



Trinity United Methodist Church

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January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



Masks Required.

We require everyone 3 and older to wear a mask at Trinity Church. We make this requirement to keep everyone healthy and safe during this current Covid surge. If you don't have one that fits properly over your nose and mouth, you may find one in the Narthex.

We ask that everyone complete a purple 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

Sonata in G (Agnesi)

Jerry Rich

Welcome and Announcements

Clergy

Call to Worship

Eileen Gilmer

God is with us always and calls us each by name.

When we pass through difficulties and stress,

God is with us and calls us by name.

When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

UMH 158

Children's Message

Laurie Strollo

Prayers of the People

Gilmer

Offering

Hough

This morning's offering will be received in the offering plates at the entrance. 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)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (Mason)

Catherine Wethington

Anthem (10:30)

Benedicamus Domino (Let Us Bless the Lord) (Estes)

Ensemble

Scripture

Hebrews 12:22-29

Gilmer

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Message

Worship God

Neil Hough

Closing Hymn

To God Be the Glory

UMH 98

Benediction

Hough

Closing Music

Fanfare (Lemmens)

Rich

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, January 10 — Exodus 20:1-6

From beginning to end, the Bible is a book that describes worship as the primary way God's creation relates to God. In Genesis 12 (verses 4-9), Abram built an altar (for worship) in Canaan. In Exodus 7, Moses and Aaron tell Pharaoh to let God's people go, "*so that they may worship me in the wilderness*" (Exodus 7:16). So, we should not be surprised that the first of the ten commandments God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai is about worshipping God and not human idols.

- In worship we declare who or what we believe is worthy of our praise. Consider your priorities this week. Who or what do you worship with your time and attention? Who or what holds first place in your life?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, thank you for creating me to be in relationship with you. Teach me to worship you with praise and thanksgiving every day of my life. Amen.*

Tuesday, January 11 — Luke 2:41-52

Luke's Gospel contains the only Biblical mention of Jesus' life between his birth and infancy and his adult ministry. Today's reading is a transitional passage, but it contains several valuable insights, including the importance of the Temple in Luke's account of Jesus' life and ministry. (The Gospel narrative begins and ends in the Temple.) If we follow Jesus' example then we, too, "*must be in [our] Father's house*" (Luke 2:49).

- A worthwhile question for Christian discipleship is: when and how do we worship God? Consider your life and your discipleship today: when and how do you worship God?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, when I am tempted to forget you, or let other gods have authority in my life, you call me to worship you. Thank you for loving me, always. Amen.*

Wednesday, January 12 — Luke 3:21-22

Luke's description of Jesus' baptism contains minimal details and doesn't say much about the baptism itself. Instead, these two verses help us understand several things: Jesus' relationship with God (he's the beloved Son); the connection between baptism and the Holy Spirit; and the centrality of prayer in Jesus' life (one of Luke's primary themes.) Baptism functions the same way in our lives as well. In our baptism God declares that we are children of God and filled with the Holy Spirit—and we embark on a life-long journey of prayer and worship, of ministry and service.

- How have you experienced your relationship with God? How have you experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit? How has your relationship with God led to faithful prayer, worship, ministry, and service?
- Prayer: *God of Love, thank you for declaring that I am one of your beloved children. Thank you for filling me with your Spirit and calling me to a life of prayer and service. Amen.*

Thursday, January 13 — Luke 4:5-8

After his baptism, Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness, where he was tempted for forty days. The second of the temptations that Luke describes is a very common, human experience. (No, we are not Jesus, but we share common human experiences.) The temptation to seek (and worship) worldly power and authority in place of God is very real—and very enticing. This is one of many reasons to worship God regularly, so that we continue to make sure God has first place in our lives.

- There are temptations all around us. What helps you resist them? What helps you keep God in first place in your life? (Hint: worshipping God is a great place to start.)
- Prayer: *Merciful God, I confess that I am tempted to seek worldly power and authority and place my trust in them. Forgive me. Help me worship you, and you alone. Amen.*

Friday, January 14 — Hebrews 12:25-29

The Letter to the Hebrews makes a strong point in this paragraph. It compares the security of God's Kingdom—a Kingdom that cannot be shaken (Hebrews 12:28)—with the broken (shaken) world that is fragile and perishable. The "*acceptable worship*" described in verse 28 is the only appropriate way to respond. We can't create this Kingdom or build this Kingdom. We can only receive this Kingdom as a gift of God's grace and respond with worship.

- Hebrews 12:28 connects worship with reverence and awe. Using reverence and awe as a guide, who and what do you worship?
- Prayer: *God of Grace, thank you for the immeasurable gift of your eternal Kingdom and the promise of everlasting life. I'm in awe of your gift. Amen.*

Saturday, January 15 — Revelation 22:1-5

The Book of Revelation is a book about worshipping God. It calls the Church to worship God, no matter what's going on in our lives or in the world around us. It's even a resource for worship. (Look at Revelation 4:8, 4:11, 5:11-12, 19:6, and 22:1 for just a few examples of texts that are used in hymns and sacred music.) The point is that when God's Kingdom comes, we will worship God. That is who we are. We are made for worship.

- Given what you've reflected on this week, will you make a commitment to worship God every week with a community of believers?
- Prayer: *Loving God, I hear your call to worship. Grant me the courage I need to set aside everything else and worship you every week. Amen.*

Online Worship

Live streamed from the Sanctuary
Sundays, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

On Youtube: youtube.com/UMTrinity



In Person Worship

Sundays, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Pre-register at umtrinity.org/health

We ask that everyone over 2 years old wear a properly fitting face mask while at Trinity Church. The Nursery will be staffed and available 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

Our Prayer List

Alan, Alexa & Sarah, Alma, Anne & Jay, Austin, Betty, Brackley, Buchanan family, Carolyn, Catherine, Claudia, Connie, Dick, Ed & Cookie, Emily, Erica & Roberto, Errol, Gail, Gerald, Henry, Isobel, Janice, Jeff, Jim & Sue, Jo, Judy, Karen, Karim, Katherine, Kathy, Laurie, Marilyn, Mary, Melissa & Chad, Milton & Janine, Nancy, Nell, Nina, Paul & Lisa, Penny, Rachel, Robb family, Sarah, Self family, Sharon, Shelby, Shelley, Stephen & Doris, Tom, Tracy, Vicki, Vinnie & Sandy, Wiesner family, Yancey, and Yauwu, students, healthcare and emergency workers, hospital chaplains, those who mourn, the homeless and those who face eviction, the unemployed, healing for our country, those who have or have had COVID-19, those distributing vaccines, COVID vaccines for children, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters and political turmoil around the world, those displaced by tornadoes, fires and floods, and schools and airlines dealing with COVID outbreaks.

A celebration of the life of **Bea Wiesner** will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 2 p.m. at Money & King Funeral Home (171 W Maple Ave, Vienna).

This section provides the text for today's hymns so that those worshipping at home can follow along.

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!

To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!
2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
(Refrain)

January 2022 Sermon Series: 5 Commitments That Will Change Your Life in 2022

As we start a new year together, we are going to learn about five (5) ways God transforms our lives. As Christians, we believe that God's grace not only offers salvation, but also transformation. The five (5) commitments we'll consider are found in our church membership vows, but more importantly, they help us receive and experience the grace of God more fully in our lives. We will live the life that God intends for us in 2022 and beyond —as deeply devoted followers of Jesus — when we make and keep these commitments.



Highlights from E-News

You'll find more information in Friday's E-News. If you're not receiving our weekly e-mail, please send the address where you want to receive it to info@umtrinity.org

Book Chat: Jan. 11

The Trinity Book Chat will meet by Zoom on Tuesday, January 11, when we'll talk about *Uncommon Type: Some Stories*, by Tom Hanks. The book is a collection of seventeen short stories "showing that two-time Oscar winner Tom Hanks is as talented a writer as he is an actor" (Amazon). If you'd like to receive the link for the meeting, please contact Kathy Maher at Kathyngs@gmail.com.

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 for ages 4 - 4th grade meets during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.

Club 56 for grades 5 & 6 meets during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.

Christ House Closet

Christ House is a medical facility for homeless men in Washington, D.C. All newly admitted patients are provided with comfortable, clean clothing. The current needs list is in the E-News. Collection bins are in the Fellowship Lobby.

Grocery Gift Cards

Last month, we distributed \$675 in gift cards to 40 families. The people we help are always very appreciative. Cards can be put in the offering plate.

This Week at Trinity on TV

Our sermons air on Fairfax Public Access Channel 36 (on Cox and Verizon). Listed below are the 30-minute time slots for *This Week at Trinity* airing on Channel 36:

Every Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Every Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Every Sunday at 7 a.m.

Trinity Preschool of McLean 2022-23 Enrollment

Enrollment for 2022-23 begins Jan. 10 for church members. More information at <http://umtrinity.org/preschool>.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sundays 5-6 p.m.

Weekly in-person meetings

Youth meet every Sunday for a time of fellowship, bible study, and fun! The next Youth Group meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 9. In the Fellowship Building, masks are required. For the time being dinner will not be served during youth group meetings.

Confirmation classes will be held Jan. 9—May 15 on Sundays, 4 - 5 p.m. Pastor Anne Hough will serve as this year's lead teacher.

For more information about our Youth Group please contact Catherine Wethington (umtrinityyouth@gmail.com).

For more youth activities, including service opportunities, please visit umtrinity.org/education/youth.

Confirmation Kick-Off Today, 4-5 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Confirmands, at least one parent, and their Faith Friend are asked to attend. Masks and social distancing will be practiced.



Scan QR code
for Children & Youth
Registration

CONFIRMATION CLASS

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