



Trinity United Methodist Church

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September 11, 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 (10:30)	<i>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i> (Haydn - Krug)	Trinity Ringers
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Eileen Gilmer
Hope in Christ!		
Hear the word of truth, the good news of our salvation.		
Believe in Christ!		
We are blessed by the gift of the Holy Spirit.		
Live in Christ!		
As children of God, we give glory to our risen Lord!		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	p. 3 / UMH 89
Children's Message		Laurie Strollo
Prayer of Remembrance		p. 3, Gilmer
Prayers of the People		Gilmer
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.		
Anthem (8:30)	<i>Come, O thou Traveler Unknown</i> (Wesley)	Joey Wilson
Anthem (10:30)	<i>You Are Welcome in This Place</i> (Martin)	Ensemble
Scripture	Ephesians 1:3-14	Gilmer
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.		
Message	<i>We Are Chosen</i>	Neil Hough
The Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)		
* Closing Hymn	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	p. 3 / UMH 664
* Benediction		Hough
Closing Music	<i>Praise to the Lord</i> (Walther)	Jerry Rich
* Please stand as you are able.		

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, September 12 — Isaiah 41:8-10

Starting with Abraham in Genesis 12, the relationship between God and humanity was based on this simple truth: *God chose them*. The question was then—as it is now—what does it mean to be chosen by God. Like the Israelites, we need to be reminded that God's chosen people are God's servants. This is what God does: God calls (chooses) us to advance God's purposes in the world.

- In this light, do you see yourself as someone who has been chosen by God? What does that mean for you? What has God chosen you to do today?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, thank you for choosing me. Remind me once again that you chose me to be your servant. Use me to do your Kingdom's work in the world. Amen.*

Tuesday, September 13 — John 15:12-17

As disciples of Jesus, we have been chosen (called) by Jesus to be his friends. This means that Jesus loves us and that we love Jesus. It also means that we love one another with the same kind of sacrificial love that Jesus demonstrated on the cross. We have been chosen *"to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last"* (John 15:16).

- In what ways are you living the purpose for which Jesus chose you? In what ways does your life bear fruit that will last—the fruit of God's Spirit and the fruit of God's Kingdom?
- Prayer: *God of Love, I confess that I have not loved you in the same way that you love me. Grant me the courage I need to follow Jesus' example and love sacrificially. Amen.*

Wednesday, September 14 — Ephesians 1:3-14

Today's reading is actually one long sentence in the original Greek (New Testament texts were originally written in Greek.) It reminds the Ephesians of their relationship with God: chosen and adopted through Jesus Christ. Like the Ephesians, we too often forget that we are God's children and let the world label us in other ways. Like the Ephesians, we need regular reminders about *who* we are and *whose* we are.

- What does it mean to be a child of God? As a child of God, do you live your life in a way that is pleasing to God?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, thank you for reminding me that you have chosen me to be one of your children. Help me to be a faithful member of your family. Amen.*

Thursday, September 15 — 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

The first letter to the Thessalonians follows the pattern found in most of the New Testament letters. It begins with a greeting and a prayer of thanksgiving. Paul is thankful that his ministry (his preaching) was effective because the Thessalonians experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit and the transforming power of the Gospel. For Paul, the effectiveness of the Gospel was a sign that God had chosen the Thessalonians to be part of God's Kingdom.

- How have you experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit and the power of the Gospel in your life? What signs of God's presence in your life remind you that God has chosen you to be one of God's children?
- Prayer: *Faithful God, fill me with your Holy Spirit today and remove everything in my life that prevents me from experiencing the transforming power of your grace. Amen.*

Friday, September 16 — Luke 12:4-7

In the vastness of the universe, our individual lives can seem miniscule and insignificant. We wonder if God really knows us and if God really cares about us. So the promise in the Gospel, that we need not worry or be afraid about what the future holds—because *"even the hairs of your head are all counted"*—is a great comfort (Luke 12:7).

- How does it feel to be known this intimately by God? How does the fact that God knows you, cares for you, and loves you, change your life?
- Prayer: *Creator God, I am amazed that you know me and love me. Too often I fear the future and worry about my life. Grant me confidence to trust in your promises. Amen.*

Saturday, September 17 — Luke 9:10-17

To be called (chosen) by Jesus to be one of his disciples does mean that we are better than others. It is not a symbol of status; it is a gift of God's grace. It is an invitation (to which we are expected to respond) to participate in Jesus' ministry. When the large crowd needed to be fed, Jesus told the disciples, *"You give them something to eat"* (Luke 12:13). This is what it means to be called (chosen) by Jesus. We are called (chosen) to be the body of Jesus Christ in the world.

- What has Jesus called (chosen) you to do today?
- Prayer: *Calling God, I hear your call and with your help I will respond. Use me today to serve your purposes in the world. I will go where you send me. 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. Nursery attendants and children's ministry volunteers wear masks.

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

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 894 8087 9762
Wednesday at 7 p.m.: Meeting ID: 886 5257 6837

Our Prayer List

Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Amber & Briana, Andrea, Annie Kate, Arthur, Asher, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Betty, Bill & Maddie, Bob, Boris, Carol & Rich, Carolina, Cathy, Charlie, Christine, Clin, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Carol, Davey, Diane, Dilian & Abby, Donna, Earl & Mary Lou, Elaine, Ellen, Emily, Finn, Fiona, Fran & Tom, Franco, Gary & Lindie, Gilmore family, Greenberg family, Harriet, Isobel, Jeff, Jeffmander, Jeremy, Jill, Jodi, Joe & Marie, John, June, Junior, Kathy, Kay & John, Krista & Robert, Lisa, Liz & David, Luana, Maeve, Marcia, Marcienne, Marilyn, Mark, Mickey, Pauline & Merlin, Patterson family, Peg & Dick, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Sandy & Vinnie, Sasha, Spencer, Tim, Tom, Tony, Tracy, Vanessa, Vanna, Vicki, Weiss family, Yancey, Trinity's children, youth and volunteers, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters, violence and political turmoil around the world.

Prayer of Remembrance

O God, our hope and refuge,
in our distress we come quickly to you.
Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided,
replaced now with an emptiness,
a longing for an innocence lost.
We come remembering those who lost their lives
in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.
We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants
who demonstrated the greatest love of all
by laying down their lives for friends.
We commit their souls to your eternal care
and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity.
We come remembering
and we come in hope,
not in ourselves, but in you.
As foundations we once thought secure have been shaken,
we are reminded of the illusion of security.
In commemorating this tragedy,
we give you thanks for your presence
in our time of need
and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth,
our guide and our guardian. Amen.

New Sermon Series, *Labeled*, starts today. We all wear a variety of labels. Some labels come from other people and the world around us. Some labels we put on ourselves. But we believe that God has different labels for us, labels that truly matter, labels that we can choose to wear. Join us each week as we discover what it means to be *Labeled* by God.

Today's hymn texts for those worshipping at home.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

Highlights from E-News

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

Book Chat

Another season of reading and chatting begins on Tuesday, **Sept. 13** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. The Sept. book is *Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams. More at <https://umtrinity.org/education>. Contact Kathy Maher, kathyngs@gmail.com, for more.

Chancel Choir Seeks Singers

Our Chancel Choir is a vital part of Trinity's worship life; members learn about their faith as they minister to others through music. We welcome new singers! Rehearsals start on **Sunday, Sept. 18 at 11:45 a.m.** in the Sanctuary. Why not give us a try? For more information, please email Jerry Rich (jrich@potomacschool.org).

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

Crafts for a Cause meets every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: Sept. 12 & 26. 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.

Fall Women's Retreat:

Seeking Inner Peace

Reverend Anne Hough will be leading this day retreat on **Saturday, October 1** from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. The cost to cover lunch and supplies is \$20. For details, please visit <http://umtrinity.org/education/adults>. To register, please email Anne at eaehough@gmail.com.

Fellowship

Feel free to join us after each service in the Fellowship Lobby to catch up and get to know each other better. We also need volunteers to make this Fellowship happen. If you are willing to help, please email Alesha Luxon (alesha.luxon@gmail.com). Instructions provided. Thanks to all for supporting this church and this ministry.

Music Together

This popular music education program for children aged 0-5 and the adults who love them, will hold classes at Trinity this fall! Join the talented and creative Miss Patti for twelve weeks of singing, dancing and fun, starting in mid-September. Learn more and register at littlestepsmusic.com. Have questions? Email Ashley at littlestepsmusic@gmail.com.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sundays, 4:30 - 6 p.m. (begins 9/18) Register at <http://bit.ly/youthreg22> Are you an adult interested in volunteering with our youth or do you want more information about joining youth group? Contact Catherine Wethington (umtrinityyouth@gmail.com).

Coming Up

September

- 11 Bounce Back Sunday
- 12 Crafts for a Cause
- 13 Book Chat
- 17 Music Concert: Brassolatura
- 25 Celtic Service
- 25 Crafts for a Cause

October

- 1 Women's Retreat
- 2 Martha's Table
- 2 Pet Blessing
- 9 Oscar Serrano (Honduras) visit
- 10 Office Closed
- 10 Crafts for a Cause
- 11 Book Chat
- 24 Crafts for a Cause
- 30 Celtic Service

November

- 1-8 Honduras Mission Trip
- 5 Rise Against Hunger
- 7 Crafts for a Cause
- 8 Book Chat
- 11 Office Closed
- 20 Hanging of the Greens
- 21 Crafts for a Cause
- 27 Celtic Service

Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor's Bible Study starts on Sept. 13 and 14. As a complement to the *Labeled* sermon series, Pastor Neil will be leading a four-week study on the *Letter to the Ephesians*. Everyone is invited to participate as we grow in our faith together. The study will be on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 and Wednesday evenings at 7.

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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.



Potluck lunch, games,
bounce house, fun and
fellowship for all!

Brassolatura

A concert featuring
Riverside Brass Quintet
and

Coloratura Soprano, Catherine Wethington



Saturday, Sept. 17
4 p.m.
Sanctuary
Jerry Rich, piano

Riverside Brass are experienced professional musicians serving the Washington, D.C. area, playing a wide variety of musical styles including classical, jazz and show tunes. The members of Riverside Brass have performed in major venues, including The Kennedy Center, The National Cathedral and Constitution Hall.

Members:

Paul Klontz, trumpet
Dan Lindgren, Trumpet
Aaron Cockson, Horn
James Fantz, Trombone
Jeff Bonk, Bass Trombone

Soprano, Catherine Wethington, performs internationally and throughout the US specializing in opera and chamber music. Most recently she completed a concert tour in the Western Balkans featuring Lucia's Mad Scene with orchestra and flute. Locally this season, she will be singing with the McLean Symphony on December 3 and in the Bel Cantanti Opera production of *Die Entführung aus dem Serail* as Blonde in February. You can also see her on Sunday mornings at Trinity UMC as the soprano section leader and soloist in our Trinity Choir.

Children & Youth Activities Registration 2022-23

As we bounce back for another program year at Trinity, it is time to register children and youth for their activities. Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or visit the listed webpage to complete the registration today.



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



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



Calling all boys and girls rising kindergarten through 5th grade! Cub Scout Pack 1127 of McLean is open for 2022-2023 registration, and WE WANT YOU!

If your kids are interested in hiking, camping, cooking, woodworking, forensics, games, and/or music, then they are probably interested in Scouting! It's a fantastic way for your children to learn life skills and appreciate the outdoors, all while building self-esteem, confidence, and comradery with their age group. Cub Scouting helps support your family by providing fun and meaningful ready-made opportunities for you.

Thursday, September 15, 7-8pm, Pack Campfire (grounds of Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd, McLean). You will get to meet our Scouts and Leaders, learn about Scouting, and have some fun at a campfire!

If you have any questions about Scouting or Pack 1127 or you'd like more info about registration before the 9/8 information session, complete the Google form [HERE](#), and we'll reach out to you! Or you can contact Ellie Pelaez at elliepelaez@gmail.com.
See you soon!

Open House for Scouts BSA Troop 869

Looking for something exciting to do? Check out Troop 869's Open House, 3:30-5 p.m. on Sunday, September 11, at Trinity United Methodist Church. Scouts provides a great opportunity for youth, 6th grade and up, to gain new skills, see friends, challenge themselves, and learn about leadership and service. In the next few months, we will be camping, hiking, climbing, skiing, completing service projects, orienteering, "dog sled" mushing, navigating ropes courses, and learning Scout skills. Come join us. Troop 869 is a BSA unit serving boys. See you at the Open House or contact us at Troop0869@gmail.com.