



Trinity United Methodist Church

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October 30, 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 (8:30)
Prelude (10:30)

Sanctus from Requiem (Fauré)
Now Thank We All Our God (Callahan)

Trinity Ensemble
Jerry Rich

Welcome and Announcements

Clergy

* Call to Worship

Anne Hough

For all those who have paved the way for our freedom of worship, we give thanks, O Lord.

For those who have taught us about witness and the power of love, we give thanks, O Lord.

For those who work in our church that we may come to know what it means to serve, we give thanks, O Lord.

For all the saints, those who rest from their labors, and those who labor still, we give thanks, O Lord.

Praise be to God, who continually inspires and guides workers and witnesses.

Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord, and help us to become joyful workers for you. Amen.

* Gathering Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Children's Message

Anne Hough

Prayers of the People

A. Hough

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

Purify My Heart (Doerksen)

Chancel Choir

Scripture

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

A. Hough

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints—and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

'The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.'

Message

The Joy of Thanks-Giving

Neil Hough

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

A. Hough

* Closing Hymn

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

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* Benediction

N. Hough

Closing Music

A Mighty Fortress: Fughetta (Pachelbel)

Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

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

Monday, October 31 — Deuteronomy 8:1-10

One of the Bible's primary commands is to "remember ...". There are more than 200 occurrences of "remember" in the NRSV version of the Bible. Remembering what God has done in our lives strengthens our ability to keep God's commandments. When we remember that God was with us during difficult moments of the past, we can give thanks. We can also approach the future with confidence and faith.

- Can you look back in your life and find moments when God was with you — even if you were not aware of God's presence at the time? How does that memory help you practice thanks-giving? How does it help you trust God more fully today?
- Prayer: *Ever-Present God, thank you for your faithfulness. Open my eyes and ears to see and hear your presence in my life today. Increase my ability to trust you. Amen.*

Tuesday, November 1 — Deuteronomy 8:11-20

The 8th chapter of Deuteronomy could have been written in the 21st century. Like the Israelites, we are easily tempted to forget God when life is good. We can be tempted to think that we are the source of the blessings we enjoy in our lives. We believe that "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:17).

- What helps you remember God when everything is going well? Which spiritual disciplines increase your awareness of God's blessings in your life?
- Prayer: *Loving God, grant me the gift of increased awareness of your blessings. Teach me to remember you when life is good, not just when bad things are happening. Amen.*

Wednesday, November 2 — Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Tithing is one of the spiritual disciplines that increases our awareness of God's blessings in our lives. Giving back to God the first fruits, the first ten (10) percent, of what we've received is an act of trust and obedience. We trust that the ninety (90) percent that we keep is more than enough — because ultimately everything we have and everything we are comes from God. Giving God the **first** ten percent, is a tangible way of affirming that God comes first in our lives.

- Consider how you decide how much you return to God through the church. What does it say about your trust and obedience?
- Prayer: *Generous God, I know that everything I have and everything I am comes from you. Today I commit myself to putting you first in every aspect of my life. Amen.*

Thursday, November 3 — 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Several New Testament passages refer to the collection that the apostle Paul and his colleagues are receiving for the church in Jerusalem. The 8th and 9th chapters of 2 Corinthians are essentially fund-raising letters and reveal some important truths about why we should be generous and care for people in need. One is that our generosity is a tangible demonstration of our faith in God, a tangible act of thanks-giving. A second is that generosity is Christ-like behavior.

- How does your generosity and your attitude toward sharing your resources reflect your faith and the example of Jesus?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, thank you for the example of Jesus, who willingly gave up everything for my salvation. Help me learn how you want me to follow his example. Amen.*

Friday, November 4 — 2 Corinthians 9:1-5

Another reason that Paul and his associates are receiving a collection for the saints in Jerusalem is that it is a ministry (see 2 Corinthians 9:1). We often think of financial contributions to the church from a transactional perspective: paying for a service we receive. But generosity is not only a spiritual discipline, it is also a ministry. Like other kinds of ministry, God uses our generosity to change lives — including our own.

- How has your life been changed by someone's generosity?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, sometimes I forget how powerful you really are. I forget that you can use my gifts to change the world. Help me to remember and trust you with my life. Amen.*

Saturday, November 5 — 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The conclusion of the apostles' fund-raising efforts is focused as much on God as it is on the Corinthians that the apostles are trying to influence. It is about God's blessings and the Corinthians' relationship with God. Ultimately, the Corinthians' generosity — and ours — is an act of worship. We glorify God when we trust and obey. (That's why we receive tithes and offerings in worship services.) Take special note of 2 Corinthians 9:11-12, which includes this promise: "the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many **thanksgivings to God**" (emphasis added.)

- Reflect on your whole life, including your giving. How does your whole life glorify God?
- Prayer: *Glorious God, at my best, I give you all the glory. Grant me the courage I need to glorify you with every aspect of my life, including my financial resources. 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.

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 894 8087 9762

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

Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Amanda, Amber & Briana, Andrea, Andrew, Asher, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Bennett family, Betty, Bill, Bill & Maddie, Blackburn family, Bob, Boris, Bud, Carol & Rich, Cathryn, Cathy, Charlie, Christine, Colin & Kelly, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Carol, Davey, David, Diane, Dick, Dilian & Abby, Donna, Doris, Earl & Mary Lou, Eduardo, Eileen, Elaine, Ellen, Ellie, Emily, Evelyn, Evey, Finn, Fiona, Fran & Tom, Franco, Gary & Lindie, Gilmore family, Greenberg family, Hanson family, Harriet, Hoepfl family, Homer, Hudson, Isobel, Jackie, Janet, Jeff, Jeffmader, Jeremy, Jessica, Jill, Joe & Doris, Joe & Marie, John, Jorge, June, Junior, Karen, Katherin & Tim, Kathy, Kathy & Russ, Kay & John, Kurtz family, Lana, Lena, Lindsay, Lisa, Liz & David, Luana, Maeve, Marcia, Marciene, Marilyn, Mark, Melissa & Chad, Mickey, Mike, Milton & Janine, Pauline & Merlin, Patterson family, Peg & Dick, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Rosemarie & Adrian, Sandy, Sandy & Vinnie, Sarah, Scott, Spencer, Starr family, Steve, Sue, Tim, Tom, Tony, Tracy, Valery, Vanessa, Vanna, Vicki, Viles family, Weiss family, Williams family, Yancey, Zoren, 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.

Mission team: Anne, Chris, Meg, Michelle

Send us your prayer requests at umtrinity.org.

Today's hymn texts for those worshipping at home.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.
4. That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.
2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.
3. Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes mine inmost substance see,
and labor on at thy command,
and offer all my works to thee.
4. For thee delightfully employ
what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

Highlights from E-News

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

Book Chat

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, **Nov. 8** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. The Nov. book is *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri. More at <https://umtrinity.org/education>. Contact Kathy Maher, kathyngs@gmail.com, for more.

Celebration of Life

There will be a celebration of life for Nell Gilmore on Tuesday, November 2 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

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: Nov. 7 & 21. 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.

Trinity Preschool News

Trinity Preschool is always looking for substitutes and floater teachers! The qualifications are: reliable, a cheerful disposition, and a love for young children! Previous childcare experience is a bonus, but not necessary. Two shifts are available: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 1 - 5 p.m., flexible days available. Please email Emily Yosmanovich, Preschool Director at Director.TrinityPreschool@gmail.com

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Today: Trunk or Treat
Saturday: Rise Against Hunger
Register at <http://bit.ly/youthreg22>
For more information about volunteering with youth or joining youth group, contact Catherine Wethington (umtrinityyouth@gmail.com).

Children & Youth Activities

Registration 2022-23

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or visit the webpage to complete the registration today.



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

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



Coming Up

October

- 30 Trunk or Treat
- 30 Celtic Service

November

- 1-8 Honduras Mission Trip
- 2 Celebration of Life: Nell Gilmore
- 5 Rise Against Hunger
- 6 Martha's Table
- 7 Poinsettia Orders Due
- 7 Crafts for a Cause
- 8 Book Chat
- 8 Charge Conference
- 11 Office Closed
- 19 Christ House
- 20 Hanging of the Greens, 4:30 p.m.
- 21 Crafts for a Cause
- 24 & 25 Office Closed
- 25 Christmas Tree Sales Begin
- 27 Celtic Service

Sermon Series: A Life of Thanks-Giving

"Thanks" and "Giving" go together for many reasons. Put together, they create a word that describes not only a holiday in November, but also a way of living. As children of God and followers of Jesus, we have many reasons to be thankful. We know that God has given us all that we have and made us all that we are, and for that, we give thanks. We affirm that giving and thanking go together in our relationship with God. The Bible teaches us that when we remember what God has done, we are to give *thanks*. The Bible also teaches us that when we remember what God has done, we *give* thanks by *giving* a portion of what we have received back to God. That's what it means to tithe. That's what we're going to discover together as we consider how we might live **A Life of Thanks-Giving**.

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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. 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.

All Saints Sunday: November 6

It's the day that Christians around the world remember and honor the lives of loved ones who have died in the past 12 months. At Trinity, we're going to celebrate All Saints by reading the names of Trinity members who have died in the past year (since November 1, 2021). We're also going to read the names of family and friends who have died in that same period of time. **If you would like for us to read the name of someone important to you on November 6, please send their full name to info@umtrinity.org no later than Tuesday, November 1.** Please note that our list needs to be limited to the past 12 months.

Charge Conference: November 8

Our 2022 Charge Conference, the annual meeting of our congregation will meet on **Tuesday, November 8** at 7 p.m. The meeting will use a hybrid format in-person and on Zoom this year. This is the meeting to set clergy compensation and leadership nominations for 2023. Members of the Executive Council are voting members of the Charge Conference. Others are also welcome to log on and hear the reports from this year and the plans for 2023.



Directory Update

Our Membership Directory is always available at the bottom of the E-News that you receive on Friday mornings. Please review it and send any corrections to info@umtrinity.org by **Sunday, November 3**. An updated Directory will be published the week of November 4.



Christmas Poinsettias

The Sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias for Christmas Eve! The plants are \$15 each or \$28 for 2. To purchase a plant in honor or memory of a loved one please fill out the form at <http://umtrinity.org/poinsettias> by **Monday, November 7**. Using this online form ensures names are spelled correctly and there is a convenient link at the end of the form to make an online payment. You will be able to take the plants home after the services on Christmas Eve. Thank you for helping to make our sanctuary beautiful for this very special season.

Your name _____ (as it will appear in the bulletin under Given by...)

Email _____

List all those you wish to give poinsettias in memory / honor of: _____

Number of Plants _____ Amount Owed _____

Why Do I Give? Short and Sweet!
by Jim Wilson

Recently David Case, our Finance Committee Chair, kicked off the end-of-year giving campaign with some very appropriate comments. David has asked folks from the Finance and Executive Committees to share their thoughts on "Why Do I Give?"

So "why" do people like me, or for that matter "me specifically" GIVE? I'm going to suggest that it really goes back to the focus on a person giving back to their community or to an organization of their time, talents, and treasures. I have learned over the years, and certainly holds true for my wife and I, is that people tend to give of their treasures where they also give of their time and talents.



We volunteer here at Trinity, with the Boy Scouts over the years, as a coach of various youth teams, and with several philanthropic organizations because. . .

- we watched our parents' great generation as they volunteered and what it meant to them,
- we were mentored, trained, and taught by caring teachers, leaders, coaches, and seniors who gave,
- I learned from lots of other peers and youth over the years as I have challenged them to give back to their communities and organizations some of what they have been given,
- in most all cases there has been a very spiritual calling for me to volunteer my time and talents, and to follow up and give across the years,
- And it always *felt good to give*.

This really is part of the wisdom shared in the bible, when it is says in 1 Peter 4:10:

As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one another, as good management of the grace of God in its various forms.

In the near future is a day known as *Giving Tuesday*. Occurring on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving, it was created in 2012, as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good! Over the past years, it has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. Take the opportunity to use Giving Tuesday in support of Trinity and all our missions & ministries, *because it will feel good*.