

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
Arlington, Virginia

Service for the Lord's Day  
The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany  
Sunday, February 8, 2026  
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*Welcome.*

*We are glad that you are here.*

*As an inclusive community of faith, we welcome you just as you are.*

*We celebrate that God's love and grace extends to all, and affirm that each person has sacred worth.*

*So take a moment.*

*Breathe.*

*This service is livestreamed and recorded.*

*People in the first eight pews might be visible on camera.*

*For online viewers: click on the underlined text to view the sheet music.*

*The liturgist today is Keeley Harris.*

## Welcome

### Prelude

*Give Me Jesus*  
Matt Wheeler, piano

Moses Hogan

## Announcements

*Please take this opportunity to sign and pass the red Friendship Pads.*

**Call to Worship** **(Liturgist)** **Please stand in body or in spirit, and join me in the call to worship.**

God is at work in the world  
To bring justice to the oppressed,  
To share food with the hungry,  
To provide shelter for the homeless,  
To set all people free.

We come this morning  
To be reminded of God's justice,  
To be nourished by God's presence,  
To find home with God's people,  
To worship in joy and freedom.

When we call, God will answer.  
For God's light breaks forth  
And God's healing is in our midst.

### Hymn

*We Are All in One Mission*

#733

**Call to Confession** **(Liturgist)** **Please be seated...**

When we forget the fast you desire—  
To do justice, and stand up for the powerless:  
Lord, have mercy.

When we forget the prayer you love—  
To show compassion, and care for those in need:  
Christ, have mercy.

When we forget the rituals you require—  
To create relationships of righteousness and peace:  
Lord have mercy.

## Silent Confession

Words of Assurance and Faith (Liturgist)  
Friends, the love of God revealed in Jesus  
forgives us, heals us and sets us free to rebuild and restore.

Friends, rejoice in the good news of the gospel.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

*Glory Be to the Father*

#581

## Passing of the Peace

Children's Message  
(Liturgist) As our children are coming forward for the children's message let us greet one another with the love of Christ.

*\*Children are invited to attend Godly Play after the Message or to remain in worship.*

## Cuba Mission Trip Commissioning

Anthem

*My Lord, What a Mornin'*  
Trinity Ringers

Setting by Hart Morris

Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

NRSVUE

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless

poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

## Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

NRSVUE

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

### *You are the Salt of the Earth*

Ben Stewart, Director of Spiritual Formation

## Hymn

*Here I Am, Lord*

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## Joys and Concerns

## Invitation to Stewardship

[www.trinityarlington.org/GIVE](http://www.trinityarlington.org/GIVE)

*Please take this opportunity to check in using the red Friendship Pad if you have not already done so.*

## Offertory & Reflection

*After the Rain*  
Matt Wheeler, piano

Jeanne Cotter

## Doxology

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

#606

## Hymn

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

#700

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Trumpet Voluntary*  
Matt Wheeler, organ

Jeremiah Clarke

*You are invited to stay and listen to the postlude or move to the gathering space for fellowship.  
As you depart, please be mindful of those who remain in the sanctuary to listen.*

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## **We Are All One in Mission**

We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different;  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
by God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united  
and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
for God's redeeming word.  
We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen, amen.

## **Here I Am, Lord**

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?

Refrain:  
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.

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?  
(Refrain)

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?  
(Refrain)

## **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

## ***Our Thoughts and Prayers***

### ***Please pray for the following friends and families of Trinity***

#### **Joys:**

+ **Ike Eickstaedt**, father-in-law of **Pastor Judith**, is regaining strength after a recent hospitalization.

#### **Concerns:**

- + Prayers for Keeley Harris, Pam Michell, Donna Parry, and Lynn Pollock, traveling in Cuba this week.
- + Prayers for the family and friends of **Larry Merkel**, father of **Patrick Merkel**, who passed away on Feb. 2.
- + Prayers for the family and friends of **Jon Griffin**, the cousin of **Laurie Young**, who passed away.
- + Prayers for **Ansley Calhoun** following surgery for a broken leg.
- + **Alec Gibson**, who lives at Access Care Group Home, 1600 E. Jefferson Ct., Sterling, VA 20164. Alec is in the hospital. He will be going to rehab and then returning home in hospice care.
- + Prayers for all those who are mourning the loss of **Renee Good**, **Alex Pretti**, and others who have died in during recent immigration enforcement actions. Prayers for Minneapolis.
- + Prayers for our country, that people who disagree can choose respectful and non-violent means of protest.
- + Prayers for relatives of **Randy Benn - Martie** (cancer), **Doug** (cancer), and **Jennifer** (bone infection).
- + Prayers for **Rita Hadley**, wife of **Ken Hadley**, recovering from a recent fall and concussion.
- + Prayers for **Jean Chubb**, mother of **Nathan Chubb**, battling pancreatic cancer and undergoing chemo.
- + Prayers for **Genny Smith**, sister of **Laurie Setzer**, recovering after successful surgery.
- + Prayers for **Paul Sullivan**, undergoing medical treatment.
- + Prayers for **Cathy**, friend of **Pastor Judith**, in treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- + Prayers for **Russ Messa**, friend of **Russ and Marilyn Scholl** with the recurrence of prostate cancer.
- + Prayers for **Theresa Dike**, colleague of **Clay Guthridge**, recovering from a cerebral event. Therese is walking and regaining some speech.
- + Prayers for those who are managing the needs of both children and aging parents.
- + **Marilyn Brookens** is in Iowa in a memory care facility. Please send all correspondence to: Marilyn Brookens, c/o Alan Ostergren, 2506 7th Ave. Ct. SW, Altoona, IA 50009.
- + Prayers for love, stamina, and moments of joy for all who are caregivers and for those they care for.
- + Prayers for those in difficult family relationships: for mutual love, compassion, and understanding.
- + **Bill Plitt**, in treatment for multiple myeloma.
- + **Rowan Smith**, three-year old great nephew of **Laurie Setzer**, with cancer. Please pray for strength as cancer spots were recently found on his brain and the doctors have given him 3-6 months to live.
- + **Brian Tuskey**, brother-in-law of **Jennie Gwin**, who is in hospice care. Please pray for Brian, his wife (Jennie's sister), and their young children.
- + **Jason Ferguson**, **Janae Ferguson's** brother, recurrence of cancer. Pray for another remission.
- + **Barry Schneider**, **Troy Schneider's** uncle, with ALS.
- + **Jackie Alling**, living at Vitality assisted living.
- + **Lani**, **Nene Pisigan's** cousin, and mom of two young children, recurrence of cancer.
- + **Nene Pisigan's parents** in the Philippines, with long term illness and financial hardship.
- + **Ron Shimabukuro**, friend of **Yvonne McIntire**, recovering at home.
- + **Brooks Bare**, for strength, comfort, healing, and patience during his incarceration.
- + **Immigrants and refugees** all over the world, displaced by war, violence, poverty, and natural disasters.
- + We pray for a lasting peace in Israel and Palestine and for the day when the people living in Israel and Palestine can live together without hostility, without oppression, and without fear.
- + **Fakhira Haloun**, a Palestinian Israeli and friend of Priscilla Hoffman-Stowe, and for all living through the trauma of the on-going violence in Gaza and the wider region.
- + **Daoud and Jihan Nassar**, for safety and to retain ownership of their land in the West Bank.
- + For peace in Ukraine and an end to the Russian invasion of Ukrainian regions.
- + Genocide in Sudan and the conflict in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.
- + Prayers for wisdom for our leaders in handling the situation in Venezuela, and for the people of Venezuela.

Trinity Presbyterian Church helps sponsor the missionary work of those who serve in the international field. We are currently supporting **Mark Adams** and **Miriam Maldonado** (husband and wife) on the US/Mexico border, and we continue to seek new ecumenical global partners to support as the PCUSA shifts its model for international engagement.

## **Life of the Church and Announcements**



**February 2026**

## **Upcoming Events and Happenings**

### **2025 Contribution Statements for Tax Purposes**

Once again, in an effort to save paper, time, and money, Trinity will not be mailing Contribution Statements to all contributors from this past year. Our Church Connect system allows you to access the Statements yourselves. We will mail the Statements to our "senior" members who may not be able to easily access the electronic documents. You can access your statement through ChurchTrac by following these instructions: <https://tpcarlington.churchtrac.com/givingstatements>.

Please contact Carol Hart, our treasurer, at [treasurer@trinityarlington.org](mailto:treasurer@trinityarlington.org) with any questions or if you would like her to send a paper statement to you. If you have trouble accessing your Church Connect account, contact Ben Stewart at [ben@trinityarlington.org](mailto:ben@trinityarlington.org).

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*The **"Quilt-in-Progress"** from the **Trinity Women's Gathering** will be available for quilting in the Narthex on **Sunday, February 8**, for women who didn't get a chance to quilt a square at the Gathering. If you enjoyed sewing at the Gathering, come and join us again to sew more squares! Our goal is to have all the squares quilted.*

*Check out photos from the **Trinity Women's Gathering - A Day of Joy** at this <https://parryphoto.shootproof.com/gallery/29440180>*

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## **Newcomers Dinner**

We're kicking off 2026 with a Trinity Newcomers dinner. Who is a "newcomer"? Members who joined in the last two years, Inquirers Class attendees, anyone who has visited Trinity recently, anyone who has started coming to Trinity after some time away - you are welcome, and bring your kids too! This gives us an opportunity to make connections and get to know each other a bit better.

Mark your calendars for **6:00 p.m. on February 21** for dinner at the Foley home. Food will be provided (you can bring a drink or dessert), so please RSVP to TIme Foley at [timothy.john.foley@gmail.com](mailto:timothy.john.foley@gmail.com).



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## **A call out to join others in exercising your voice**

The Racial Justice Ministry invites Trinity members to join the Trinity in Action Signal group at [Signal Messenger Group](#). You are encouraged to use this platform to learn how others in our congregation are advocating and educating for change in our community. If you are showing up at an event, participating in a letter writing campaign, or otherwise speaking out for justice, post in this group and seek support from other Trinity folks. The only rule is that **you may only post if you are actually participating**.



[https://signal.group/-CjQKINS-I17wbwbVVt3fd\\_PuvLA35obg5W6i\\_Lk\\_KnmEaCyrEhBG7j1S4BPBYofYVhbFkuFB](https://signal.group/-CjQKINS-I17wbwbVVt3fd_PuvLA35obg5W6i_Lk_KnmEaCyrEhBG7j1S4BPBYofYVhbFkuFB)

**Annual Meeting Lunch**

**March 8, 2026**  
**Bring a dish and sign up to help!**

The **Annual Meeting Lunch** is a great time for fellowship and food! Fellowship will provide the main dish and drinks. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side or dessert to share. Please sign up to help: (1) with setting up tables on Saturday afternoon, Feb 7th and (2) with clean-up on Sunday.

<https://signup.com/go/vngxdNA>

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## The Tiny Desk Report

Get the latest "Trinity Talk" with your hosts,

*Keeley Harris*  
and  
*Ben Stewart*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vNoEBoOM590>



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## **Classes and Spiritual Formation Opportunities**

### **Religion in the American Revolution** (week 2 of 3)

Our nation begins its observance of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the War for Independence this year. These class sessions will look at the complex role Christian faith and the various church traditions played in the struggle, along with the impact of the Revolution on religious life in the New Republic. *This class is led by Charles Hambrick-Stowe (bio on web) and meets in the Lewis Room.*

- **February 8:** *Why the war was spiritually and theologically complicated. Reformed, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Church of England, Peace Churches, and Black Christian perspectives.*

### **Meditation Time**

A time of meditation is provided in the Meditation Room, and is led by Sue Bodner. New participants are welcome as we learn together with the intention of deepening our connection with God and each other.

### **New Members Class**

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Presbyterian or would like more information about what membership entails, join Pastor Judith and Jim Dykstra in the Kinzer Room

- **February 8:** *What does Membership Mean?*

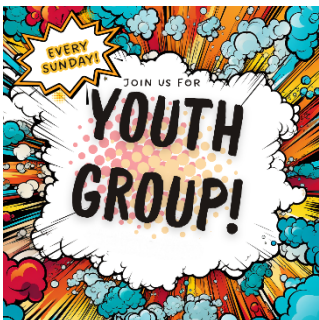
### **Just Coffee**

Will be provided in the Knox Room between the Sunday services. Stop by for some coffee, pastries, and wonderful fellowship.



For more information on all these classes, visit <https://tpcarlington.churchtrac.com/adulteducation>

## **Youth and Children's Corner**



### **ATTENTION:**

Youth Group will be from **4:00 pm - 5:30 pm** this Sunday due to the start time for the SuperBowl!

See you there.....

## **VBS Registration is now open!**

Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a great week exploring God's creation and our place in it.

Register at: <https://www.trinityarlington.org/connect?ei=XFFNHZR>



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### **Sign up for the Youth Mission Trip Today!**



Please go to the following link to sign up: <https://tpcarlington.churchtrac.com/connect?ei=2Q3LJXB>

Also, Trinity Adults! We need chaperones to come on the mission trip as well! If you have the skillset of building, cooking, driving around teens, and repeating a schedule many times, please consider signing up to volunteer!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Keeley!

## **Ways to Serve in the Community and in the Church**



### **AFAC Food Sorting Event**

Please join us for our 3rd "annual" **AFAC Food Sorting Event at 10:00 on Sunday, February 22nd, downstairs in Fellowship Hall.** Once again, Trinity Men's Fellowship and the Mission and Service Ministry (MSM) are coordinating with AFAC (Arlington Food Assistance Center) to bring this opportunity to Trinity. For more information about the event, click here:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/AXJ8cWD/afacsorting>

Please contact Todd Parker (703-237-7699) if you have any event questions.

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### **Serving with S.O.M.E.**

Trinity has been preparing breakfast for over 30+ years on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month for SOME ([So Others May Eat](#)) in DC at 71 O Street NW and TPC is thrilled to continue this local mission support.

Breakfast preparation consists of 3-4 people arriving at 6:00 a.m. (*finishing by 7:30 a.m.*) and cooking eggs, sausages, grits, and other duties as needed. It's a great way to start the morning and support people in need. Visit the *Sign Up Genius* link to volunteer – for more information, contact Todd Parker (703-237-7699). [Sign up here!](#)

*Thank you for helping to keep our community informed!*

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