



# Trinity United Methodist Church

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August 7, 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	<i>Fairest Isle</i> (Purcell)	Jerry Rich
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Eileen Gilmer
The goodness of God has called us here! <b>We are recipients of God's gracious love.</b> We have not always done what is right in God's sight; <b>Yet God is merciful and forgiving.</b> Open your hearts and spirits to the refreshing love of God. <b>Help us, O Lord, to live joyfully and peacefully in your sight. Amen.</b>		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>Christ for the World We Sing</i>	p. 3 / UMH 568
Children's Message		Anne Hough
Prayers of the People		Gilmer
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 (8:30)	<i>Let Us Be Bread</i> (Porter)	Catherine Wethington
Anthem (10:30)	<i>Laudamus te</i> (Vivaldi)	Emily Casey and Catherine Wethington
Scripture	Proverbs 24:30-34	Gilmer
I passed by the field of one who was lazy, by the vineyard of a stupid person, and see, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction. A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want, like an armed warrior.		
Message	<i>Sloth (Diligence &amp; Zeal)</i>	Neil Hough
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		Gilmer
* Closing Hymn	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	p. 3 / UMH 577
* Benediction		Hough
Closing Music (8:30)	<i>Allegro</i> from <i>King Arthur</i> (Purcell)	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, August 1 — Proverbs 24:30-34**

The Old Testament Book of Proverbs contains countless short sayings that provide wisdom for living a faithful and meaningful life. Like a parent might instruct a child, the Proverbs offer insight into the way of the world. They teach us how to do well in the world by working hard and avoiding the temptation to be lazy or apathetic. They affirm that a good life is lived with righteousness and diligence, not wickedness or laziness.

- How do you feel about the Proverbs found in chapter 24? Do you agree with what they say? What do they mean to you?
- Prayer: *God of Wisdom, teach me to live my life in a way that is pleasing to you. Help me learn and grow in obedience to your will every single day. Amen.*

## **Tuesday, August 2 — Mark 12:28-34**

When the Church first named sloth as one of the seven deadly sins, they were not thinking only about physical laziness, they were also concerned with spiritual laziness. Sloth becomes a deadly sin when we fail to love God and our neighbors with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. We are easily tempted to be apathetic and indifferent toward both God and neighbor.

- Spend some time honestly examining your own life today. On a scale of one-to-ten, how passionately do you love God? How fully do you love your neighbor? Do you ever get lazy in your devotional life or in your service to Christ through the ministries of the church?
- Prayer: *God of Love, forgive me when I fail to love you or my neighbor with my heart, soul, mind, and strength. Help me love you and my neighbors more fully today. Amen.*

## **Wednesday, August 3 — Matthew 25:14-30**

In Jesus' parable about the servants and the talents, the master praises the servants who have used their talents wisely, and he punishes the servant who hid the talent in the ground and did nothing with it. The parable serves as a warning to everyone who has received a gift or a talent from God. We are expected to develop and use the gifts we have received, not bury them in the ground and do nothing with them.

- Make a list of the gifts you have received from God. (They can be material gifts or talents and abilities.) What have you done with the gifts you have received? Have you been faithful and trustworthy?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, I know that you have given me gifts to use for your Kingdom. Teach me to use them wisely and faithfully. Use my gifts for your purposes in the world. Amen.*

## **Thursday, August 4 — Ezra 7:21-23**

The first part of Old Testament Book of Ezra describes the return of the Israelite exiles to Jerusalem and the rebuilding of the temple. The second part of the book, beginning with chapter seven, describes the work of Ezra. It includes a decree from King Artaxerxes that instructs the Israelites to do with diligence whatever Ezra requires, and to do with zeal whatever God commands. These are God's expectations for God's people.

- Which aspects of your life require and inspire the greatest commitment, diligence, and zeal? What prevents you from making that same level of commitment to God — with the same level of diligence and zeal you apply to the rest of your life?
- Prayer: *Almighty God, today I affirm my desire to unreservedly commit myself to you and to whatever you expect me to do. Increase my faithfulness. Amen.*

## **Friday, August 5 — Romans 12:9-13**

In Romans 12, the apostle Paul describes the marks of the true Christian. He describes the characteristics of people who respond to God's grace and are transformed by the Holy Spirit. His point is that if we are saved by God's grace then we, too, will be filled with love and will be ardent in spirit. We will be patient, generous, and hospitable.

- Use Romans 12 to review your life. How has God's grace transformed it? How fully do you exhibit the marks of a follower of Jesus? Where do you need to grow? What do you need to learn? What will you do today — or this week — to grow in faith and love?
- Prayer: *Gracious God, fill me with the power of your Spirit and transform my life. Make me more loving, patient, and generous today. Make me more like Jesus. Amen.*

## **Saturday, August 6 — Titus 2:11-14**

Much of the Bible is descriptive, rather than prescriptive. Many passages in the New Testament describe what God has done, and is doing, through Jesus, and what the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus mean to us. The letter to Titus describes what the grace of God will do: train us to renounce impiety so that we might live Godly lives; redeem us; and purify us — so that we will be zealous to perform God's good deeds.

- How well does Titus 2:11-14 describe your life? How might your attitudes and actions be preventing God from training, redeeming, and purifying your life?
- Prayer: *Heavenly Father, thank you for Jesus and for the gift of salvation and the power of the Holy Spirit. Make me zealous to perform good deeds for you. 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. Nursery attendants and children's ministry volunteers wear masks.

## This Week on Zoom

Password 1205

### Engage Bible Study

Monday at 7 p.m. Meets twice a month, next meeting: August 8. Contact Jim Wilson for log in link. [jaswilson@sloft.com](mailto:jaswilson@sloft.com).

### Pastor's Bible Study: The 7 Deadly Sins

Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 894 8087 9762  
Wednesday at 7 p.m.: Meeting ID: 886 5257 6837

### Prayer Group

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

## Our Prayer List

Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Amber & Briana, Ann, Anna-belle, Ballard family, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Betty & Tracy, Bev, Bill & Ann, Bill & Maddie, Boris, Bricker family, Carol & Rich, Carolina, Cathryn, Cathy, Chris, Claire, Connie, Claudia, Daniel, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Carol, Dave & Siri, Davey, David, Douglas & Dilian, Earl & Mary Lou, Eason-Williams family, Elaine, Elizabeth, Ellie, Evey, Fran & Tom, Gary & Lindie, Gerry & Kathy, Hanse family, Hanson family, Harriet, Hoda, Howard, Janet, Jeremy, Jill, Joe & Marie, John, June, Karen, Kathy, Kay & John, Krista, Kristin, Ladye, Lana, Lena, Lindstedt family, Liz & David, Luana, Marcia, Marcienne, Marcy, Maria, Mary, Matthew, Mickey, Monica, Nell, Neil & Anne, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Rob, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Sandy & Vinnie, Sarah, Sasha, Shelley, Suzy, Tatiana, Thomas, Tom, Vanna, Williams family, Woodward family, Yancey, travelers, the people of Ukraine and those assisting them, Afghanis, Sudanese, victims of human trafficking, Trinity's children, youth and volunteers, healthcare and emergency workers, hospital chaplains, those who mourn, the homeless, those distributing vaccines, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters and political turmoil around the world.

### Summer Sermon Series

This summer, Pastor Neil is preaching a series of sermons on ***The Seven Deadly Sins (and the Seven Holy Virtues)***. There is no list of Seven Deadly Sins in the Bible, but centuries ago, the church named these sins and called them "deadly." This series will explore what they are and why they are so dangerous. We'll learn how to name them and confess them in our own lives, and we'll discover the corresponding virtues that God's grace makes possible. The ***Deadly Sins*** are some of the ways we interfere with God's intentions for our lives. Join us in person or online each week as we discover that, when we reduce the interference of sin, we experience more fully the Kingdom life that God dreams for every one of us.

Today's hymn texts for those worshipping at home.

### Christ for the World We Sing

1. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
with loving zeal;  
the poor, and them that mourn,  
the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,  
whom Christ doth heal.
2. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
with fervent prayer;  
the wayward and the lost,  
by restless passions tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost,  
from dark despair.
3. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
with one accord;  
with us the work to share,  
with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear,  
for Christ our Lord.
4. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
with joyful song;  
the newborn souls, whose days,  
reclaimed from error's ways,  
inspired with hope and praise,  
to Christ belong.

### God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on the people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story,  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

## Highlights from E-News

If you're not receiving our Friday e-mail, please send the address where you want to receive it to [info@umtrinity.org](mailto:info@umtrinity.org)

### 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.

### Crafts for a Cause

Crafts for a Cause meets every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: Aug. 8 & 22. 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).

### Grace Ministries School Supply Collection

We are partnering with Christ Crossman UMC to collect school supplies through August 7: backpacks, crayons, colored pencils, washable markers, no. 2 pencils, plastic folders, pencil sharpeners, erasers, wide-ruled note-books, glue sticks, rulers, blunt-tipped scissors, assorted construction paper. Donations can be left in the bin in the Fellowship Lobby.

### Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor Anne Hough is teaching a Bible study on ***The Seven Deadly Sins*** to complement Pastor Neil's summer sermon series. The Zoom study will be offered on four Tuesday mornings at 10:30 and Wednesday evenings at 7. Each week's class is connected by the theme but can stand alone if you are unable to attend each one. The next sessions are Aug. 9 & 10 and Aug. 16 & 17.

### Trinity Preschool of McLean

For 2022-23, we have class options for children two and a half years old - Kindergarten. <http://umtrinity.org/preschool>.

### Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

**Friday, August 12, 7:30 p.m.** Free Outdoor Concert at Mason District Park - bring a blanket and a picnic and enjoy some live music. Artists- Crys Matthews and Heather Mae (folk/blues music) great for the whole family.

**Saturday, August 20, 7:30-9:30 p.m.** Outdoor Movie Night, join us for a family friendly movie, BYOC (bring your own chair) and snacks.

**Sunday, August 28, 3 - 5 p.m.** Pool Party at the Wethington Residence, celebrate the end of Summer and the start of the school year with a Pool Party!

**Youth Parents: Thursday, August 11, 7-8 p.m.** Youth Planning Meeting for Parents (on Zoom) all youth parents are invited to join in a youth planning session with Catherine.

Youth group is for all youth in 7th-12th grade. Are you an adult interested in volunteering with our youth or do you want more information about joining youth group? Contact Catherine Wethington ([umtrinityyouth@gmail.com](mailto:umtrinityyouth@gmail.com)).

## Coming Up

### August

- 8 Crafts for a Cause
- 22 Crafts for a Cause
- 28 Celtic Service
- 29 Youth Group Pool Party

### September

- 5 Office Closed
- 6 Crafts for a Cause
- 11 Bounce Back Sunday
- 19 Crafts for a Cause

### Trinity Church Staff

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### Summer Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

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.