Thy Word Is a Lamp UMH 601

Refrain:

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

**When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. (Refrain)**

**Now I will not forget your love for me and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,
and I will love you to the end. (Refrain)**

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.*

Doxology

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(the service continues on the next page)

* CLOSING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

UMH 156

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story;
more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies
of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story,
it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee. *(Refrain)*

I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word. *(Refrain)*

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long. *(Refrain)*

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune (Purcell)

Jerry Rich, (8:30)

Michael Delaune, trumpet (10:30)

**congregation invited to stand*

Grow — Pray — Study



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



Monday, June 29 — Psalm 119:97–112

The psalmist describes God's word as a source of wisdom, guidance, and continuity. Surrounded by competing voices and influences, the author discovers that Scripture provides a foundation that helps to navigate life faithfully. God's word becomes more than something one reads; it becomes something that shapes the way we think and live.

Many of us spend considerable time gathering information, yet information alone does not always lead to wisdom. Wisdom grows as we learn to listen for God's voice and allow Scripture to shape our decisions, priorities, and relationships. While God's word does not answer every question we face, it helps us walk faithfully through uncertainty.

- Where do you most often turn for guidance when making important decisions?
- How has Scripture shaped the way you view a challenge or opportunity in your life?
- **Prayer:** God of wisdom, help me listen for your voice and trust your guidance. Shape my thoughts and actions through your word each day. Amen.

Tuesday, June 30 — Deuteronomy 6:1–9

Moses reminds God's people that faith is not meant to be oppressed only in worship services or special occasions. Love of God is meant to shape every part of life. The passage points to a faith that is practiced and remembered in everyday moments, from family conversations to daily routines.

Spiritual growth often happens gradually through habits formed over time. Small acts of prayer, reflection, gratitude, and obedience can shape our hearts in significant ways! As we make space for God in ordinary moments, we become more aware of God's presence throughout our days.

- What daily habits help strengthen your relationship with God?
- In what part of your routine could you become more aware of God's presence?
- **Prayer:** Loving God, help me remember you throughout the ordinary moments of this day. May my life reflect my love for you in all that I do. Amen.

Wednesday, July 1 — Luke 24:13–35

The disciples on the road to Emmaus struggled to understand what God was doing. Although they knew the events that had taken place, they could not yet see the larger picture. Only later would they recognize that Christ had been with them all along. There are times when we also struggle to comprehend our circumstances. We may wish for immediate answers or clear direction, but faith requires patience and trust. Looking back, we may even discover that God was present and at work even when we could not recognize it at the time.

- When have you recognized God's presence only "in the rearview mirror?"
- What area of your life currently requires trust and patience?
- **Prayer:** Risen Christ, help me trust your presence even when I do not fully understand what is happening around me. Walk with me and strengthen my faith. Amen.

Thursday, July 2 — Acts 17:10–15

The believers in Berea responded to Paul's teaching with both openness and discernment. They listened carefully and examined the Scriptures for themselves. Their example reminds us that faith involves both trust and thoughtful reflection. We live in a world filled with clashing opinions, claims, and ideas. It can be tempting either to accept what is agreeable uncritically or to dismiss unfamiliar perspectives too quickly. The Bereans demonstrate another way. They approached new ideas with humility, curiosity, and a commitment to seeking truth.

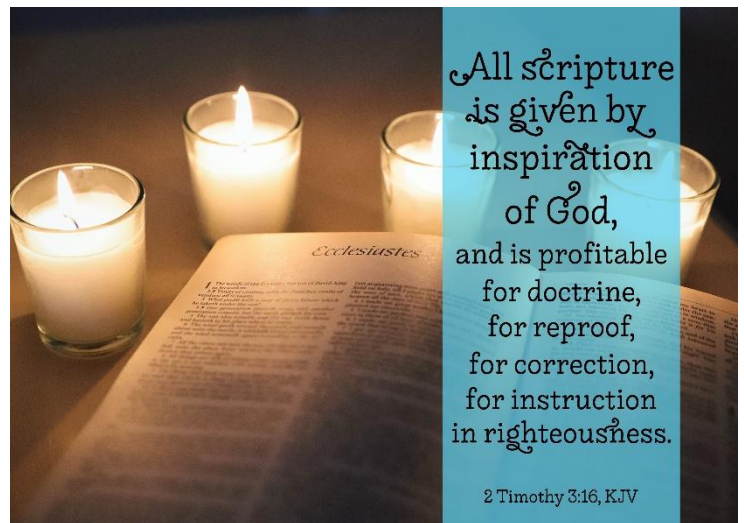
- How do you respond when you encounter a perspective different from your own?
- What helps you remain both open-minded and grounded in your faith?
- **Prayer:** God of truth, give me wisdom and discernment. Help me seek understanding with humility and trust in your guidance. Amen.

Friday, July 3 — 2 Timothy 3:10–17

Paul reminds Timothy that Scripture is useful for teaching, guidance, correction, and growth. God's word does more than provide information; it helps shape people for faithful living and service.

Transformation often takes place gradually. Through repeated encounters with Scripture, God challenges us, encourages us, and helps us grow. As we spend time in God's word, we become better equipped to live with wisdom, compassion, and faithfulness.

- How has Scripture challenged or encouraged you recently?
- What area of your life might God be inviting you to grow in today?
- **Prayer:** Holy God, continue to teach and shape me through your Word. Help me grow in faithfulness and reflect your love in all that I do. Amen.



Saturday, July 4 — John 1:1–18

John begins his Gospel by pointing to Christ as the living Word through whom God is revealed. Throughout Scripture, God's desire has always been to draw people into relationship. The written Word bears witness to the living Christ who continues to bring grace, truth, and hope into the world.

As we prepare for worship tomorrow, this passage invites us to remember that faith is so much more than knowledge about God. It is a relationship with the God Who continues to speak, guide, and transform. Worship becomes an opportunity to listen, respond, and draw nearer to Christ.

- Looking back on this week, where have you seen signs of God's presence in your life?
- How are you preparing your heart for worship tomorrow?
- **Prayer:** Living Word, thank you for revealing God's grace and truth. Prepare my heart for worship and help me follow you more faithfully each day. 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, jrlich@potomacschool.org.

Children's Worship, 10:40 a.m. (ages 4 - 6th grade)
Children's Worship takes place following the Children's Message in our Fellowship Building (across the Breezeway).

Iglesia de Diós Youth Fundraiser, 11 a.m.

All proceeds help Iglesia de Diós Youth serve on summer mission trips. Thank you for supporting our shared ministry and for helping nurture the next generation of disciples.

Iglesia de Diós Worship, 6 p.m.

This Week

Monday, 7:30 p.m.: Scout Troop 869

Tuesday, 7 p.m.: Scout Troop 1130

Wednesday, 9 a.m.: Prayer Group

Join our weekly Zoom Prayer Group as we lift up the needs of our church, community, and world. For details, talk with a pastor or call 703-356-3312.

Thursday, 7 p.m. Youth Group at Lazy Mike's

Every Thursday in July, from 7 to 8 p.m., we're heading to Lazy Mike's for ice cream, laughter, and good old-fashioned fellowship. Lazy Mike's is located at 7049 Leesburg Pike in Falls Church. Come cool off and catch up with friends!

Friday: Office Closed for Independence Day

Saturday, 6 p.m.: Iglesia de Diós

Coming Up

July 9: Finance Committee, 7 p.m.

Youth Group at Lazy Mike's, 7 p.m.

July 12: 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!

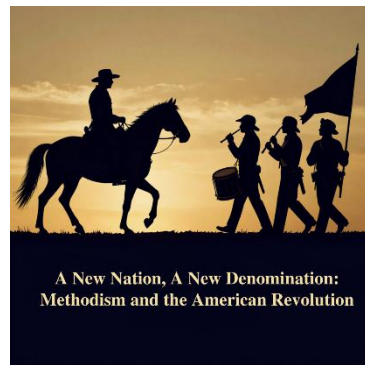
July 12: Acolyte Training, 11:30 a.m.

All interested persons (children and Youth!) are encouraged to come out for a fun and brief Training for the Ministry of Acolyte on Sunday, July 12 at 11:30 a.m. (right after the 10:30 service concludes). We will go through the ways that acolytes prepare our sanctuary for worship and "lead us out" into the mission field each Sunday. We are so happy to see this ministry come back and would love to see you there!

July 13: Staff-Parish Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

July 15: A New Nation, a New Denomination, 7 p.m.

Join Pastor Dave in our Chapel for a lively conversation about the coincident births of the U.S. as a new and democratic nation, and Methodism as a new and independent Church in America. The



story is in many ways an extraordinary one: how a movement that was part of the Church of England (ruled since the days of Henry VIII by the King!) navigated the Revolution, endured deep suspicion and divisive political conflict, and emerged to become the fastest-growing (and largest) American Church at the dawn of the 19th Century. A thoroughly American story, the rise of Methodism illustrates many of the hopes, shortcomings, triumphs and tensions that endure in our national conversation to the present day. We will make time for questions and discussion, and hope you can be with us!

July 16, 23: Youth Group at Lazy Mike's, 7 p.m.

July 19: Christ House Meal Mission

Christ House is a residential medical facility for homeless men located in the Adams Morgan area of Washington, DC. We prepare and serve lunch on the third Saturday of every month. Contact Connie Jeremiah for more information, dcjeremiah@verizon.net or 703-307-4635.

July 20: Church & Society Committee, 7:30 p.m.

July 27 - 31 and Aug. 3 - 7: Stringtime Camp

Full-day camp for children ages 7 – 12 to try violin, viola or cello. Instruments are provided; no experience necessary. See stringtimemusic.org for more details.

July 30: Youth Group at Lazy Mike's, 7 p.m.

June Sermon Series Concludes Today *What's Wrong with Organized Religion*

It's what some would call a head-scratcher: at a time when a deep wistfulness for connection and belonging, as well as curiosity about spirituality are on the rise, one in three Americans identifies with no faith tradition – an all-time high. What's the disconnect here? Dare we ask, what do our neighbors see as "wrong with organized religion?"

Today we conclude our series by considering how wisdom can be found in an ancient book full of seemingly implausible stories (which many Christians may not know all that well!) Glad you are with us for a reappraisal of the Book of the Church, the Christian Bible, as we strive to "speak to the critique!"

MJ Kim Fund for Immigrant Clergy

During the Virginia Annual Conference last week in Harrisonburg, a Mission Offering was received for two worthy causes: the Center for Belonging and Advocacy, a new Conference office dedicated to enabling churches to reach a broader swath of their communities, and the MJ Kim Fund for Immigrant Clergy.

As the latter name implies, the MJ Kim Fund will support costs related to the unique needs of non-native born clergy leaders of our Conference, particularly with respect to navigating and complying with our nation's immigration law process.

If you would be willing to be part of Trinity's shared generosity to this Offering, you may give online at umtrinity.org/give or make a check out to TUMC with the annotation "AC Offering." You may also send a check to:

VAUMC
Attn: Conference Treasurer
10330 Staples Mill Road, Suite 100
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July Collection School Supplies for Grace Ministries

- Backpacks
- No. 2 pencils
- Erasers
- Wide-ruled notebooks
- Glue sticks
- Rulers
- Blunt-tipped scissors
- Washable markers
- Plastic folders
- Pencil sharpeners
- Assorted construction paper



GRACE Ministries of the United Methodist Church (graceministriesumc.org) is a faith-based community outreach program serving over 1,000 low-income families each month in Northern Virginia. GRACE provides emergency food, clothing, household items, diapers and healthcare information and screenings at seven local United Methodist Churches.

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

Trinity Preschool of McLean

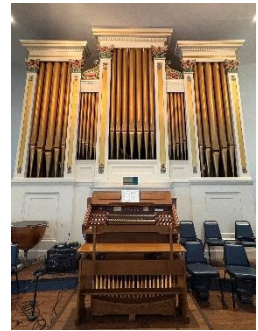
TPoM welcomes all students ages 2-6. Please visit umtrinity.org/preschool to learn more about this vibrant ministry or to schedule a tour for your child.

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.

Did You Know?

Not many Methodist congregations date back to the early 19th Century; even fewer enjoy music every Sunday from an equally historic organ. *But Trinity does!*



The majestic instrument you see before you was built in 1850 by renowned New York City organbuilder Henry Erben – a driven, perfectionistic and sometimes tempestuous man with an earned reputation for building exceptionally fine and long-lasting pipe organs. (Hard to argue with the results, as ours is 176 years old!) This complex three-manual model was made for Monumental Episcopal Church in Richmond, where it served until 1926, when it was donated to nearby Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

By 1970, the loose and stacked pipes were in imminent danger of being *thrown out* when they were rescued by a determined group of Trinity laypersons led by Ben Faidley, and brought to McLean via many trips in personal automobiles! Reunited with its original Greek Revival case in 1976, the organ has been meticulously restored and thoughtfully improved.

Fun fact: only one other 1850 Erben is now known to exist, and ours is the sole example in a church setting. Exactly as Henry intended it to be.

Quick Links

Scan QR code with your phone's camera & click the link. This page currently includes:

- Memorial Service for Jim Sprouse
- Trinity House renovation video
- Prayer Requests
- Children & Youth ministry registration
- Christ House wish list
- Fellowship Hour hosts sign-up
- Ushers sign-up



Our Prayer Ministry

Trinity Church is grateful to receive any request for intercessory prayer. Each Wednesday, our Prayer Group meets at 9 a.m. to lift up these submissions as well as on-going needs. Those willing to pray with us are both welcomed and invited! Please speak to one of our pastors if you would like to know more.

Prayer requests can be submitted by scanning the QR code on the left with your phone's camera and clicking the link, or you may fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate.

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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://www.youtube.com/UMTrinity). If you're not yet receiving our Friday weekly events e-mail, please send us your address at info@umtrinity.org.