# Trinity United Methodist Church



*"The Foolish Virgins," John Everette Millais*
*Copperplate engraving, English, 1864*

*keep awake*

*therefore*

*for your know neither the day*

*nor the hour*

*Matthew 25:13*

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November 8, 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 — *Arioso* (Bach) — Jerry Rich
*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (Alford/Elvey) — Trinity Ringers

WELCOME

* GREETING THE SAINTS — *from Ephesians 5*

Once we were in darkness, but now in the Lord we are in light.
**Let us then live as children of Light,**
**for the fruit of the Light is found in all that is good and true.**
Awake, O sleeper, rise from the dead,
**and Christ will shine on you!**
Let us be very careful, then, how we live – not as unwise but wise,
**making the most of the time we are given**
**and seeking to understand what the Lord's will is.**
Let us sing and make music to the Lord,
**always giving thanks to God the Father for everything,**
**in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

* GATHERING HYMN — *Rejoice the Lord is King* — UMH 715

**Rejoice, the Lord is King!**
**Your Lord and King adore;**
**mortals, give thanks and sing,**
**and triumph evermore.**
**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;**
**rejoice; again I say, rejoice.**

**Jesus the Savior reigns,**
**the God of truth and love;**
**when he had purged our stains,**
**he took his seat above.**
**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;**
**rejoice; again I say, rejoice.**

**His kingdom cannot fail;**
**he rules o'er earth and heaven;**
**the keys of earth and hell**
**are to our Jesus given.**
**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;**
**rejoice; again I say, rejoice.**

**Rejoice in glorious hope!**
**Jesus the Judge shall come,**
**and take his servants up**
**to their eternal home.**
**We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;**
**the trump of God shall sound, rejoice.**

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Loving and Ever-listening God, who desires to give to each and to all good things,
**we confess before you that we are more than willing**
**to ask favors of you than to commune with you.**
We remember that your Son, who knew your Will
better than anyone on earth, prayed to you continually.
**Yet we are more comfortable believing**
**that you accept our silence toward you,**
**broken by the fears, needs and anxieties that we occasionally lift to you.**
Forgive us our wavering truth, our distraction by the many urgencies of life,
**and awaken in us the joy found in faithfully awaiting your Son. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — Laurie Strollo

ANTHEM — *Blessed Assurance* (Crosby) — Philip Keirstead (8:30)
*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed* (Thomas) — Chancel Choir (10:30)
with Bryan Wethington, percussion

READING OF THE EPISTLES — Matthew 25:1-13 — Howard Chatham (8:30), Noah Hager (10:30)

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then

all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

MESSAGE *To Keep the Flame Lit* Dave Rochford

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.*

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 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH 206 (vs. 1-2)
* BENEDICTION

**I want to walk as a child of the light.**
**I want to follow Jesus.**
**God set the stars to give light to the world.**
**The star of my life is Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God!**
**I want to look at Jesus.**
**Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,**
**And show me the way to the Father.** *[Refrain]*

*Refrain*
**In him there is no darkness at all!**
**The night and the day are both alike.**
**The Lamb is the light of the city of God.**
**Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

* POSTLUDE *Hornpipe 1 in F* (Handel) Jerry Rich

**congregation invited to stand*

# Walking with God This Week

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

**Monday, November 9 — Matthew 25:1–13**
We often hear the parable of the ten bridesmaids as a warning about being unprepared. Yet there is also good news in the fact that Jesus told this story to people who still had time to respond. Although the door closes within the parable, it had not yet closed for those listening. They still had an opportunity to consider their lives and make a different choice.
We cannot change yesterday or know how much time tomorrow will bring. But we have today. God's grace gives us opportunities to renew our faith, reconsider our priorities, and respond to Christ's invitation. Rather than living in fear of being too late, we can receive the time before us as a gift and choose to live faithfully while the opportunity remains.

- What have you been postponing in your relationship with God or others?
- How might you receive today as an opportunity to respond to God's grace?
- **Prayer:** Gracious God, thank you for the gift of today. Help me recognize the opportunities you have given me and respond to your invitation with faith and gratitude. Amen.

**Tuesday, November 10 — Psalm 146:1–10**
When the future of our nation or community feels uncertain, we naturally look to leaders who promise security and change. Leadership matters, and the decisions of those in authority can deeply affect people's lives. Yet no human leader can carry the full weight of our hopes or provide the lasting security that only God can give.
Placing our ultimate trust in God does not mean withdrawing from public life or ignoring our responsibilities. It means remembering that our deepest hope rests beyond any political outcome. The God we worship is concerned with justice, the vulnerable, and those who are easily forgotten. Trusting this God calls us to remain engaged in the world without allowing political loyalties to become the center of our faith.

- Where are you most tempted to place your hope in human leadership?
- How might trusting God's reign shape your concern for others?
- **Prayer:** Sovereign God, help me place my deepest trust in you. Guide me to seek justice, care for those in need, and remain faithful beyond the changing circumstances of our world. Amen.

**Wednesday, November 11 — Ephesians 5:8–17**
It is often easier to recognize what is wrong in the world than to examine our own lives. We may speak strongly about truth, justice, or faithfulness while overlooking the ways our words and attitudes affect others. Living as children of light begins with allowing God's truth to illuminate our own hearts. The call to live wisely is especially important when disagreements become intense. We cannot control how others speak or act, but we can consider whether our own responses reflect Christ. Patience, honesty, and compassion may seem small compared with the conflicts around us, yet they are meaningful ways of keeping the light of faith visible in everyday life.

- Where might God's light be revealing something in your own attitudes or actions?
- How can you reflect Christ's light in a difficult conversation or relationship?
- **Prayer:** God of light, help me examine my heart with humility. Give me wisdom to choose what is good and true, and let my words and actions reflect Christ. Amen.

**Thursday, November 12 — Hebrews 10:19–25, 32–39**
Waiting can test our faith, especially when the future remains uncertain and our efforts seem to make little difference. We may begin with confidence and enthusiasm, only to grow tired when circumstances do not change as quickly as we hope. Faithfulness often requires more than a strong beginning; it requires perseverance.
We are not called to persevere alone. God places us within a community where encouragement, prayer, and acts of love help sustain our faith. Sometimes keeping our own flame burning means allowing someone else to encourage us. At other times, it means offering hope to a person who is struggling. Waiting faithfully becomes something we practice together.

- What has made it difficult for you to remain faithful during a season of waiting?
- Who might need your encouragement, or whose encouragement do you need?
- **Prayer:** Faithful God, strengthen me when waiting becomes difficult. Help me receive encouragement with gratitude and offer hope and love to others as we continue following Christ together. Amen.

**Friday, November 13 — Colossians 3:1–17**
We belong to families, communities, cultures, and nations, and these connections help shape who we are. Yet problems arise when any earthly identity becomes more important than our belonging to Christ. We may begin to judge others primarily by their opinions or loyalties rather than recognizing their dignity as people loved by God.
To confess Christ as Lord means allowing his character to shape our relationships. Compassion, humility, patience, forgiveness, and love are not merely admirable qualities; they reflect the life of his kingdom. Our convictions may remain strong, but our highest loyalty belongs to Christ, whose reign challenges us to treat even those who disagree with us with grace.

- Are there loyalties that sometimes make it difficult for you to see others with compassion?
- How might your relationships change if Christ's example guided your responses more fully?
- **Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, help me place my loyalty to you above every other allegiance. Shape my relationships with humility, patience, and love, so that my life reflects your kingdom. Amen.

**Saturday, November 14 — Romans 13:8–14**
We sometimes think of spiritual readiness as something needed for a future moment. Yet the kind of people we become is shaped by the choices we make today. A word of encouragement, a willingness to forgive, or an act of kindness may seem ordinary, but these choices reveal what we value and whom we follow.
Keeping the flame of faith alive does not mean living in fear of tomorrow. It means recognizing today's opportunities to practice the love and faithfulness of Christ's kingdom. We do not know when Christ will come, but we know how he calls us to live while we wait. Every day offers another opportunity to walk in his light.

- What daily choices are shaping the person you are becoming?
- Where can you practice Christ's love more intentionally today?
- **Prayer:** Lord of light and hope, help me live faithfully with the time you have given me. Keep my heart attentive to your presence and guide me to share your love through my daily choices. Amen.

## SHARE Holiday Party

Help make the holidays brighter for local families through SHARE's Holiday Party on **December 5**. You can donate toys and teen gifts, assemble adult gift kits, provide refreshments, lead a children's craft activity, or volunteer at the event. Donations are due by **November 30**. To learn more and sign up, visit the Sign Up Genius using the QR code on page 6 or contact Cindy Oh (cohva7762@gmail.com, 703-597-5389). Together, we can help make this season special for our neighbors in need.






Use the QR code on page 6 for details and to place an order, or visit http://umtrinity.org/poinsettias

## 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).

**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**

## This Week

### MONDAY

**Poinsettia Order Deadline**
Use QR code on page 6 for details & ordering.
**6:30 p.m.** **Cub Scout Den 5**
**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.
**5 p.m.** **Creative Worship Team**
**6:30 p.m.** **Book Chat**
This month's selection is *Driving Home Naked: And Other Misadventures of a Country Veterinarian* by Melinda G. McCall.
**7 p.m.** **Boy Scout Troop 1130**
**7 p.m.** **Langley Residential Support Services**

### WEDNESDAY – Office Closed for Veterans' Day

**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**

### THURSDAY

**6:30 p.m.** **Cub Scout Den 7**

### SATURDAY

**8 a.m.** **Troop 1130 Scouting for Food**
**9 a.m.** **Good Works Day**
Join your Trinity Church family on Saturday for a morning of campus improvement projects beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding with and a pizza lunch. Many different types of projects to be done. Tools provided, but you're welcome to bring your own.
**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.

SHARE's current most needed items:

- ☆ Canned fish
- ☆ Canned fruit / Fruit cups
- ☆ Granola bars
- ☆ Pasta & Sauce (plastic containers)
- ☆ Tomato products (diced, sauce, whole)
- ☆ Broth
- ☆ Canned vegetables
- ☆ Beans

And more… use the QR code on page 6 to view the full list.

### 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.**



Join us this Wednesday for dinner and a conversation with *Tom Long* on *"Pilgrimage: a Life-Changing Journey to Sacred Spaces."* Tom, a retired George Washington University history professor, will share stories from years of leading trips to Normandy and explore how our own lives can become pilgrimages to God. Discussion starts at 6:30!

Our 6 p.m. dinner will feature "American cookout classics," including hot dogs and hamburgers. (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

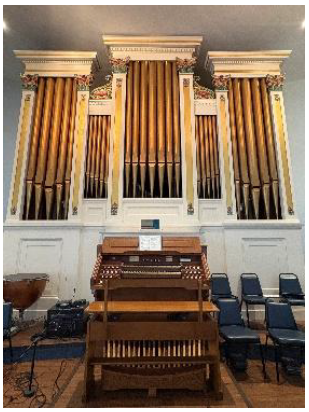
Scan QR code with your phone's camera & click the link. This page currently includes:

† Prayer Requests
† Share's Most Needed Items
† Poinsettia Orders
† Thanksgiving Potluck
† Children & Youth ministry registration
† Christ House wish list
† Ushers sign-up, Book Chat

## Did You Know?

Not many Methodist congregations date back to the early 19th Century; even fewer enjoy music every Sunday from an equally historic organ. But Trinity does!

The majestic instrument you see before you was built in 1850 by renowned New York City organbuilder Henry Erben – a driven, perfectionistic and sometimes tempestuous man with an earned reputation for building exceptionally fine and long-lasting pipe organs. (Hard to argue with the results, as ours is 176 years old!) This complex three-manual model was made for Monumental Episcopal Church in Richmond, where it served until 1926, when it was donated to nearby Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.



By 1970, the loose and stacked pipes were in imminent danger of being thrown out when they were rescued by a determined group of Trinity laypersons led by Ben Faidley, and brought to McLean via many trips in personal automobiles! Reunited with its original Greek Revival case in 1976, the organ has been meticulously restored and thoughtfully improved.

Fun fact: only one other 1850 Erben is now known to exist, and ours is the sole example in a church setting. Exactly as Henry intended it to be.




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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.