



Trinity United Methodist Church



*Christ before Pilate, Robert Marnett
Woodcut engraving, English, 1888*

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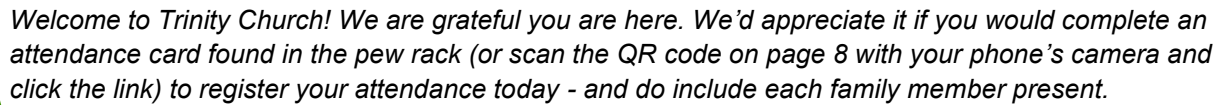
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Jeremiah 23:5

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8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



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"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord. Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the Lord. "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the Lord.

"The days are coming," declares the Lord,
 "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
 a King who will reign wisely
 and do what is just and right in the land.
 In his days Judah will be saved
 and Israel will live in safety.
 This is the name by which he will be called:
 The Lord Our Righteous Savior.

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

Message

Coronation Season

Dave Rochford

Communion (8:30)

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| * Closing Hymn | <i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> | see insert |
| * Benediction | | |
| * Postlude | <i>O Jesus Christ, Thou Prince of Peace</i> (JB Bach) | Jerry Rich |

* Please stand as you are able.

Our Prayer List

Adamson family, Anderson family, Anne, Annie Ruth, Arla, Arnold family, Leth, Barb, Ben, Betty, Brett, Bud, Carolyn, Casey, Christie, Claudia, Corbin, Crista, Dale, Dane, Daniel, Dara, Dave, Davey, David, Douglas, Dudley & Susan, Earley family, Emmett, Evan, Faga family, Frances, Gililand family, Gloria, Grace, Grubich family, Hager family, Jack, Jason, Jewel, Jimmy, Joan, Joe, Joel, John, Karen, Kate & Leo, Kathy, Kenny family, Laurie, Lenore, Linda, Luke, MacVean family, Maines family, Margie, Marie, Mary, Mary Frances, Michael, Nancy, Peter & Dee, Ples, Rubina, Sally, 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.

Lift High the Cross

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Refrain (Unison)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim

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till all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.

Harmony

1. Come, Christians, fol-low this tri-um-phiant sign. The
 2. Each new-born ser-vant of the Cru-ci-fied bears
 3. O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, as
 4. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: Praise

D.C.

hosts of God in u-ni-ty com-bine.
 on the brow the seal of him who died.
 thou hast prom-ised, draw the world to thee.
 to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!

WORDS: George William Kitchin and Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, alt.
 MUSIC: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916

CRUCIFER
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1. Crown him with man-y crowns, the Lamb up-on his throne.
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a-scep-ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of love; be-hold his hands and side,

Hark! how the heavenly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own.
 and rose vic-to-rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
 those wounds, yet vis-i-ble a-bove, in beau-ty glo-ri-fied.

A-wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 His glo-ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
 His reign shall know no end, and round his pierc-ed feet
 All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e-ter-ni-ty.
 who died, e-ter-nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 fair flowers of par-a-dise ex-tend their fra-grance ev-er sweet.
 thy praise and glo-ry shall not fail through-out e-ter-ni-ty.

WORDS: Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874 (Rev. 19:12)

MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

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Grow — Pray — Study

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



Monday, November 24 — John 18:28-37

In today's reading, Jesus stands before Pilate, who asks, "Are you the King of the Jews?" (18:33). This question exposes the deep tension between earthly power and divine authority. Pilate evaluates Jesus through political categories, but Jesus' kingship is rooted in truth and grounded in God's reign. As we enter Advent—this coronation season—we ask ourselves who truly claims our loyalty: the powers around us, or the King who stands before Pilate in humble authority?

- What does Pilate's question reveal about how the world interprets Jesus' identity?
- What voices compete with Jesus' authority for your loyalty and trust??
- **Prayer:** Almighty God, help me to recognize Jesus as my true King. Guide my heart so that his truth shapes my decisions and priorities. Amen.

Tuesday, November 25 — Luke 23:1-12

Jesus is passed between Pilate and Herod, neither leader knowing what to do with him. They see him as a political puzzle, a curiosity, or a potential threat—but not as the King whose authority comes from God. Their uncertainty reveals how easily earthly power misses the deeper reality of Christ's kingship. Advent invites us to see beyond worldly definitions and behold the One who reigns in holiness and truth.

- In what ways does worldly power fail to recognize Christ's true authority?
- How can you avoid reducing Jesus to a symbol that fits your preferences?
- **Prayer:** Sovereign God, open my eyes to the true authority of Christ. Help me honor him not as a symbol, but as my Lord and King. Amen.

Wednesday, November 26 — Matthew 22:34-40

When Jesus identifies the greatest commandments—love of God and love of neighbor—he reveals the shape of God's kingdom. These are not merely "values" to be claimed but practices that reflect Christ's reign. Advent reminds us that our King leads with sacrificial love, not political power. If we speak of "Christian values," Jesus himself defines what those values are.

- Where do you see the temptation to claim "Christian values" without grounding them in Jesus' actual teachings?
- How can you practice love of God and neighbor in a way that reflects Christ's reign this week?
- **Prayer:** God of love, anchor my life in the teachings of Jesus. Let my actions reflect the love, mercy, and faithfulness of your kingdom. Amen.

Thursday, November 27 — John 19:1-11

Pilate asserts his authority over Jesus, but Jesus responds, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above." Earthly authority appears strong, yet it is fragile compared to the authority of God. In Advent, we remember that the child born in Bethlehem is the One whose authority surpasses all earthly powers. To follow this King is to entrust our ultimate allegiance to Christ rather than any human institution.

- What helps you discern the difference between earthly authority and Christ's ultimate authority?
- Are there areas where you have given too much power to voices other than Jesus?
- **Prayer:** Lord Jesus, help me trust your authority above all others. Teach me to follow your truth with courage and humility. Amen.

Friday, November 28 — Romans 12:1-18

Paul calls believers to a transformed life that resists being shaped by the world's patterns. Living under Christ's kingship may at times require a dislocation of our assumptions, habits, and even political loyalties. Faithfulness may put us out of step with any party or ideology, but firmly in step with Christ. Advent challenges us to embody the humility, mercy, and peace of the King we serve.

- Where does following Jesus challenge your comfort, assumptions, or political preferences?
- What would it look like today to embody Christ's humility and peace?
- **Prayer:** Holy God, renew my mind and reshape my life according to Christ's way. Give me courage to follow him even when it means stepping out of alignment with the world. Amen.

Saturday, November 29 — Colossians 1:9-20

This passage proclaims Christ as the image of the invisible God, the One through whom all things were made and in whom all things hold together. Advent directs our gaze to the cosmic scope of Christ's reign. When lesser loyalties pull at us, Scripture reminds us that there is only One who deserves our ultimate allegiance: Christ the King.

- How does remembering Christ's cosmic authority shape your daily priorities?
- What practices help you keep your allegiance rooted in Christ above all other claims?
- **Prayer:** Almighty King, open my eyes to your glory and your reign. Help me live in a way that honors your authority and reflects your peace in this world. Amen.

Today at Trinity

Thanksgiving Potluck & Hanging of the Greens

Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. in Langley Hall. Following lunch, the Sanctuary, Chapel and Fellowship Lobby will be decorated for Advent and Christmas. All are invited to stay and help hang wreaths, set up trees and place our window lights. Many hands make merry work and kids are welcome!

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.

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

Youth Group

Youth Group, grades 7-12, meets 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. Today we will make ornaments and set up the SHARE Angel Trees. Visit <https://umtrinity.org/education/youth> to view the Youth calendar.

This Week

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.

Wednesday: Christmas Tree Delivery

The Youth Group and Boy Scout Annual Tree Sale begins on Nov. 28. Trees will arrive the afternoon of **Wednesday, Nov. 26**. If you are able to help unload them, please contact Catherine Wethington, umtrinityyouth@gmail.com so she can let you know when the trees are expected to arrive; we are scheduled for an afternoon delivery.

Thursday & Friday: Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, 12 p.m.: Christmas Tree Sales Begin

Support Trinity's Youth Group and Boy Scouts with the purchase of a live Christmas tree fresh from the farm. Be sure to shop early for the best selection. **The Lot opens at 12 p.m.** A link to sign up to volunteer on the lot can be reached through the QR code on page 8.

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 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) 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.


December 21: Service of Hope & Light,

A meditative time of worship and healing for those dealing with loneliness or grief during the holidays at 5 p.m.

Feb. 19 - 25, 2026: Honduras Mission Trip

Join us as we travel to rural Honduras to serve at The Leadership Center (leadershipmission.org). We will stay and serve alongside 60 young women, attend their classes, work on the organic farm, mentor and just love on these remarkable young leaders. Please reach out to Chris (571-215-2948) or Dan (danmoore53@gmail.com, 703-980-5050) Moore for more information.





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

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 to learn more about this vibrant ministry or to schedule a tour for your child.

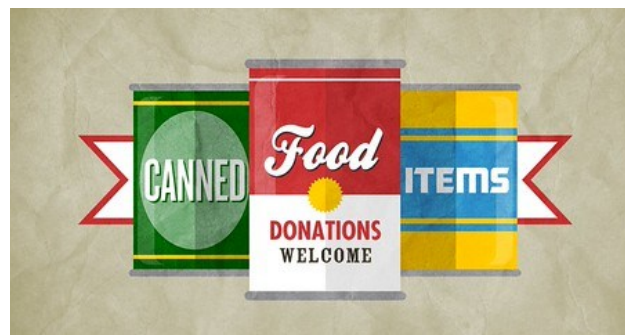
Ushers Needed

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.

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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. 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