



# Trinity United Methodist Church

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October 23, 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>Adagio from Sonata 3 in F, HWV 370 (Handel)</i>	Yorke Allen, III, violin
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Eileen Gilmer
Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good. <b>God's love endures forever.</b> Gather us in, Lord. <b>Listen as we give glory in your praise.</b> Listen as we give thanks to your holy name. <b>We sing praises to the Lord, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.</b>		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	p. 3 / UMH 102
Children's Message		Laurie Strollo
Prayers of the People		Gilmer
Offering		Neil 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>Spirit of Gentleness (Manley)</i>	Philip Keirstead
Anthem (10:30)	<i>Take Time to Be Holy (Rouse)</i>	Chancel Choir; Scott Kerr, clarinet
Scripture	1 Chronicles 16:7-13	Gilmer
Then on that day David first appointed the singing of praises to the Lord by Asaph and his kindred. O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he uttered, O offspring of his servant Israel, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.		
Message	<i>The Habit of Thanks-Giving</i>	Neil Hough
The Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)		Gilmer
* Closing Hymn	<i>Ye Servants of God</i>	p. 3 / UMH 181
* Benediction		Hough
Closing Music	<i>Allegro from Sonata 4 in D, HWV 371 (Handel)</i>	Allen
* Please stand as you are able.		

# Grow — Pray — Study

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

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## **Monday, October 24 — Leviticus 7:11-13**

Leviticus, the third book in the Bible, addresses the communal life of God's people. Much about how God's people live and worship has changed since the book was written, but the overriding theme speaks across the millennia: God is in the midst of God's people and in response to God's abiding presence, we (God's people) are called to worship. One form of worship was called, the "*sacrifice of well-being*" (Leviticus 3:1) and it included what is commonly known as the *thank offering*. The practice is simple. When we are aware of God's presence and God's grace, we respond in worship (sacrifice.) We respond by offering thanks to God in real and tangible ways.

- Make a commitment to be aware of God's presence in your life this week. Take time before you retire in the evening to review your day. When and how did you experience God's presence? End your day with a prayer of thanksgiving to God.
- Prayer: *Eternal God, I am thankful today for your abiding presence in my life. Thank you for your love and grace. Thank you for the gift of abundant and eternal life with you. Amen.*

## **Tuesday, October 25 — 1 Chronicles 16:1-13**

The first of the two Old Testament books of Chronicles opens with a long section of genealogy, followed by a chronicle of the reigns of King David and King Solomon. Chapter 16 describes David's response to the ark of the covenant being placed in the tent following his victory over the Philistines (1 Chronicles 14:8-17). It was a musical extravaganza that included David himself "*leaping and dancing*" (1 Chronicles 15:16-19). The Chronicler tells us that "*David appointed the singing of praises*" (1 Chronicles 16:7) and the result was a Psalm of Thanksgiving.

- The lesson is clear, when God is good, we respond with praise and thanksgiving. For what are you going to praise and thank God today? How will you express your thanksgiving?
- Prayer: *God of Love, open my eyes, ears, heart, and mind to experience the wonders of your goodness. Teach me to worship you with praise and thanksgiving every day. Amen.*

## **Wednesday, October 26 — Psalm 105:1-6**

There are many parallels between David's Psalm of Thanksgiving in 1 Chronicles 16 and Psalm 105. The first six (6) verses of the Psalm call God's people to worship, to sing God's praises and to "*give thanks to the LORD*" (Psalm 105:1). Not unlike our worship today, where a call to worship is followed by an account of God's faithfulness (in music, scripture, and proclamation), Psalm 105 proceeds to describe God's faithfulness to Israel — the reasons for Israel's praise and worship.

- Think about your favorite hymns. Are any of them hymns of praise and thanksgiving? What do your favorite hymns teach you about God? Pay attention to the words of the hymns you sing. Let God speak to you through them.
- Prayer: *God of Grace, I confess that I too often focus on problems and complaints. Forgive my lack of appreciation for your blessings. Help me hear your call to thanks-giving. Amen.*

## **Thursday, October 27 — Psalm 107:1-9, 17-22**

Many of the Psalms call God's people to praise and thanksgiving. Psalm 107 focuses on the ways God delivers us from a variety of troubles, including sin and sickness, and calls us to give thanks to God. Note how, in verse 22, the Psalm-writer references "*thanksgiving sacrifices*" (the *thank offering*.) The message for us is that when we experience God's mercy and healing, and respond with praise and thanksgiving, a tangible act of worship (sacrifice or offering) is appropriate.

- Give thought today to what inspires you to give tithes and offerings to God in worship. Is it an obligation or duty? Is it to meet a need (in the church or community)? Or is it because you have experienced God's love and grace (mercy and healing) and are thankful?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, transform the way I think about tithes and offerings. Help me remember that they are a response to your blessings — acts of thanks-giving. Amen.*

## **Friday, October 28 — Isaiah 12:1-6**

Psalms of thanksgiving are found throughout the Bible. In Isaiah, the psalm of thanksgiving is a response to the promise that God will save Israel and establish a "*peaceful kingdom*." Look back at chapters 9 and 11. You will find familiar passages that we often read in the season of Advent. Each year, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we remember that God makes and keeps promises. We believe that Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of the promises we find in Isaiah. We are reminded of the good news that God is a promise-keeper. For that we are thankful.

- The Bible is filled with examples of God making and keeping promises. Which of God's promises inspire you to thanks-giving right now?
- Prayer: *Promise-Keeping God, thank you for Jesus, who was and is the ultimate fulfillment of your promise to save the world (and me!) I renew my commitment to follow him. Amen.*

## **Saturday, October 29 — Jonah 2:1-10**

The belly of a large fish is an extraordinary place to pray a prayer (or sing a song) of thanksgiving, but that's what we find in the second chapter of Jonah. Bible scholars find excerpts from several Psalms in Jonah's prayer, suggesting that he was in the habit of reading and praying them, so that the words of the Psalms were available to him — in heart and mind — when he needed them: "*But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay*" (Jonah 2:9).

- What can you do in the days and weeks ahead to increase your ability to remember God's promises and cultivate a habit of thanks-giving?
- Prayer: *Life-Saving God, you have protected and delivered me from trials and tribulations many times. Teach me how to remember your salvation and give thanks. Always. 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).

### Pastor's Bible Study

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

## 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, Dillian & 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, 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 Pre-school, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters, violence and political turmoil around the world.

Today's hymn texts for those worshipping at home.

### Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills,  
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

### Ye Servants of God

1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save,  
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;  
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.
3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;  
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore and give him his right,  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;  
all honor and blessing with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

### 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*.

## 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, **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](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.

### 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**. There will also be a 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.

### Crafts for a Cause

We meet every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: Oct. 31. 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).

### Trinity Preschool News

Trinity Preschool is always looking for substitutes and floater teachers! The qualifications for these positions are: reliability, 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](mailto:Director.TrinityPreschool@gmail.com)

### All Parents Are Invited...

Trinity Preschool invites community members to attend [You're Waking Me Crazy!](#), to gain valuable sleep tips and information as we approach the *fall back* to Standard Time. We will have coffee and talk with a sleep expert from Emerge Consulting Solutions on **Thursday, October 27** at 8:30 a.m. in Langley Hall.

### Trunk or Treat

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be after the 10:30 worship service on **Oct. 30**. Please sign up at <http://umtrinity.org/trunk> to bring your decorated car and participate.

### Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Today, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Register at <http://bit.ly/youthreg22> 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

### October

- 30 Trunk or Treat
- 30 Celtic Service
- 31 Crafts for a Cause

### November

- 1-8 Honduras Mission Trip
- 2 Celebration of Life: Nell Gilmore
- 5 Rise Against Hunger
- 6 Martha's Table
- 7 Poinsettia Orders Due
- 8 Book Chat
- 8 Charge Conference
- 11 Office Closed
- 14 Crafts for a Cause
- 19 Christ House
- 20 Hanging of the Greens
- 24 & 25 Office Closed
- 27 Celtic Service
- 28 Crafts for a Cause

### December

- 4 Martha's Table
- 11 Lessons & Carols
- 11 Cookies & Carols
- 17 Christ House
- 24 Christmas Eve

### 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>

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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.