



# Trinity United Methodist Church

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January 1, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We ask that everyone complete an attendance card found in the pew rack or scan the QR code on page 3 with your phone's camera to register your attendance today.

Prelude	<i>Sing We Now of Christmas</i> (Callahan)	Jerry Rich
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Neil Hough
Darkness is banished. <b>God's light has come to us.</b> The brightness of the Star leads us. <b>We come to celebrate God's abiding love.</b> Glory be to God in the Highest. <b>And on earth, peace forever! Amen.</b>		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>We Three Kings</i>	p. 3 / UMH 254
Children's Message		Laurie Strollo
Christmas Prayers and Lord's Prayer		Hough
Offering		Hough
This morning's offering will be received as we pass the offering plates. You may also give online at <a href="http://umtrinity.org/give">http://umtrinity.org/give</a> and through our app. On the website, scroll down and click on SET UP ONLINE GIVING.		
Anthem	<i>A New Year Carol</i> (Britten)	Philip Keirstead
Scripture	Matthew 2:1-12	Neil Hough
In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:  "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." '		
Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.		
Message	<i>The Other Gift of the Magi</i>	Eileen Gilmer
* Closing Hymn	<i>What Child Is This?</i>	p. 3 / UMH 219
* Benediction		Gilmer
Closing Music	<i>Marche</i> (Campra)	Rich
* Please stand as you are able.		

# Grow — Pray — Study

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

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## **Monday, January 2 — Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The beginning of a new year is a wonderful time for us to reflect on our relationship with God. As we read this passage from Jeremiah, we are reminded that God is good and that we can live with trust and obedience. Despite our many failures, we can live with the assurance of God's love and grace. The gift of a new year offers us the gift of a fresh start as God's children.

- Begin this year by spending time reflecting on your relationship with God. What would you like to stay the same? What would you like to improve? What might you do in the next 12 months to strengthen your relationship with God?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, grant me wisdom to look honestly at my relationship with you. Forgive me for the ways I fail to trust and obey you. Grant me the gift of a fresh start. Amen.*

## **Tuesday, January 3 — Isaiah 60:1-6**

In the darkest days of the year, the Church's celebration of Christmas is a reminder that God's light is still shining in the world and that God's light breaks the power of darkness – the power of sin and death. Just like Israel was to be a light for the world (Isaiah 42:6 and Isaiah 49:6), so are disciples of Jesus (Matthew 5:14). When we experience the light of Christ at Christmas, we are supposed to let it shine in our lives as a beacon to others.

- How brightly does the light of Christ shine in your life? What might you do this year to let God's light shine more brightly through your words and actions?
- Prayer: *Light of the World, let your light shine in and through me. Transform my words and actions so that I will reflect the love and grace of Jesus every day of my life. Amen.*

## **Wednesday, January 4 — Matthew 2:1-12**

Epiphany (January 6) is not only the twelfth day of Christmas, it is the day set aside for celebrating the visit of the Magi to the holy family. Matthew intentionally contrasts the worship of the Magi with the deception of Herod (see also Matthew 2:13-18). It is the Magi from a foreign land who show us how to worship the newborn King. Sometimes we are too much like Herod. We know that the birth of Jesus changes everything, but we don't welcome the changes Jesus brings.

- How has the birth of Jesus impacted your life? How have you responded to the birth of Jesus? How do you pay him homage?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, thank you for the best gift I have ever received, the gift of Jesus. In response I will offer him my gifts and worship him every day in word and deed. Amen.*

## **Thursday, January 5 — 2 Corinthians 5:16-20**

The new life that God offers followers of Jesus is a gift, not something that we accomplish by good works or by the strength of our own will-power. However, receiving the gift of new life in Christ Jesus does not mean that we have no responsibility or that we are not expected to respond. What we discover is that when we are saved by God's grace through faith (see Ephesians 2:8-10) we become ambassadors for Christ. We are Christ's representatives in the world around us.

- Have you received the gift of new life through Jesus Christ? How are you serving as Jesus' ambassador in the world around you?
- Prayer: *God of Grace and Peace, in response to your gift of new life in Christ Jesus, I promise to serve as your ambassador in the world around me – today and always. Amen.*

## **Friday, January 6 — 1 John 2:7-11**

When we become new creations through Jesus Christ (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), we receive a new commandment not only to love God with our heart, mind, soul, and strength, but also to love our neighbors as ourselves. John is very clear that when we have received the gift of salvation, it will reflect in our words and our actions. We cannot say that we love God and still hate one another.

- Consider the relationship between your words and your actions. Is your commitment to Jesus reflected in your actions? How might God be calling you to grow in your discipleship this year?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, forgive me for the ways I fail to obey your commandments and live my life according to the example of Jesus. Help me grow in my discipleship today. Amen.*

## **Saturday, January 7 — John 1:35-43**

The life of discipleship is an adventure that begins when we respond to Jesus' invitation to follow where he leads us. He does not give us every detail about the journey ahead of us. Instead, he asks us to trust him and take the next step in confidence and faith. When the disciples asked Jesus where he was going and where he was staying, he simply answered, "Come and see" (John 1:39). This is the same invitation Jesus offers to us today.

- How have you responded to Jesus' invitation follow him? What will help you trust Jesus enough to go wherever he leads you?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, thank you for the wonderful gift of Jesus and for the invitation to be his follower. Grant me the courage I need to follow wherever he leads 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.

## This Week on Zoom

Password 1205

## Engage Bible Study

Monday at 7 p.m. Contact Jim Wilson for log in link. [jaswilson@sloft.com](mailto:jaswilson@sloft.com).

## Prayer Group

Wednesday at 10 a.m. Meeting ID: 875 6105 5580

## This Week at Trinity on TV

Our sermons air on Fairfax Public Access Channel 36 (on Cox and Verizon) on Wednesdays at 5 p.m., Fridays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 7 a.m.

## Our Prayer List

Aidan, Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Alison, Amanda, Amber & Briana, Andy, Annie Ruth, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Bea, Beath, Becky, Betty, Bill, Bill & Maddie, Boris, Bud, Carol & Rich, Carolyn, Carolyn & Janice, Cathy, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Carol, Davey, Dick, Dobson family, Dylan, Earl & Mary Lou, Elaine, Evelyn, Evey, Fahimi family, Fran & Tom, Fred, Gary & Lindie, Glenn, Green family, Gwyn, Hanna & Franz, Harriet, Ingrid, Jackie, Jane, Janelle, Jennifer, Jenny, Jeremy, Jessica, Jewell family, Jill, Joe & Marie, John, Junil, Karen, Karyn, Katherine, Kathleen, Kathy, Kay & John, Ladye, Lana, Lena, Linda, Lisa, Liz & David, Lizzie, Luana, Lyndee, Marcia, Marciene, Marcy, Maria, Marilu, Marilyn, Matt, Meak family, Mendez family, Mickey, Minou, Pat, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Peggy, Rasmussen family, Richard, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Roger, Sandy & Vinnie, Scott, Shadle family, Susan, Tatiana, Teresa, Tessa, Tim, Tom, Tommaso, Tony, Tracy, Vanna, Vicki, and Yancey, Trinity's children, youth and volunteers, Trinity Preschool, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters, violence and political turmoil around the world.

We extend **sympathy** to Annette Jewell on the December 25 death of her husband Jack Jewell. Please also remember their children, Jennifer Black and Jonathan Jewell and their families. There will be a service to celebrate Jack's life here at Trinity on Saturday, January 7 at 2 p.m.

Today's hymn texts for those worshipping at home.

## We Three Kings

1. We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. [Refrain]
3. Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]
5. Glorious now behold him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

## What Child Is This?

1. What child is this who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading. [Refrain]
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him. [Refrain]

## Attendance QR Code

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## Highlights from E-News

If you're not receiving our Friday e-mail, please send your email address to [info@umtrinity.org](mailto:info@umtrinity.org)

### Book Chat

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, **Jan. 10** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. More at <https://umtrinity.org/education>. Contact Kathy Maher, [kathyngs@gmail.com](mailto:kathyngs@gmail.com), for more.

### 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

We meet every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: Jan. 2. 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](mailto:alesha.luxon@gmail.com).

### Fellowship

Fellowship hosts provide snacks during Fellowship following the Sunday morning worship services. Please consider signing up for a week. The sign up is on a white board sitting on top of the coffee bar in the Fellowship Lobby. Contact Alesha Luxon ([alesha.luxon@gmail.com](mailto:alesha.luxon@gmail.com)).

### Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Next meeting: Jan. 8: 4:30 - 6 p.m. Register at <http://bit.ly/youthreg22> For more information about volunteering with youth or joining youth group, contact Catherine Wethington ([umtrinityyouth@gmail.com](mailto:umtrinityyouth@gmail.com)).

## Coming Up

### January

- 1 Worship at 10:30 a.m. only
- 2 Office Closed
- 2 Crafts for a Cause
- 7 Celebration of Life: Jack Jewell
- 10 Book Chat
- 16 Office Closed
- 16 Crafts for a Cause
- 19 Lunch and Learn Event for Seniors
- 21 Christ House
- 29 Celtic Service
- 30 Crafts for a Cause

### Lunch and Learn: Senior Housing Options

Thursday, January 19, 2023  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Fellowship Lobby

Join us for lunch and a presentation by Jeanina DiVittorio, a Senior Living Expert. She will speak on these subjects:

- In-home care vs. retirement community living
- Elder nourish and senior community programs
- Retirement community options and their costs
- How to decide when to downsize and move
- Selling your home to help pay for long-term needs

A complimentary lunch will be served to all attending.

Please RSVP by January 16 to 703-734-0192 or [Homes@HBCGroupKW.com](mailto:Homes@HBCGroupKW.com). The event is hosted by Trinity members Karen Briscoe and Lizzy Conroy.

### Confirmation Class

Youth (grades 7-12) are invited to join our 2023 Confirmation Class. It will meet on **Sundays, 4-5 p.m. beginning January 8** and run through the end of May. In order to mature in their own faith journey, the confirmands will explore what the Bible teaches us, what it means to follow Jesus, and how we serve God as members of Trinity United Methodist Church. Pastor Anne Hough will serve as this year's lead teacher. There will be a confirmation information meeting for confirmands, parents, and faith friends on January 8 at 4 p.m., mark your calendars! Register at <http://bit.ly/youthreg22> or scan the QR code.

Contact Pastor Anne at [eaehough@gmail.com](mailto:eaehough@gmail.com) or Catherine at [umtrinityyouth@gmail.com](mailto:umtrinityyouth@gmail.com) for more information.



**Faith Friends for Confirmation:** Interested in being an adult faith friend for one of our Confirmands? Contact Anne or Catherine for more details.

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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](https://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.