

Making a Trinity Connection

I Believe — This year Trinity is using Society of St. Andrew's devotional in paper and digital format. Pick up a paper copy in the Narthex or download a digital copy at: https://endhunger.org/docs_church/advent/Advent-Booklet.pdf.

"I was hungry and you fed me." Matthew 25:35

Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29: Church Offices closed.

Sunday, December 8: Lessons and Carols Service. The service begins at 4 PM in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in Trinity Hall.

Wednesday, December 10: Pub Theology Christmas Carol Sing-Along. Join us at WayGone Brewery, 6-8 PM, as Laura Candler-White leads us in the festive singing of Christmas carols!

Wednesday, December 11: Young at Heart Trip to Riverside Theater to see "Christmas Spectacular." We will leave Trinity at 10 AM and return by 5 PM.

Thursday, December 12: United Women in Faith Service Day. Join us in Trinity Hall from 9-11:30 AM as we create gifts for our homebound members and others.

Sunday, December 15: Create & Celebrate Crafts and Covered-Dish Dinner. We begin with a covered-dish meal at 6 PM (*bring your favorite dish to share!*), followed by crafts – 4 crafts for adults, and 4 for children.

Sunday, December 22: Community Christmas Party. Join us at 6 PM in Trinity Hall for a special dinner with guests of all ages from Home Again shelters and other Trinity folks. We will have a catered meal from Global Fusion Catering Company, followed by games and activities.

CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24:

4 PM: Christmas Eve Instant Kids Pageant

6 PM: Christmas Eve Modern Worship Service with Candlelight and Communion

8 PM: Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service with Candlelight and Communion

11 PM: Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service with Candlelight and Communion

Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26: Church Offices closed.

Sunday, December 29: One Combined Worship Service at 10 AM. No Sunday School.

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Thanksgiving Eve 2024

Am I A Good Soldier?



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THE EVE OF THANKSGIVING

November 27, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome! Thank you for sharing this time of worship with us.
As the music begins, please observe silence and prepare for Worship.

GATHERING MUSIC *We Gather Together* *arr. Hatton Fisk*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Judy Oguich
USA, 20th cent.

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon the earth.*
Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought forth its increase; may God, our own God, bless us.
Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

***HYMN** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* UMH 694

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Hoyt L. Hickman, USA, 20th century*

**All things come from you, O God,
and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.
You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image.
When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.
All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.
And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves,
and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us.
By your Holy Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world;
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 2:1-7 Bill Pike

MESSAGE **Am I A Good Soldier?**

***SONG OF PRAISE** *Now Thank We All Our God* UMH 102

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Paul J. Flucke, USA, 20th cent.

**O God, source of all that makes life possible,
giver of all that makes life good:
We gather to give you our thanks,
yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness.
What we have we take for granted,
and we grumble about what we lack.
We have squandered your bounty,
with little thought of those who will come after us.
We are more troubled by the few who have more
than by the many who have less.
Forgive us, O God.
In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving;
and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life;
through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Call* *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
Daniel Parks, tenor

***DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

***HYMN OF SENDING** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

***BENEDICTION** ** Congregation Standing*

Acolytes: *Clara Vernon, Elise Vernon, Candlelighters; Laurel Vernon, Crucifer*

The recipient of our Thanksgiving Eve offerings will be the Sherbourne UMC Food Pantry. As you think of gifts for others, remember those served by Sherbourne UMC, an intake and distribution center for the Central Virginia FoodBank.

Thanks to Trinity member, Mike Cross, and the staff at the Virginia War Memorial for their assistance with the cover photo.

Pease keep our members who are on active military duty in your prayers: Charles Given, Matthew King, Clayton Leep, Caitlyn McSorley, Jack McSorley, and Zach Smith.