Trinity United Methodist Church



Moses Viewing the Promised Land (Public Resource)

"I will give it to your descendants."

Deuteronomy 34:4

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October 25, 2026 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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 *Lyra-Starship* (Nishimura) Haakon Anderson, alto saxophone

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Deuteronomy 34, Psalm 90, Matthew 22*

Come to us, O God.
Breathe through our worship with your Holy Spirit.
Fill us with your faithful love.
Guide us with your ancient teachings.
Come to us, O God.
Be in our prayer and praise.

* GATHERING HYMN *O God, Our Help In Ages Past* UMH 117, verses 1-3,6

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

MORNING PRAYER *from Deuteronomy 34; Psalm 90; Matthew 22*

God of ages past and days to come, you have been our help and hope throughout all generations.
Open our hearts and minds to receive your wisdom and follow your guidance.
When we lose our way or turn away from you, draw us back with your compassion and mercy.
Fill us with your faithful love, and teach us to walk in your ways.
Teach us to love you, to love ourselves, and to love our neighbors as you have loved us.
May your love shape our words, our actions, and the way we care for one another.
Establish the work of our hands, O God, that all we do may serve your purposes in the world.
Guide us in your wisdom, strengthen us in your love, and lead us in faithfulness. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR *This Little Light of Mine* (trad.) Adelaide Loving

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Laurie Strollo

ANTHEM *In Remembrance* (Red) Maggie Rabe (8:30)
Take Time to Be Holy (Fettke) Chancel Choir (10:30)

READING OF THE EPISTLES Deuteronomy 34:1–12 Tsidi Tsikata (8:30)
Jamie Loving (10:30)

"Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, "I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor,

but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel."

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

MESSAGE *The Promise Continues* Taehwan Roh

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our prayer will conclude with:

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.

HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

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.*

Testimony Wes Bricker

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 *Forward Through the Ages* UMH 555

Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure,
hearts of one accord,
manifold the service,
one the sure reward.

Refrain:
Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine.

Wider grows the kingdom,
reign of love and light;
for it we must labor,
till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it,
martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory,
heroes for it died. *[Refrain]*

Not alone we conquer,
not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph
lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose
in one living whole,
move we on together
to the shining goal. *[Refrain]*

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott* (Pachelbel) Jerry Rich

**congregation invited to stand*

Walking with God This Week

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

Monday, October 26 — Psalm 90:1–12
Psalm 90 begins by declaring that God has been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Human life is brief, but God remains from everlasting to everlasting. The psalm, traditionally associated with Moses, reflects on the passing of time and the limits of human life. Rather than ignoring those limits, the psalmist asks God to teach us to number our days so that we may gain a wise heart.
We often think about our lives in terms of what we still hope to accomplish. Yet recognizing that our time is limited does not make our lives less meaningful. It invites us to consider how we are living the days entrusted to us. Wisdom is not simply knowing how much time we have, but learning to live faithfully within that time. Each day offers an opportunity to love, serve, and respond to God's calling.

- How does recognizing the limits of your life change what you consider important?
- What would it mean to live more wisely and faithfully with the time God has given you?
- Prayer: Eternal God, teach me to number my days with wisdom. Help me use the time you have entrusted to me with gratitude, love, and faithfulness, remembering that my life rests in your everlasting care. Amen.

Tuesday, October 27 — Isaiah 55:6–11
Through Isaiah, God calls the people to seek the Lord and return to God's mercy. The passage reminds us that God's thoughts and ways are higher than our own. Just as rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, God's Word accomplishes the purpose for which it is sent. God's promises are grounded not in human understanding or ability, but in God's faithfulness.
We may become discouraged when events do not unfold according to our expectations. Sometimes we assume that if we cannot understand what God is doing, nothing meaningful is happening. Yet Isaiah invites us to recognize the limits of our perspective. Trusting God does not mean pretending to understand every circumstance. It means remaining open to God's work even when its direction or results are not immediately visible to us.

- When have your expectations made it difficult to recognize God's work?
- How might trusting God's wisdom change the way you face uncertainty?
- Prayer: Faithful God, remind me that your wisdom reaches beyond my understanding. When I cannot see the way forward, help me remain attentive to your Word and trust that your purposes are not limited by my expectations. Amen.

Wednesday, October 28 — Mark 4:26–32
Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to seeds growing in the soil. A farmer scatters seed and watches it grow, even though the process remains beyond the farmer's understanding. Jesus also describes a mustard seed that begins very small but grows into a plant large enough to provide shelter for birds. These parables reveal a Kingdom whose growth is not always immediately visible or under human control.
We often want to know whether our efforts are making a difference. When change comes slowly, we may become impatient or question the value of what we have begun. Yet the Kingdom of God does not depend entirely on our ability to measure or manage its growth. Our calling is to be faithful in what has been entrusted to us, while recognizing that God is at work in ways we may not fully understand.

- Where have you become impatient because you cannot see the results of your efforts?
- What small act of faithfulness might you offer today without knowing how it will grow?
- Prayer: God of the Kingdom, help me remain faithful in the small things you have entrusted to me. Give me patience when growth is slow, and teach me to trust your work beyond what I can see or control. Amen.

Thursday, October 29 — 2 Timothy 1:3–7
Paul remembers the sincere faith of Timothy, a faith that first lived in his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. He encourages Timothy to rekindle the gift of God within him and reminds him that God has given us a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline rather than fear. Timothy's faith is both a gift received through others and a calling he must now live out for himself.
Faith is never merely something we inherit without responsibility. We receive encouragement, teaching, and examples from those who came before us, but each generation must respond to God's calling in its own time. Passing on faith involves more than preserving familiar practices. It means helping others discover how

God's love and grace can shape their own lives and guide them into faithful service.

- Who has helped nurture your faith through their words or example?
- How are you encouraging others to grow in faith and respond to God's calling?
- Prayer: Loving God, thank you for those who have nurtured my faith. Help me cherish what I have received and share your love with others, so that faith may continue to grow through the generations. Amen.

Friday, October 30 — Philippians 3:12–16
Paul acknowledges that he has not already reached his goal or attained perfection. Instead, he continues pressing forward toward the calling he has received in Christ Jesus. He does not allow either his past achievements or his failures to determine the whole direction of his life. His attention remains on faithfully pursuing the purpose for which Christ has called him.
We sometimes measure our lives by goals we have reached or opportunities we have missed. Success can make us complacent, while disappointment can leave us feeling that our journey has lost its meaning. Paul offers another perspective. Faithfulness is not the same as having everything completed. It is a continuing response to Christ's calling, inviting us to learn from the past while remaining open to what God asks of us today.

- Do past accomplishments or disappointments sometimes keep you from moving forward?
- What might it mean to respond faithfully to Christ's calling in your present circumstances?
- Prayer: Lord Jesus, keep me from being defined only by my successes or failures. Help me learn from what lies behind, remain faithful in the present, and continue following your calling with humility and hope. Amen.

Saturday, October 31 — Revelation 21:1–5
John describes a vision of a new heaven and a new earth, where God dwells among the people and wipes away every tear. Death, mourning, crying, and pain will be no more. The One seated on the throne declares, "See, I am making all things new." This vision directs our hope beyond the limits of the present world toward God's promised renewal of creation.
We do not always witness the fulfillment of the hopes for which we pray and work. Our lives and communities continue through seasons of change, loss, and uncertainty. Yet Christian hope rests not on our ability to bring every good work to completion, but on God's promise to make all things new. As we look toward that promise, we are called to live faithfully today, bearing witness to God's love and renewal in the world around us.

- How does God's promise of renewal shape the way you understand the future?
- Where can you bear witness to God's hope and love in your life today?
- Prayer: God of new beginnings, thank you for the promise that you are making all things new. Strengthen my hope when the future is uncertain, and guide me to live faithfully as a witness to your love and renewing grace. Amen.



Today at Trinity

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).

11:45 a.m. **Trunk or Treat**
Children's Ministry invites our Trinity church, preschool, and community families to our annual "spook-tacular" celebration following today's 10:30 a.m. service. Trunk or Treat will be in the back parking lot behind the Fellowship Building. We look forward to seeing all the costumes and cars.

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
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.

7 p.m. **Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting**
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.

6:30 p.m. **Cub Scout Dens 1 & 9**

SATURDAY
6 p.m. **Iglesia de Diós**

Coming Up

Nov. 1: Martha's Table Snack Packaging
Following both worship services, 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!

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 7.

Nov. 9: Poinsettia Order Deadline
Use QR code on page 7 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 7 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 be with us for a delicious meal and an engaging discussion this Wednesday, as we welcome **Pamela Danner** for **"Creativity as a Divine Spark: How God Can Use What Brings You Joy."** Longtime chair of the McLean Center for the Arts Pamela will share how we can draw on God-given creativity to help carry us through anxious and uncertain times. Discussion starts at 6:30!

Our 6 p.m. dinner will feature plenteous pasta and pizza from Listrani's of McLean. (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

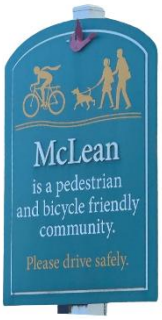
Ushers are needed each Sunday to greet people, answer questions and hand out bulletins. Use the QR code below to volunteer for this essential ministry of hospitality or speak to one of the pastors.

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
- Book Chat
- Children & Youth ministry registration
- Christ House wish list
- Ushers sign-up

Did You Know?



How our community came by the name "McLean?" Hint: it took both a stroke of luck…and $1,500.

At the dawn of the 20th Century, two tiny, crossroads communities named Lewinsville and Langley anchored this area of Virginia farm country. Both were 'dirt poor' (having unpaved streets), and eked out a living via the sale of fruit, vegetables and milk to the city of Washington.

Then, in 1902, a wealthy publisher named John Roll McLean (of the *Washington Post*) secured a charter to build an electric trolley line to facilitate the transport of agricultural goods, and to connect to the Great Falls (for which a large attraction had been planned, including a grand pavilion, dance hall, roller coaster and carousel). The trolley stop on old Chain Bridge Road was initially called Ingleside, but John McLean purchased the naming rights for "McLean Station" for the amount of $1,500. The area around the station exploded with growth, yielding a large general store and a post office. By 1911, the burgeoning enclave of "McLean" absorbed the independent Langley and Lewinsville post offices - and the new name was cemented. (The trolley ran until 1934; its route now lies beneath Old Dominion Drive.)

And that is how the naming rights for a trolley stop in a sleepy little place yielded the name of an enduring community... with no trolley.

Coming next week: how Fairfax County's first consolidated school for youngsters made U.S. public health history – right here in McLean.

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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.