



Trinity United Methodist Church



*“Baptism of the Lord,” Bartolome Murillo
Oil on canvas, Spanish, 1655*

*This is my Son
the beloved*

with whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:17b

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January 11, 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 an attendance card found in the pew rack (or scan the QR code on page 8 with your phone's camera and click the link) to register your attendance today - and do include each family member present.

Prelude (8:30)
(10:30)

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand (Johnson)
I Must Tell Jesus (Hoffman-Lamb)

Jerry Rich
Trinity Ringers

Welcome

* Call to Worship

Over the mighty waters, the voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.
May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace.

from Psalm 29

* Gathering Hymn

1. Every promise we can make,
Every prayer and step of faith,
Every diff'rence we will make
is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb,
Every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind
is only by His grace.

Grace Alone

FWS 2162

Refrain
Grace alone which God supplies,
Strength unknown He will provide,
Christ in us our Cornerstone;
We will go forth in grace alone.

2. Every soul we long to reach,
Every heart we hope to teach
Everywhere we share His peace
is only by His grace
Every loving word we say,
Every tear we wipe away,
Every sorrow turned to praise
is only by His grace. *Refrain*

Opening Prayer

Eternal God,
at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan,
you proclaimed him your beloved son.

**You anointed him with the Holy Spirit,
and prepared him to begin his ministry among us.**
Grant that we, who have been baptized in his name,
may keep the covenant which we have made with you,
as we boldly confess that Jesus is our Lord, our life, our Savior. Amen.

Children's Message

Laurie Strollo

Prayers of the People

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.*

Offertory

At the River (Lowry)
Shall We Gather at the River (Lowry-Lantz)

Brendon O'Donnell (8:30)
Chancel Choir (10:30)

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Reading from the Scriptures

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

Message

So Much for Hiding Out

Dave Rochford

Response of Faith

A Statement of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

• Closing Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

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1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

* Benediction

* Postlude

Maestoso (How)

Jerry Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

Grow — Pray — Study

Our weekly devotional is available at <https://bit.ly/TrinityGPS>



Monday, January 12 — Matthew 3:13-17

The baptism of Jesus by John was an account that challenged the early Church. *Why would Jesus, the Messiah, submit to a baptism by John, the forerunner?* Matthew recounts the event, but uses it to reveal an embrace of Jesus as the Beloved Son with whom the Father is pleased. The gesture is the launching point for Jesus' mission, his messiahship: he will redeem Israel from their sins, and open to all the world right relationship with our Creator.

- What aspects of faithfulness do you think are pleasing to God today?
- What about your life as a baptized disciple of Jesus do you think is pleasing to God? How might you live into that call in this still-new year?
- **Prayer:** Lord, awaken in me the desire to respond to your voice, by the call I have received in Baptism. Amen.

Tuesday, January 13 — Acts 2:36-41

The linkage between Baptism and *repentance* (a word meaning literally “to turn about or around”) is a major preoccupation of Scripture. Baptism does not mean we are freed from ever sinning again; we can and do sometimes turn away from obedience to God’s will. But Baptism is the visible expression of our faith, which involves a turning away from sin toward the offer of saving grace. Peter presses that case, here in Luke’s Book of Acts: Baptism is something that God does by the power of the Holy Spirit, expressed within the community Jesus began. It is also the outward expression of our decision to submit to his example of a new way of living.

- Can you recall when were you baptized? How old were you at the time?
- How has your decision to honor the promises made at your Baptism shaped your life to the present?
- **Prayer:** Lord Jesus, I want to honor the deepest vows and promises I have made – to you, and to others whom I love. Give me the grace to live into doing just that, as I align my heart with my way in life. Amen.

Wednesday, January 14 — 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christian traditions have disagreed over time about the amount of water to be used in the rite of Baptism. But what the Church has agreed upon, irrespective of denominational differences, is that baptism by water is an outward sign of an inward spiritual reality. Regeneration means being born again after welcoming the death of Christ and the intervention of the Holy Spirit to raise us to new life in him. Peter appeals to the image of the delivery of Noah and his family by the Ark, to make clear that the baptized life means delivery from the deadly power of sin by the power of the Resurrection of Jesus.

- Did your baptism take the form of sprinkling, pouring, or immersion? Who was present?
- How is your life an expression of the death and resurrected life of Jesus?
- **Prayer:** Loving Christ, I cannot fathom what you endured to rescue us, rescue me, from death. You took that plunge, and today, I would express my gratitude by living fully and well. Amen.

Thursday, January 15 — Colossians 2:9-14; also Romans 6:1-11

We believe that Paul was confronted by opponents who claimed that he was putting his hearers at risk of failing to comply with Jewish custom and the Law of Moses – and thereby continuing in sin. Paul strove to answer this by expressly connecting Baptism to our identification with the death and subsequent Resurrection of Jesus. Thus, by dying and rising with Christ, we are enabled by the forgiving power of the Holy Spirit to move beyond sin-disrupted relationship with God. Instead, we live in and with Christ – now and forever.

- If it is not Baptism, but Jesus, who saves us, then how ought we view the baptized life?
- How can you participate today, and in this new year, in God’s ongoing work of reconciling the world through Christ’s life and death?
- **Prayer:** Lord God, because of Jesus I have come to know you more deeply and personally. I have so much more to learn, but I thank you that I am a witness to your reconciling work. Amen.

Friday, January 16 — Titus 3:4-7

Writing to a co-laborer on the island of Crete, Paul puts it starkly: we may worship, but we are not saved by worship. We may read the Bible, but we are not saved by knowledge of it. We may be baptized, but Baptism does not save us. These are works of righteousness, the product of right relationship with God, but only the love and manifest kindness of God can rescue us. Paul here uses the *image* of baptism, “the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,” to illustrate the work of God in our salvation. But in context, Paul makes clear that the act of Baptism does not save; the interior experience of rebirth, transforming Grace, is how God’s initiative shows up in our lives.

- If you cannot remember your Baptism well, what seems essential: your mindset at the time, or God’s enduring faithfulness in receiving you by Grace?
- Do you think that those baptized as infants can grow to maturity in faith, by God’s Grace? What (or whom) does it take for that to happen?
- **Prayer:** Faithful God, there are so many things I feel I must do. But you have accomplished my redemption – and I thank you for that. Amen.

Saturday, January 17 — Galatians 3:24-29

Because God “breaks the power of canceled sin” and sets us free (Charles Wesley, *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*), God enables us to find a community of others who likewise are called to live free from sin’s disruptive power. In his letter to the squabbling Galatians, Paul makes a case for the unity of all those baptized in Christ. Not only do we refuse to accept denominational differences as separating us, but neither do the boundaries of sex, race or class stand before saving Grace. In Baptism, all are made one Body, for One has died for all.

- What enduring divisions does it seem to you plague our country? Our community? Our church?
- How can we live in such a way that we find unity around God’s purpose for our world?
- **Prayer:** Lord Christ, it gives me hope when I think how much we have in common as human beings. We have no means to save ourselves. But we do all have you. Praise your name! Amen.

Today at Trinity

Chancel Choir, 10 a.m.

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.

Children's Worship, 10:30 a.m. (ages 4 - 6th grade)

Children's Worship takes place following the Children's Message in our Fellowship Building across the Breezeway.

Youth Group, 4:30 p.m.

Youth Group, grades 7-12, meets 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. Visit <https://umtrinity.org/education/youth> to view the Youth calendar.

This Week

Tuesday & Wednesday: Winter Bible Study - see next page for full description
Sessions for **Walking the Land of Abraham** meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (Church Library & Zoom) and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Zoom) and continue through February 11 / 12.

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: Book Chat

Book Chat will meet on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Trouble the Water* with special guest and author of the book Rebecca Dwight Bruff. For more information, contact Suzanne Hamilton.

Wednesday, 9 a.m.: Prayer Group

A dedicated community that meets via Zoom to lift up the needs of our church family, community and world. If you'd like to know more or to participate, please speak to one of our pastors or call the office, 703-356-3312.

Saturday: Christ House Meal Mission

Christ House is a place of healing; a residential, medical facility for homeless men located on Columbia Road in the Adams Morgan area of Washington, DC. We prepare lunch on the third Saturday of every month. Contact Connie Jeremiah for more information, 703-307-4635 or dcjeremiah@verizon.net.

Coming Up

January 18: Youth Group, 4:30 p.m.

Youth Group, grades 7-12, meets 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. Visit <https://umtrinity.org/education/youth> to view the Youth calendar.

Feb. 1: Martha's Table Snack Packaging

Following both worship services, we will gather in the Fellowship Lobby to make bags of trail mix for weekday 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!

Feb. 10: Book Chat

Book Chat will meet on Zoon at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *The Lady and the Unicorn* by Tracy Chevalier.

Feb. 15: Spire newsletter deadline

February 18: Ash Wednesday

Feb. 19 - 25, 2026: Honduras Mission Trip

Join us as we travel to rural Honduras to serve at The Leadership Center (leadershipmission.org). We will stay and serve alongside 60 young women, attend their classes, work on the organic farm, mentor and just love on these remarkable young leaders. Please reach out to Chris (571-215-2948) or Dan (danmoore53@gmail.com, 703-980-5050) Moore for more information.

Our Prayer List

Aaron, Adamson family, Anne, Annie Ruth, Arla, Arnold family, Leth, Barb, Ben, Beth, Bill, Bob, Brett, Bryan, Bud, Carrie, Casey, Cathey, Chris, Christie, Christina, Chuck, Cindy, Clare, Claudia, Corbin, Corte family, Crista, Dale, Dane, Daniel, Dara, Darlene, Dave, Davey, David, DeMicco family, Detwiler family, Doug, Douglas, Dudley & Susan, Earley family, Elaine, Emmett, Evan, Faga family, Frances, Frank, Gail, Gloria, Grace, Gray family, Gregg, Hager family, Hanna, Heather & Paul, Jack, Jason, Jessica, Jewel, Jimmy, Joan, Joe, Joel, John, Karen, Kate & Leo, Kathy, Kizner family, Kristen, Lenore, Linda, Luke, Maggie, Margaret, Margie, Marie, Martha & Fred, Mary, Mary Frances, Matt, Matthew, Meri, Michael, Nancy, Peg & Dick, Peggy, Peter, Phoenix family, Ples, Rasmussen family, Richard, Robert, Roh family, Ron, Rubina, Russ, Sally, Sam & Alex, Scott & Kathy, Sharon, Sheila, Staley family, Steve, Sue, Tina, Tish, Vanna, Vasser family, Vicki, Whitney, Willis & Carter, Winie & Joseph, Wade, Wyatt, Yancey, and peace in the Middle East and efforts of those seeking peace, our nation's leadership and unity, people experiencing natural disasters, those without housing, those traveling, those who are hungry, hostage survivors, those in Australia and Brown University affected by gun violence, students taking exams.

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 cordially invited to meet friends and neighbors after each of our worship services. Join us in the Fellowship Lobby to the right of the breezeway. Each week individuals, families or ministry groups host our refreshments. Please consider signing up for either the 8:30 or 10:30 service's Fellowship time. Scan the QR code under Quick Links at the right 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.

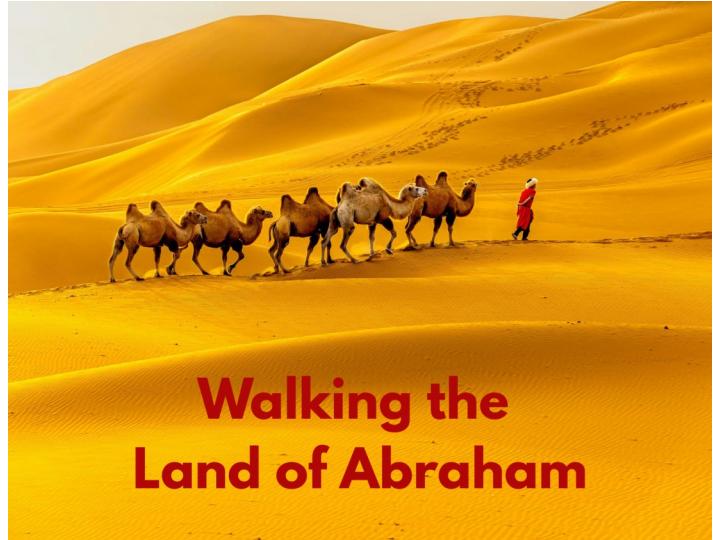
Ushers Needed

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.

- > Worship attendance
- > Children & Youth registration
- > Book Chat discussion group
- > Christ House wish list
- > Fellowship Hour hosts
- > Ushers



Walking the Land of Abraham

Winter Bible Study: Walking the Land of Abraham

Join us for a six-week journey through the Pentateuch as we explore the stories of Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Joseph, and Moses alongside a close-up look at the lands where these events unfolded. Using Bruce Feiler's *Walking the Bible* video series, supplemented with mementos from Pastor Dave's travels, we'll reflect on how these ancient stories shape our own walk with God.

Sessions meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (Church Library & Zoom) and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Zoom). We'll start with an overview of the Near East and begin with Genesis, and continue through February 11 / 12. Whether you've traveled to the Middle East or simply hope to someday, come enjoy this visual and spiritual "walk through the land of Abraham." Bring your Bible and your Bible-walking shoes!

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Worship is in-person and livestreamed on Sundays from our Chapel at 8:30 a.m. and from our Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. on YouTube: youtube.com/UMTrinity. Our 5 p.m. Celtic Service is in-person and streamed on the last Sunday of the month. If you're not yet receiving our Friday weekly events e-mail, please send us your address at info@umtrinity.org