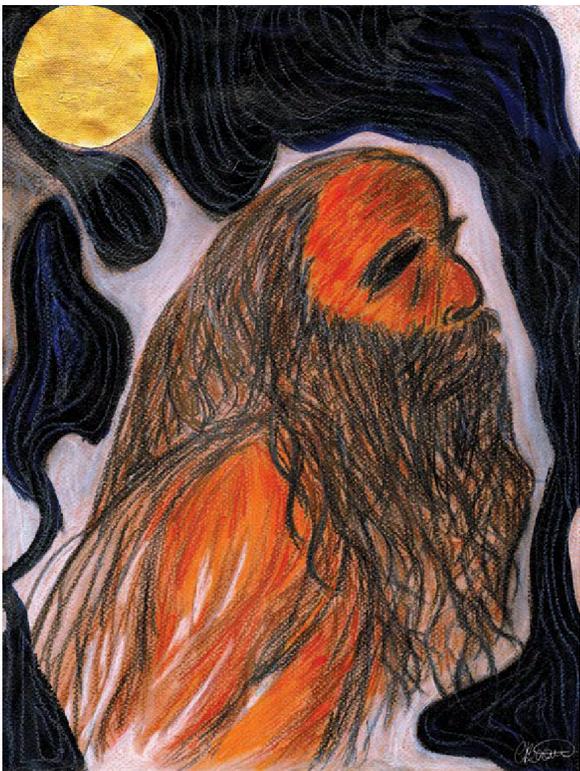


**“EVERYONE’S
WELCOME AT
THE TABLE
WHERE
JESUS SITS”**



**Trinity Presbyterian Church
Arlington, Virginia**

**Service for the Lord’s Day
Sunday, March 1, 2026**

Second Sunday of Lent
Worshipping in the Sanctuary
11:15 AM



Service for the Lord's Day

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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.

Welcome

Prelude

Attende Domine
Matt Wheeler, piano

Thomas Keesecker

Announcements

Please take this time to sign and pass the red Friendship Pad.

Call to Worship

Please stand as you are able.

Liturgist: Please stand in body or in spirit and join me in the call to worship.

As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey,
All: God calls us to follow in trust.

Liturgist: God is able to make us more than we have been
All: and blesses us on the way.

Liturgist: As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again,
All: Christ invites us to become a new creation.

Liturgist: Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light,
All: And we are saved through him.

Hymn

Gather Us In
Congregation

#401

Call to Confession

Please be seated.

Leader: Please be seated.

We cannot earn God's grace or favor.
It comes to us, not as something owed,
but as a gift freely given.
Confident in God's love for us,
Even when we are ungodly,
We confess our sins in faith.

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, we come before you
in need of forgiveness and grace
You call us to trust in you completely,
but we do not.
We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.
We justify our actions and words,
though we know they are not what you require.
We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,
preferring old habits to risky change.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to be born again into the life of Christ,
trusting that you have included us by grace
in the family of faith.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance & Faith

Liturgist: Friends, God is for us and not against us!
For that very reason,
God sent the Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

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

Response to Grace

Please stand as you are able.

Glory Be to the Father

Congregation

#581

Passing of the Peace & Greeting

Children's Message

Children are invited to attend Godly Play after the message or to remain in the sanctuary during worship.
Please be seated.

Liturgist: As our children are coming forward for the children's message,
let us greet one another with the love of Christ.

Blessing of the Children

All: You are God's beloved child; with you God is well pleased.

Anthem

I'm Just a Wayfaring Stranger
Trinity Ringers; Henry Stievater, saxophone

Hart Morris

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

NRSVUE

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless

you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Psalm

Psalm 121

NRSVUE

I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your

keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-27

NRSVUE

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be

astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one

who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Intentionally Christian: Finding Faith in the Dark
Whitney Mallory, Seminary Intern

Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

Spirit of the Living God
Congregation

#288

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Leader: Christ’s table is wide, and his welcome is for all.

This is not a Presbyterian Table. This is not Trinity Church’s Table.

This is the Lord’s table, and all who feel called to respond to Christ’s invitation, are welcome.

There is a place for you at this table, whether you have ever communed with Trinity before,
and wherever you are on your faith journey.

You are welcome, period.

Joys and Concerns

Please be seated.

Prayers of the People

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: God of the lost and the found,
surely it is right for us to give our thanks and praise;
for day after day we look for you,
and day after day we find you:
in the laughter of children,
in the sun rising over the horizon,
in the flowers of spring.
Our seeking does not go unanswered,
and for that we are grateful.

So first and foremost, we come to you in prayer to say thank you,
for when we're seeking beauty,
you give us mountains and freckles, green eyes and brown eyes.
When we were looking for reason to hope,
you give us rainbows after the storm, and candles flickering in the darkness.

When we're seeking peace,
you give us three part harmony and the sound of the rain.
And when we're seeking justice,
your life reminds us that everyone is welcome at your Table, and none shall be turned away.
For all these reminders we are deeply grateful.
And yet, gracious God, our seeking does not stop.
For even though your fingerprints are all over this world,
we are not yet at your promised day.

So in addition to our gratitude, we also pray today for conviction.
Do not let us get comfortable with half-hearted seeking.
Do not let us grow numb to the suffering of this world.
Make us relentless in our pursuit of justice—
relentless in our consoling of the grieving,
in our welcoming of the stranger,
and in the feeding of the hungry.

May we walk toward your kingdom,
never giving up, never wandering off the path.
Pour out your Spirit on this ordinary bread and cup.
May this meal be the nourishment we need to continue seeking you in the world.

Until your promised day, we will pray.
Until your promised day, we will seek, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

The Kin-dom Feast is Shared

Prayer After the Supper

All: God of manna and mustard seeds,
we came to this Table hungry
and we leave feeling full—
full of hope, full of promise, full of what could be.
At this table, we caught a glimpse of the way things could be:
in a meal where all are welcomed and all are fed.
Is there anything holier than that?
Thank you for nourishing our sacred imaginations.
May we always seek you the way you seek after us. Amen.

Invitation to Stewardship

www.trinityarlington.org/give

Offertory & Reflection

Aria

Gordon Young

Matt Wheeler, organ

Prayerful Setting of Intentions

Please take this moment of silence to set an intention for the week ahead. Your intention might be a response to today's worship, or it may be something that has been on your heart – a desire for change, an inner nudging, a move toward deeper discipleship. Write your intention down or note it on your phone and take it with you as you go.

Prayer for the Coming Week

All: God, you are our helper,
our shade, our protector.
We trust in your power to make all things new.
Keep us in sunlight and moonlight
until all of our comings and goings bring us at last
to your kingdom promised in Christ. Amen.

Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Congregation

#816

Benediction

Postlude

Home

Matt Wheeler, piano

Ola Gjeilo

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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Gather Us In

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me;
fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,
to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the rock that nought can move.

2 Only be still, and wait God's leisure
in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure
and all-discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear
to One who holds us always dear.

3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,
but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace;
so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need
the soul secured by trust indeed.

Intentional Through the Week at Home and in Small Groups

What voices are clamoring for your attention?
How will you hear the voice of God among all these other voices?

My intention for this week is:

Morning Prayer for the Week

Good morning, God.

Help me to hear your voice today.

Enable me to admit the temptations of the world,
and support me to resist turning away from your teaching.

Awaken me to recognize the gifts you have given to me,
and to see the role I can play in healing your creation. Amen.

Evening Prayer for the Week

As I come to the end of this day,
deepen my faith to hear your word and follow your way.

Encourage me to bring all my hopes and desires to you in prayer,
that in lifting up my soul to you,

I may be shaped by your love.

Help me to hear the dialogue of prayer,
and to listen in prayer as much as I speak. Amen.

Readings for the Week Matthew 4:1-11

(Read daily, and look for opportunities to discuss or contemplate these words)

Questions for Reflection

- When have you given power to voices or beliefs that do not reflect the love of God?
- What temptations lure you away from following in God's way? How might you respond to those temptations following the example of Jesus in the wilderness?
- What spiritual practices help you listen intently for God's guidance?
- Where do you hear God speaking to individuals in this time? Where do you hear God speaking to the Church in this time?

Intentional in Community

Consider using these reflection questions with a small group or prayer partner.

Share your intentions and/or your experience of living them out with someone else in the Trinity community.

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for the following friends and families of Trinity

Joys:

Concerns:

- + Prayers for the family and friends of **Alec Gibson**, who passed on February 26.
- + Prayers for **Paul Sullivan**, in the hospital and undergoing medical treatment.
- + Prayers for the family and friends of **Colleen Lewis**, faithful member of TPC for 74 years.
- + Prayers for the family and friends of **Brian Tuskey**, brother-in-law of **Jennie Gwin**, who died on February 7.
- + Prayers for **Laura Mendelson**, mother of **Ellen Cathopoulos**, having breast cancer surgery on Feb 24.
- + 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 recently passed away.
- + Prayers for **Ansley Calhoun** following surgery for a broken leg.
- + Prayers for all those who are mourning the loss of **Renee Good, Alex Pretti, and others** who have died during recent immigration enforcement actions.
- + 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 concussion.
- + Prayers for **Jean Chubb**, mother of **Nathan Chubb**, battling pancreatic cancer and undergoing chemo.
- + 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. Theresa is walking and regaining some speech.
- + Prayers for those who are managing the needs of both children and aging parents.
- + Prayers for **Marilyn Brookens**, who 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.
- + **Jason Ferguson**, brother of **Janae Ferguson**, with recurrence of cancer. Pray for another remission.
- + **Barry Schneider**, **Troy Schneider's** uncle, has ALS.
- + **Jackie Alling**, living at Vitality Assisted Living.
- + **Lani**, **Nene Pisigan's** cousin, and the mom of two young children, has a recurrence of cancer.
- + **Nene Pisigan's** parents in the Philippines are with long-term illness and financial hardship.
- + **Ron Shimabukuro**, friend of **Yvonne McIntire**, is recovering at home.
- + **Brooks Bare**, for strength, comfort, healing, and patience during his incarceration.
- + Immigrants and refugees all over the world are 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 ongoing 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 as they handle 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

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