



TRINITY
United Methodist Church

He Has Looked



December 21, 2025

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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) 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), 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: Sam and Abbie Duenckel

11 AM: Leo Kirkpatrick

Acolytes

Candlelighters: Kennedy Buchanan, Caroline Beck Crucifer: Charlie Duerson

Guest Organist

We welcome Jeff Hummel as our guest organist for the 11 AM service this morning.

Liturgical or Special Day / Color

4th 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* 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 Michael Morris Vickie Argabright

The family and friends of Richard Kannan

The family and friends of Jaque 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)

The family and friends of Stan Jones

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

Our Christmas Offering

It is Trinity's tradition to receive a special Christmas offering. If you feel called to give to this special collection, ensure that you notate "Christmas Offering" on your offering envelope. Offerings 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. A screening process is in place to verify the validity of the requests.

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

Modern Worship @ 9:00 AM

Entrance

Welcome Rev. Brian Siegle

Dismiss to Kids Church

*Song *Good, Good Father*

*Lighting the Advent Wreath: Love J. D. and Mary Neary

*Song *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (Love Divine)*

*Opening Prayer

*Passing the Peace

Proclamation and Response

*Scripture Luke 1:47-55 Eliza Marshall

The Message *He Has Looked* Rev. Daniel Guenther

Canticle of Zechariah

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Christmas Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending Forth

*Song *Goodness of God*

*Benediction

** Please stand as you are able*

Traditional Worship @ 11 AM

Entrance

Chiming the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Brian Siegle

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Call to Worship

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

Beloved, God calls to us—like Joseph—through angels and messengers, inviting us to listen for the Spirit's guidance in the midst of half-truths and distractions.

We listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.

Sometimes, angels surprise us (as they did Mary) with good news too fantastical to believe and yet too real—realer than real—to ignore.

We listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.

For generations, God has sent signs of God's coming kingdom in unexpected places—the birth of a child, the wisdom of the lowly, the faithfulness of a carpenter.

We listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.

Come! Let us worship God who calls out to us, inviting us to faithfulness as we watch, wait, and work for the day when the whole world knows the abundant love and grace of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Come!

Let us worship as we listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.

*Processional Hymn

Sing We Now of Christmas

UMH 237

*Lighting the Advent Wreath: Love

Hayley Trinidad,

Kennedy Buchanan, and Lucy Buchanan

Today, we come face to face with the scandal of Advent: Mary, the unmarried mother; God Incarnate growing in Mary's womb as a vulnerable baby; Joseph contemplating leaving Mary because of her pregnancy; God's love at work in ways that society and propriety could not understand;

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*Lighting the Advent Wreath: Love (continued)

*God calling Mary and Joseph to faithfulness
despite the fear of disgrace.*

**With Mary and Joseph,
we choose to wait, watch, and listen
for the way of Love
instead of responding in fear to the world's judgment.**

*We light this candle of Love
as a sign of our faithfulness as we seek, find,
and follow Emmanuel, God with us.*

*Sung Response *Love Came Down at Christmas*

UMH 242

*Hymn *To a Maid Engaged to Joseph*

UMH 215

*Opening Prayer

written by Rev. Jan Brooks, Cottonwood Falls Presbyterian Church.

**O Holy God of Promise,
we so often place our trust in the things
we can see, and touch, and easily believe.**

**But you did not ask us to believe what is easy;
you have asked us to believe what is true!**

Forgive us, Holy One, when we doubt the ways you work.

Forgive us when we find it hard to believe an ancient story.

**Forgive us when we question how you chose to enter the world,
born as one of us.**

**Forgive our lack of faith and belief
in ways which seem so impossible to believe.**

**Help us to look in faith, open our belief,
and set aside our doubts that you sent your Son,
born of a virgin – the one who has come to set us all free.**

**We offer these prayers in the name of your Son,
Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace:

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

Proclamation and Response

Anthem *Magnificat*

by Charles Staples

*Scripture Luke 1:47-55

Linda Robinson

*Gloria Patri		UMH 70
The Message	<i>He Has Looked</i>	Rev. Daniel Guenther
Canticle of Zechariah (<i>with Sung Response</i>)		UMH 208
Prayers of the People		
The Lord's Prayer		UMH 895

Thanksgiving

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *What Child Is This*

arr. Paul Manz

*Christmas Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending Forth

*Hymn *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* UMH 198

*Benediction

*Postlude *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* *arr. Michael Bedford*

*Please stand as you are able



Pick up your Trinity Christmas ornament(s) in the Office during the week –
 9 AM – 4 PM, Monday thru Friday.
 (\$12 each or \$30 for all three). Cash or check or pay online.

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	Leila and Kirk Spitzer
Mary Lu Windbert, Leila's Sister	
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)

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

Jane and Antoine Hobeika	The Halls
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
John Simpson	Carolyn Simpson
Julian D. Adkins	His Family
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

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

Our Parents and Grandparents	Eric, Judy, Garrett, Natalie, and Abby Oguich
Parents, Hilda and Charles Chiles & Betty and Paul Cross	Teresa and Mike Cross
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 Michelle 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
Brad and Jan Booker	Carolyn Simpson
Carol Crowder	Jim
Grandsons, David, Jonathan, Adam, and Nathan	Linda Robinson
Gray, Corey, Hilton, and Byrd Booker	Carolyn Simpson
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
The FaithWorks Class	Leila Denton
The Trinity Staff	Burnett and Nancy Miller
Trinity Live Stream Technical Staff	Nancy L. Foley
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 12/21	9 AM 10 AM 11 AM 12 PM 3 PM	Modern Worship Discipleship/Sunday School Traditional Worship Play Rehearsal – <i>Trinity Hall</i> Christmas Play and Cookies – <i>Trinity Hall</i> “Twas the Night Before”
Monday: 12/22	5:45 PM	Meet at Trinity for the Tacky Light Tour
Tuesday: 12/23	6 PM	Pickleball – <i>Trinity Hall</i>
Wednesday: 12/24	4 PM 6 PM 8 PM 11 PM	Instant Kids Christmas Pageant Modern Service (<i>Communion & Candlelight</i>) Traditional Service (<i>Communion & Candlelight</i>) Traditional Service (<i>Communion & Candlelight</i>)

Carol Sing Service

Put on your favorite festive, tacky, or fun holiday clothes one more time this season and join us for a combined service singing your favorite carols!

Sunday, December 28

- ONE COMBINED SERVICE - 10am



Third Grade Bibles

Trinity Kids Ministry is excited to present our 3rd graders with their own Bible to ignite their love of reading God's Word! Bibles will be presented at the 9 AM worship service on Sunday, January 25.

Contact Jen at kids@trinityumc.net as soon as possible if your 3rd grader would like to receive a Bible!