



**TRINITY**  
United Methodist Church

# Do Not Fear



**December 14, 2025**

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**Rev. Judy C. Oguich**, *Minister of Congregational Care*  
**Ben Miller**, *Director of Music Ministries*  
**Jen Williams**, *Director of Kids Ministries*  
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## **Welcome to Trinity!**

We pray that you experience the love, joy, and peace of Christ this morning.

We invite you to check out the website ([trinityumc.net](http://trinityumc.net)) to learn more about Trinity and to find out how to get involved.

At Trinity, our mission is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” Our staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have – we are here for you. May God’s love refresh and inspire you today and always.

*Please sign the pad in the Guest Book located in each pew. Whether a visitor or member, knowing that you worshipped with us this morning and in which of our services you were present helps us care for you better.*

## **If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity UMC...**

Please contact Rev. Judy Oguich ([joguich@trinityumc.net](mailto:joguich@trinityumc.net)), speak with one of the pastors, or note in the guestbook when you sign in.

## **Kids in Worship**

Trinity welcomes all kids in Worship. Worship Bags are available in the Welcome Center to help them engage with the service. *We ask that you return the Worship Bags to the Welcome Center after the service.*

During the 9 AM service, preschoolers and elementary aged kids may attend Kids Church - they will be dismissed from Worship at the beginning of the first song and they will return to the Sanctuary during the final song of the morning.

At 10 AM, kids are encouraged to come to Trinity Hall for Stay, Pray, and Play.

## **Technician(s)**

9 AM: Thomas and Martha Hall

11 AM: Sasha and Polina Runyan

## **Acolytes**

Candlelighters: Hunter Saunders, Julia Crowder

Crucifer: Megan McPhail

## **Liturgical or Special Day / Color**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent / Blue

**Prayer...** To submit your prayer request or to share a joy with our intercessory prayer chain, contact Rev. Judy Oguich ([joguich@trinityumc.net](mailto:joguich@trinityumc.net) or 288-6056 ext. 206). Over 50 persons have committed to praying for our community.

Trinity members and staff pray for the concerns and joys of your heart. If you have a request, fill out a green Pastoral Care Card or the white Trinity Care Team Card (*located in the Guest Book*) and drop it in the offering plate.

***“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone,”*** *1 Timothy 2:1*

## **Known Member Prayer Concerns**

|                   |             |            |            |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Carol Crowder     | Pat Tribble | Stan Jones | Betsy Pike |
| Vickie Argabright | Sandy Peele |            |            |

The family and friends of Richard Kannan

The family and friends of Jacque Bradford (mother of Ann Vaughan)

The family and friends of Erica Hirt (sister-in-law of Adam Adamiak)

The family and friends of Frank Abrams (father of Lisa Abrams)

## **Community Prayer Concern**

Members' loved ones: Miller Jenkins, Erik DeVriendt, Bobby Price, Matt Dunkle, Jacob Clegg

Victims of war and violence

First Responders and Active Service Men and Women

Victims of extreme weather and natural disasters

All those dealing with extra anxiety from life situations

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## **Our Christmas Offering**

It is Trinity's tradition to have a special Christmas offering. If you feel called to give to this special collection throughout the month of December, ensure that you notate that on your offering envelope. All offering on Christmas Eve will go towards this year's initiative.

Two-thirds of this year's Advent offering will go to Shineforth (*formerly UMFS*). One-third will be contributed to the Community Assistance Fund, which enables our clergy to financially assist Henrico neighbors that come to us in need of help.

There are procedures in place to be considered for this assistance.

If you would like to contribute online, visit [trinityumc.net/give](http://trinityumc.net/give) and use the drop-down menu to select "Special Christmas Offering."

## ***Modern Worship @ 9:00 AM***

### **Entrance**

Welcome

Rev. Daniel Guenther

Dismiss to Kids Church

\*Song

*Great Are You Lord*

\*Lighting the Advent Wreath: Joy

Michael, Jenny, Eva, Paul,  
and Mac Larkum

\*Song

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

\*Opening Prayer

\*Passing the Peace

### **Proclamation and Response**

Scripture

Isaiah 35:1-10

Martha Hall

The Message

*Do Not Fear*

Rev. Brian Siegle

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Judy Oguich

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

### **Thanksgiving**

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Christmas Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

### **Sending Forth**

\*Song

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

\*Benediction

*\* Please stand as you are able*

# Traditional Worship @ 11 AM

## Entrance

Chiming the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Daniel Guenther

Prelude

*Flute Piece*

*by William Hine (1687-1730)*

\*Call to Worship

*written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2025*

*Beloved, we gather to rejoice in God who does wondrous things,  
who promises that someday all manner of things shall be well.*

**We rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.**

*We worship with joy now,  
confident that God will not stop until all creation is at peace.*

**We rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.**

*We lift up our voices in song and story, in prayer and praise,  
as we remember and rejoice in all that God has done  
and will do among us.*

**We rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.**

*Come! Let us worship God with joy as we work with God  
toward the day when all of creation lives in everlasting joy.*

**Come!**

**Let us rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.**

\*Processional Hymn

*People, Look East*

UMH 202

\*Lighting the Advent Wreath: Joy

Anne and Bill Burch

*In the midst of our waiting and longing  
for God to make the world right again,  
we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving,  
and God will save.*

*So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah,  
who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God's salvation.*

**We choose to believe that the day is coming**

**when “the ransomed of the LORD shall return**

**and come to Zion with singing;**

**everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;**

**they shall obtain joy and gladness,**

**and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” (Isaiah 35:10).**

*We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free  
to live in joy as we wait and work for the day  
when all creation will flourish together.*

\*Sung Response      *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

\*Hymn                      *Savior of the Nations, Come*

UMH 214

\*Opening Prayer

*written by Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith,  
<http://spaciousfaith.com/>.*

**Holy God of Joy,  
we rejoice in the reality of who you are.  
We live within the joy of your love for us.  
Our contentment comes and goes.  
Our happiness ebbs and flows.  
Our feelings depend upon our circumstances,  
our physical health, our brain chemistry.  
But our joy is deeply rooted  
in our identity as your beloved children.  
And we give you thanks. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace:

*May the peace of Christ be with you.      And also with you.*

## **Proclamation and Response**

Anthem

*Advent Song*

*by Russell Nagy*

\*Scripture

Isaiah 35:1-10

Keeley Messick

\*Gloria Patri

UMH 70

The Message

*Do Not Fear*

Rev. Brian Siegle

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Judy Oguich

*Written by Rev. Mia M. McClain, senior pastor of Riverside  
Baptist Church in Washington D.C. Posted on the Worship Ways website  
at <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/advent-3a-december-11/>*

*We gather together in this season of Advent anticipating hope,  
praying for peace, attempting to cultivate joy  
and share love amidst commotion, grief, despair and uncertainty.*

Moment of silence

**God, we confess that we have often placed our hope  
in people and things that can't fulfill our every need.  
We have searched for peace in shallow places.  
We have mistaken joy for temporal pleasure**

**and artificial exhilaration.  
We have put limits on the ways we love,  
excluding those who need our loving kindness the most.  
God, when we have lost our way, show us yours.  
Guide us to the hope in you that will renew our strength.  
Lead us to your peace that transcends all understanding.  
Fill us with a joy we can only experience in your presence.  
Remind us that you have always loved us  
with an everlasting love,  
so that we may share that love with others. Amen.**

*In this season of desolation and uncertainty,  
it is good to know that God's love for us is sure—  
that God's commitment to us is definite—  
that God is guiding us as the compassionate companions  
that we are called to be for each other.  
Let us live into this gift. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

## **Thanksgiving**

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

\*Christmas Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## **Sending Forth**

\*Hymn

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

UMH 213

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Voluntary in A minor*

*by John James (d. 1745)*

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*\* Please stand as you are able*

# Christmas Flower Tributes in 2025

| <i>In Loving Memory of:</i>                                      | <i>Given by:</i>  |
|--|---|
| Ada and Ralph Bivins   | Linda Latimer and Nancy McGowan                         |
| Art, Audrey, and David Gerhan                                    | Ken and Peggy Hart                                      |
| Bill McClintic   | Caroline M. Walters                                     |
| Bill Ward  | John and Pat Rollison                                   |
| Bob and Beth Hart  | Ken and Peggy Hart                                      |
| Brian A. Rollison  | John and Pat Rollison                                   |
| C. Wayne Lemon   | Melinda L. Anderson and Sidney C. Lemon                 |
| Carl and Carolyn Robinson  | Robert and Kimberly Fricke                              |
| Caroline Morris  | Haley, Dan, Caroline, and Libbie Hildebrand             |
| Charlene and Herman Moore  | Dorothy Moore Woodford and Dianne Moore                 |
| Connie McAdam  | John and Pat Rollison                                   |
| Craig Edgar Spitzer, Our Son<br>Mary Lu Windbert, Leila's Sister | Leila and Kirk Spitzer                                  |
| Dale Ward  | John and Pat Rollison                                   |
| Davis and Carl Bottom  | Their Family  |
| Dennis and Francie   | Martie Parch  |
| Dr. Kenneth Gould  | Cathy and Mark Devlin                                   |
| Earl and Elizabeth Williams                                      | With Love, Jerry and Karen Williams                     |
| Erica Hirt   | The Adamiaks  |
| Evelyn (Dee Dee) and Willie (PaPa) Carlton                       | Daughters, Nancy Lee and Rannie Lou, and Grandson Bryan |
| Frances and Mack Dewitt  | Margaret and Steve Dewitt                               |
| Geoffrey Shudtz (Son)  | Karen Shudtz (Mom)                                      |
| Jane and Antoine Hobeika   | The Halls   |

***In Loving Memory of:******Given by:***

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|---|---|
| Jane Hobeika, Our Inspiration                             | 3M Bible Study Group                          |
| Jay Robinson  | Cheryl, Pam, and Meredith                     |
| Jean and Dick Page (Parents)                              | Karen Shudtz (Daughter)                       |
| Jeannie Marie Cox   | Courtenay, Paul, and JC Brooks                |
| Jim Brooks  | Paul, Courtenay, and JC Brooks                |
| John E. Simpson, III                                      | Corey Booker                                  |
| Lauren Banks  | Susan and Ralph Freeman                       |
| Lola and Norman Hilliard                                  | Dorothy Moore Woodford and Dianne Moore       |
| Lucinda and Dick McRoberts                                | Their Children – Mary, Andrew, and Scot       |
| Marian and Lester Jones                                   | Sara, Waddy, and Kimberly Street              |
| Mary, Ed, and Richard Fleming                             | Rosemary McCullough                           |
| Michael Eunice  | Ridley Starr                                  |
| Michael Shoenenberger                                     | Anna, Melinda, and Sid                        |
| Mike Eunice   | Daughters, Lisa, Cathy, and Beth              |
| Mike Eunice   | Donna Gilbert, His Sister                     |
| Mike Skrabala   | Reyna Skrabala                                |
| Mike Walters  | Caroline M. Walters                           |
| Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rollison                              | John and Pat Rollison                         |
| Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Ward                                 | John and Pat Rollison                         |
| My Parents, Wilbur Dale Marshall and Betty Trout Marshall | Dale M. Miller                                |
| Otey Denton   | Leila Denton                                  |
| Our Loved Ones  | Susan and Ralph Freeman                       |
| Our Parents   | Mike and Susie Hildebrand                     |
| Our Parents and Grandparents                              | Eric, Judy, Garrett, Natalie, and Abby Oguich |
| Parents, Hilda and Charles Chiles & Betty and Paul Cross  | Teresa and Mike Cross                         |

***In Loving Memory of:******Given by:***

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| Peggy and Jack Harter                  | Connie Harter Burton                                 |
| Phyllis Whitaker                       | Dorothy Moore Woodford and Dianne Moore              |
| Rick and Alyce West                    | Leila Denton   |
| Robin Brewster                         | Her Friends  |
| Rowena Manning                         | John and Pat Rollison                                |
| Sherry Kerley                          | The Larkum Family                                    |
| Stephanie Roberts Larry                | Vernon and Peggy Roberts                             |
| T.S., Daisy, Tom, Jean, and Mary Shutt | Sarah Shutt  |
| The Dishman Family                     | Mike and Carole Dishman                              |
| The Mitchelle Family                   | Mike and Carole Dishman                              |
| Thomas Wayne Lemon                     | Anna Schoenenberger, Melinda Anderson, and Sid Lemon |
| Tommy and Frances Johnson              | With Love, Jerry and Karen Williams                  |
| Warren and Shirley Overstreet          | Pamela Overstreet                                    |

*If you have a flower tribute listed in the bulletin and would like to take a Poinsettia, you may do so after the services on **Christmas Eve**.*

*After the 6 PM or 8 PM service you can take a Poinsettia from the **foyer**.*

*After the 11 PM service you can take a Poinsettia from the **foyer or the altar**.*

*In Honor of:**Given by:*

|   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Amy, Jamie, Caitlin, Jackson, and Alex Bitz   | Sara, Waddy and Kimberly Street    |
| Betsy Pike                                    | Caroline, Josie, Ellie, and Hudson |
| Carol Crowder                                 | Jim                                |
| Grandsons, David, Jonathan, Adam, and Nathan  | Linda Robinson                     |
| Jim McCullough                                | Rosemary McCullough                |
| Juanita Woodson                               | Mr. Grumpy                         |
| Judy Oguich                                   | With Love and Thanks from 3M       |
| Junebugs Covenant Group                       | Caroline M. Walters                |
| Karen Brooks                                  | Paul, Courtenay, and JC Brooks     |
| Linda Robinson                                | David, Jonathan, Adam, and Nathan  |
| Ordinary People Class                         | Reyna Skrabala                     |
| Our Families – Local and Far Away             | The Irvin Family                   |
| Our Parents, Bill and Vikki Brock             | Riian, Christian, Wesley, and Lila |
| Pastor Brian and Holly                        | Carol Wampler                      |
| Pastor Daniel                                 | The Messick Family                 |
| Pastors and Staff of TUMC                     | Jerry and Karen Williams           |
| Ray Cox, Jamie Cox                            | Courtenay, Paul, and JC Brooks     |
| Ronnie Johnson                                | Mr. Grumpy                         |
| Sarah, Liz, and Audrey Allen                  | Mom                                |
| Sue Watkins                                   | Pam, Wendy, and Carol              |
| Technical Staff Providing Trinity Live Stream | Nancy L. Foley                     |
| The FaithWorks Class                          | Leila Denton                       |
| The Trinity Staff                             | Burnett and Nancy Miller           |
| Trinity Stitchers Ministry                    | Nancy L. Foley                     |
| Trinity's Ministers and Staff                 | Nancy L. Foley                     |
| Trinity's United Women in Faith               | Nancy L. Foley                     |
| TUMC Quilters                                 | Connie Harter Burton               |

## This Week

|            |             |  |
|------------|-------------|--|
| TODAY      | 9 AM        | Modern Worship   |
| 12/14      | 10 AM       | Discipleship/Sunday School                             |
|            | 11 AM       | Traditional Worship                                    |
|            | 3 PM        | Lessons and Carols Service                             |
|            | 5 PM        | Student Christmas Party – <i>Student Center</i>        |
|            | 5:15 PM     | Finance Committee Meeting – <i>Room 323</i>            |
|            | 7 PM        | Trustees Meeting – <i>Room 323</i>                     |
| Monday:    | 11:45 AM    | Prayer Group – <i>Chapel</i>                           |
| 12/15      |             |  |
| Tuesday:   | 6 PM        | Pickleball – <i>Trinity Hall</i>                       |
| 12/16      |             |  |
| Wednesday: | 6 PM        | 3M Bible Study – <i>Room 317</i>                       |
| 12/17      | 6:30 PM     | Choir Rehearsal – <i>Music Room</i>                    |
|            | 7:30 PM     | Praise Team Rehearsal – <i>Sanctuary</i>               |
| Thursday:  | 2 PM        | Service for Marble Jones – <i>Sanctuary</i>            |
| 12/18      | 6 PM        | Pastor Daniel’s Bible Study – <i>Room 323</i>          |
|            | 7 PM        | United Women in Faith Circle 7 – <i>Student Center</i> |
| Friday:    | 9 AM – 2 PM | Food Fridays (food collection) – <i>Trinity Hall</i>   |
| 12/19      |             |  |

We hope that you will join us in this celebration of the Advent season.

For more information: [www.trinityumc.net/christmas2025](http://www.trinityumc.net/christmas2025)

**COMING  
SOON!**

12/21: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

**Christmas Play and Cookies** (3 PM)

12/22: Tacky Light Tour. Seats are limited. Sign up today!

<https://subsplash.com/trinityunitedmethod-3dkn/lb/ev/+s7zgkyp>

## Christmas Ornaments



Logo



Trinity Outline



Window

Pick up your Trinity Christmas ornament(s)  
or buy them TODAY!

Come to the table in the Welcome Center.  
(\$12 each or \$30 for all three).

Cash or check.