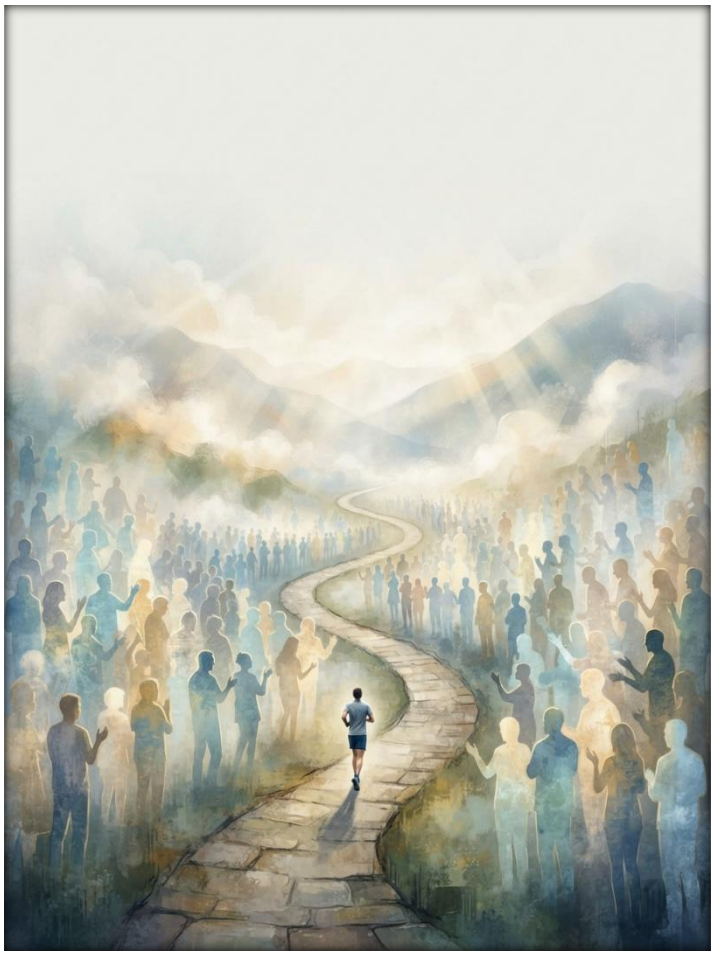
Trinity United Methodist Church



since we are surrounded

by so great a cloud of witnesses

Hebrews 12:1

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November 1, 2026 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

All Saints Day

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 record 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 *Libera Me* (Fauré) Philip Keirstead, bass

Deliver me, Lord, from death eternal on that day when heaven and earth will be moved,
when you will come to judge the world.
Eternal rest grant them,O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

WELCOME

* GREETING THE SAINTS *from I Corinthians 1; Romans 1; 2 Corinthians 1*

Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.
We are set apart for the gospel of God,
and through Christ we have received grace.
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation,
who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able
to comfort the afflicted with that same consolation.
Now the table of the Lord is set, and we who gather here
are nourished, together with all the saints.
Christ our Hope is with us! Praise the Lord.

* GATHERING HYMN *For All the Saints* UMH 711, verses 1-4

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Refrain:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
[Refrain]

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
[Refrain]

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. *[Refrain]*

A PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Lord Jesus, hope of all who trust in you,
we remember that you weep with those who mourn,
even as you have triumphed over the grave.
Free us from the bitterness of disappointment,
the burden of anxiety, and our captivity to lesser claims on our love
so that we may join that great congregation of saints
who sing unceasing praises to your holy name,
and to you, the Resurrection and the life. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Laurie Strollo

ANTHEM *Pie Jesu* (Fauré) Catherine Wethington (8:30)
Chancel Choir (10:30)

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest.

READING OF THE EPISTLES John 11:32-44 Joshua Lafferty (8:30)
Gail Cardwell (10:30)

"When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"
Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go.""

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

MESSAGE *For Those to Glory Gone* Dave Rochford

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy God, we ask for your graceful Spirit
so that we can amend our lives
and grow more each day into the image of Christ.
We confess that we tend to judge those who are different.
We find it easier to lock the doors of our hearts
than to receive those who don't look like we look,
love as we love, or vote the way we vote.
We confess that we struggle to live out your call
to share in abundant life and unconditional love.
But we also believe that you have the power to turn us around.
Give us the courage to change, and the energy, imagination,
and love to embody your life in all we say and do. Amen.
[a time of silent confession]
Lord, you are gracious and merciful, knowing our needs before they reach our lips.
Still, we engage in confession, admitting before you all would hold us back,
confident of the abiding forgiveness offered in the person of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
[The minister continues this prayer of thanksgiving, concluding:]
And so, with your people on earth,
and all the saints in heaven and on earth,
we join our voices with that great multitude from every nation,
in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

[The minister continues the prayer, concluding:]

Jesus shattered the power of the grave, showing us once and for all
that your love for us is stronger than death.

Confident in that triumph, we name before you these saints
who are precious to you, and to us:

James C. Sprouse, 5/7/26
Frank O'Connor, Jr., 10/12/26

Spirit, move in us,
that we might know we too are counted among the saints,
beloved children of God, vessels of divine grace.
So, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon these gifts of bread and cup,
that the bread we break together and the cup we share
may remind us of that your love is found in ordinary things,
your grace, amid ordinary lives
and your presence on ordinary days.

By these mighty acts in Christ Jesus, unite us amid our differences,
a sign of unity in a fractious and divided world,
until you return to this earth you made, to this people you cherish.
Until that day, we lift our prayer to you,
using the words your son taught us, saying:

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Agnus Dei (Fauré) Felix Polendey, tenor

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.
May eternal light shine upon them with your saints forever, for you are compassionate.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus Christ, who is both Lamb and Shepherd,
we remember you as we remember all your saints,
especially those precious to us by their example.
Enable us to embody the hope that we are never alone,
but loved by you and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
united and sustained by your love. Amen.

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.*

OFFERTORY *Sanctus* (Fauré) Trinity Ensemble (8:30)
Chancel Choir (10:30)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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

* CLOSING HYMN *For All the Saints* FWS 2283

For all the saints who've shown your love
in how they live and where they move,
for mindful women, caring men,
accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name,
whose faith increased the Savior's fame,
who sang your songs and share your word,
accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will,
and showed the kingdom coming still
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise,
accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

***** BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *In Paradisum* (Fauré) Trinity Ensemble (8:30)
Chancel Choir (10:30)

May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs welcome you upon your arrival and lead you into the holy city of Jerusalem;
may a choir of angels welcome you, and with poor Lazarus of old, may you have eternal rest.

**congregation invited to stand*

Walking with God This Week

This week's daily devotional is available at https://umtrinity.org/devotions

Monday, November 2 — 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
Paul writes to believers who are grieving the death of fellow Christians. He does not tell them that they should not grieve. Instead, he encourages them not to grieve as those who have no hope. His assurance rests in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise that those who belong to Christ remain within God's saving purposes.
Remembering someone we love often brings both gratitude and sorrow. We cherish the moments we shared, yet we also feel the pain of their absence. Christian hope does not require us to set aside these feelings. Rather, it gives us a reason to trust that death does not have the final word. We can remember those who have gone before us with love while entrusting them to God's eternal care.

- How has your faith shaped the way you remember someone who has died?
- What does it mean to grieve with hope rather than without it?
- Prayer: God of resurrection, thank you for the lives of those who have gone before us. Comfort us in our sorrow, strengthen our hope in Christ, and help us trust that your love reaches beyond the boundaries of death. Amen.

Tuesday, November 3 — Ecclesiastes 3:1–8
The writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is a season for everything: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance. These words acknowledge the changing seasons of human life, including experiences we welcome and those we would rather avoid.
We sometimes wish we could hold onto a particular season forever. We want joyful moments to last and painful ones to pass quickly. Yet life continually invites us to recognize that change is unavoidable. Letting go does not mean that what we have experienced becomes unimportant. It means accepting that we cannot remain in the past, while trusting God to accompany us into the days ahead.

- Is there a season of your life that has been especially difficult to leave behind?
- How might accepting life's changing seasons help you live more fully today?
- Prayer: Eternal God, help me receive each season of life with wisdom and grace. Give me courage to release what I cannot hold forever and faith to trust your presence in whatever lies ahead. Amen.

Wednesday, November 4 — Psalm 116:1–9
The psalmist gives thanks because God has heard his cries and delivered him from distress. He remembers a time when death and anguish surrounded him, yet he experienced God's mercy and compassion. His response is not simply relief that suffering has passed, but a renewed commitment to walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
Difficult experiences can remain with us long after the circumstances have changed. Sometimes we remember only the pain and overlook the ways we were sustained through it. Looking back with gratitude does not erase suffering, but it can help us recognize the people, moments, and expressions of grace that carried us forward. Such memories can become a source of strength for the life we continue to live.

- Looking back on a difficult time, where can you recognize God's sustaining grace?
- How might gratitude for the past strengthen your faith in the present?
- Prayer: Merciful God, thank you for hearing us in times of trouble. Help me remember your faithfulness with gratitude and recognize the grace that continues to sustain me as I walk before you each day. Amen.

Thursday, November 5 — Hebrews 11:32–12:2
The writer of Hebrews recalls people who remained faithful through victories, hardships, and suffering. Their stories lead into the image of a great cloud of witnesses surrounding believers as they run the race set before them. Encouraged by their example, we are called to lay aside what weighs us down and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.
Those who have shaped our faith leave more than memories behind. Their patience, courage, generosity, and trust in God can continue to influence how we live. Yet honoring their witness does not mean trying to recreate their lives or remain in the past. We honor them most meaningfully when their example inspires us to follow Christ faithfully in our own circumstances.

- Whose life has shown you what it means to follow Christ faithfully?
- What part of their example would you like to carry forward in your own life?
- Prayer: Faithful God, thank you for the witnesses whose lives have strengthened our faith. Help me learn from their example, lay aside what hinders me, and continue following Jesus with perseverance and hope. Amen.

Friday, November 6 — Isaiah 43:16–21
Through Isaiah, God reminds the people of the deliverance they experienced in the past, then declares, “I am about to do a new thing.” The God who once made a way through the sea now promises to make a way in the wilderness. God's past faithfulness becomes the foundation for trusting the new possibilities God is bringing forth.
Memories can strengthen our faith, but sometimes they also make it difficult to welcome change. We may become so attached to how things used to be that we overlook what God is doing in the present. Letting go of the past does not require us to forget it. Rather, it allows us to carry its lessons and blessings forward while remaining attentive to the new opportunities God places before us.

- Are there memories or expectations that make it difficult for you to welcome change?
- Where might God be inviting you to recognize a new possibility today?
- Prayer: God of new beginnings, thank you for your faithfulness throughout my life. Help me cherish the lessons of the past without becoming confined by them, and open my heart to the new things you are doing. Amen.

Saturday, November 7 — Romans 14:7–9
Paul reminds the believers in Rome that none of us lives or dies to ourselves alone. Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Christ died and lived again so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Our belonging to Christ is not limited by the circumstances or length of our earthly lives.
We often measure life by how long someone lived or how much they accomplished. Yet the value of a life cannot be reduced to its length or achievements. Each person belongs to God, whose love reaches beyond what we can measure or understand. As we remember those who have gone before us, we can release them into God's care and continue living with the assurance that our own lives also rest in God's faithful hands.

- How does knowing that we belong to Christ change the way you understand life and death?
- What would it mean to live today with greater confidence in God's enduring love?
- Prayer: Lord of the living and the dead, thank you that we belong to you in life and in death. Help me entrust those I love to your eternal care and live each day with gratitude, confidence, and hope in your unfailing love. Amen.

Today at Trinity

Martha's Table Snack Packaging
Following both worship services today, we will gather in the Fellowship Lobby to make bags of trail mix for 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!

10 a.m. **Chancel Choir**
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.

10:40 a.m. **Children's Worship**
Ages 4–6th grade. Meets following the Children's Message in our Fellowship Building (across the Breezeway).

2 p.m. **Praise Band Rehearsal**

4:30 p.m. **Youth Group**
Grades 7–12. We meet in the Fellowship Building to nurture lasting friendships while discussing Scripture, faith, life and more. Contact Catherine, umtrinityyouth@gmail.com for more.

6 p.m. **Iglesia de Diós Worship**

This Week

MONDAY
6:30 p.m. **Cub Scout Den 3**
7 p.m. **Covenant Bible Study**
7:30 p.m. **Boy Scout Troop 869**

TUESDAY
10:30 a.m. **Fall Pastors' Bible Study: Teach Us to Pray!**
Join our five-week Bible Study, *Teach Us to Pray!* as we explore the Lord's Prayer through Scripture, discussion, and practical reflection. We'll consider expressions of prayer in both Testaments as well as real-life examples that help us practice the Lord's Prayer daily. Meets in the Library and via Zoom. Contact Pastor Dave, drochford@umtrinity.org, to learn more.

6 p.m. **Cub Scout Den 6**
7 p.m. **Boy Scout Troop 1130**
7 p.m. **Langley Residential Support Services**

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.

6 p.m. **Wednesday Supper Program** (see adjacent column)
6:30 p.m. **Children's Choir**
Grades 1–6 rehearse 6:30–7:10 in the choir room, followed by supervised playground time. Contact Adelaide at adeloving11@gmail.com.

THURSDAY
7 p.m. **Charge Conference**
Annual meeting in the Chapel & on Zoom (Link in E-News), as our Exec. Council votes on clergy compensation & 2027 leadership nominees.

SATURDAY
6 p.m. **Iglesia de Diós**

Coming Up

Nov. 1 – 30: Stone Soup Food Drive!


Join Trinity's Children's Ministry and Preschool in supporting SHARE of McLean through our Stone Soup Food Drive. Inspired by the beloved folktale where everyone contributes a little to create a feast for all, we're collecting nonperishable food items throughout November to help neighbors facing food insecurity. Drop donations in collection boxes in the Fellowship Lobby. Together, our small gifts can make a big difference for local families.

Nov. 5 Executive Council

Nov. 7 Rise Against Hunger
Join us at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, McLean, to package nutritious meals that help feed communities around the world. Sign up and find donation opportunities via the QR code on page 8.

Nov. 9: Poinsettia Order Deadline
Use QR code on page 8 for details & ordering.

Nov. 10 Book Chat
This month's selection is *Driving Home Naked: And Other Misadventures of a Country Veterinarian* by Melinda G. McCall.

Nov. 11 Office Closed: Veterans' Day

Nov. 15: Thanksgiving Lunch
Use the QR code on page 8 for details & sign up.

Nov. 21 Christ House Meal Mission

Nov. 22: Hanging of the Greens

Nov. 26-27 Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Nov. 27: Christmas Tree Sales Begin

SUPPER PROGRAM
Wednesday • 6 p.m.


Come join us this Wednesday for dinner and an engaging discussion with *Anne Keating* as she presents *"Body Stewardship: Taking Care of the Self God Gave You."* Anne will introduce simple body-movement practices that can help improve strength, support healthy aging, and keep us active for years to come. Discussion starts at 6:30!

Our 6 p.m. dinner will feature Wegman's chicken noodle soup and Cobb salad. (Attendees are also welcome to bring a side or dessert to help round out our offering each week.) Hope to have you with us!

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.

Quick Links

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

- Prayer Requests
- Rise Against Hunger
- Poinsettia Orders
- Thanksgiving Potluck
- Children & Youth ministry registration
- Christ House wish list
- Ushers sign-up, Book Chat

Did You Know?

A half-mile from Trinity is an unpretentious single-story, flat-roofed building, housing Franklin Sherman Elementary School. One of the smallest of Fairfax County's elementary schools, FSES has way beyond its share of "Firsts."

These include:

- the first consolidated school in Fairfax Co., replacing four one-room schools to serve 29 students
- the first school in the county to provide transportation to and from school (via a model T)
- the first county school to convene a Parent-Teacher Association (in 1915)

And one "First" of truly national prominence: on April 26, 1954, Franklin Sherman became the site of the first field trial for an experimental polio vaccine developed by a doctor named Jonas Salk. On that day, 114 second graders pioneered the way for the eradication of that dreaded childhood disease - for every generation of children since.



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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday Worship: Chapel at 8:30 a.m.; Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. streamed on YouTube: youtube.com/UMTrinity.
If you're not yet receiving our weekly Friday e-mail, please send us your address to info@umtrinity.org.