



TRINITY
United Methodist Church

December 24, 2024

11 PM Traditional Worship Service



Rev. Brian D. Siegle, *Pastor*
Rev. Daniel W. Guenther, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Judy C. Oguich, *Minister of Congregational Care*
Dr. Daniel E. Parks, *Director of Music Ministries*
Laura Candler-White, *Organist*
Jen Williams, *Director of Kids Ministries*
Kenzel Pugh, *Assistant Director of Student Ministries*
Bill Pike, *Director of Operations*

Dr. Hyo Lee, *District Superintendent, Three Notch'd District*
Sue Hauptert-Johnson, *Bishop, Virginia Conference*

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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 we would like to know that you worshipped with us this morning, and which of our services you attended.

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

Please contact Rev. Daniel Guenther at dguenther@trinityumc.net.

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.*

After the Kids Moment at each service, preschoolers and elementary aged kids may attend Kids Worship in the Chapel. They return to the Sanctuary during the offering.

Technicians

Acolytes

Candlelighters – Anna Estes, Kaleigh McPhail

Bell Banner Bearer – Matthew Estes

Crucifer – Meghan McPhail

Prayer... To submit your prayer request or to share a joy with our intercessory prayer chain, contact 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
Eric Zimmerman

Bridgette Crable

Pat Cerny

Mike Fanelli

The family of David Boring

The family of Ken Cardoza

Community Prayer Concern

Trinity members' loved ones: Miller Jenkins, Erik DeVriendt

First Responders and Active Service Men and Women

Victims of extreme weather and natural disasters

Victims of war and violence

All Students, Teachers, School Staff, School Administrators, and Bus Drivers

Christmas Flower Tributes for 2024

<i>In Loving Memory of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
Ada and Ralph Bivins	Linda Latimer and Nancy McGowan
Ann Sangston	Jim Sangston
Antoine Hobeika	The Halls
Arthur, Audrey, and David Gerhan	Ken and Peggy Hart
Beverly Tresner Clark, My Aunt	Jerry M. Clark
Bob and Beth Hart	Ken and Peggy Hart
Caig Spitzer, our Son; and Mary Lu Windberg, Leila's Sister	Leila and Kirk Spitzer
Carl and Carolyn Robinson	The Fricke and Jones Families
Charles M. and Marjorie H. Browder	Their Family
Chick Hadden	Carole and Mike Dishman
Chick Hadden	Gibbie and Sandy Berry
Christoper Hickman	David and Gayle Hickman
Colleen Berninger	Carole and Mike Dishman
Davis Bottom and Carl Bottom	Hildie Bottom and Family
Dennis and Rick	Marti Parch
Diane Crosby	Pike and Reinking Families
Emily and Charlotte Benton, Our Granddaughters	Colby and Jan Benton
Frances and Mack Dewitt	Margaret and Steve Dewitt
George Pike	Pike and Reinking Families
Gilbert and Rose Stroop	Joyce S. Winters
Helen Long Hart	Roger Hart, Jr., Lisa, Roger, III, Anne Claire, and Charlotte
Jay Robinson	Leila and Kirk Spitzer
Jay Robinson	Cheryl, Pam, and Meredith; David, Jonathan, Adam, and Nathan
Jean and Alf Goodykoontz	Chuck and Cathy Goodykoontz
Jean Hanner	Gibbie and Sandy Berry
Jean Hanner	Chris, Jennifer, Lily Jean, and Nell Stalilonis
John Simpson	Carolyn Simpson
Julian D. Adkins	His Family
Kimberly Keene	Janet S. Keene
Lauren Banks	Susan and Ralph Freeman
Lois and Bernard Hill; Rick Hill; George and Mary Good; Helen Good; Alice Spotts; Ray Slabaugh	Rob and Joanne Spotts
Maj. General Marshall E. McCabe, MD	Alice McCabe
Marian and Lester Jones	Sara and Waddy Street

<i>In Loving Memory of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
Michael Eunice	Ridley Eunice
Michael R. Schoenenberger	Anna, Melinda, and Sid
Mike Eunice	His Sister, Donna Gilbert
Mike Eunice	Carole and Mike Dishman
Mike Skrabala	Reyna Skrabala
Mom and Dad, and My Best Friend, Rusty	Connie Harter Burton
Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rollison, Connie McAdam, Rowena Manning, Dale Ward, Bill Ward, and Brian Rollison	John and Pat Rollison
Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Heatwole	Davis and Sharolyn Heatwole
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Beck & Rev. and Mrs. A.L.G. Stephenson, III	Anne and Ken Beck
Mr. and Mrs. James F. Bailey, Sr.	Sharolyn and Davis Heatwole
My Parents and Grandparents	Gregg Reynolds
Nancy Utley	Art and Mary Beth Utley
Our Dad, Mike Eunice	His Girls
Our Loved Ones	Eric, Judy, Garrett, Natalie, and Abby Oguich
Our Loved Ones	Susan and Ralph Freeman
Our Parents	David and Gayle Hickman
Our Parents	Mike and Susie Hildebrand
Pam Rutledge	Reid, Peyton, Annie, Emma, Blair
Parents: Hilda and Charles Chiles; Betty and Paul Cross	Teresa and Mike Cross
Rick and Alyce West	Kelley and Leila
Robin Brewster	Those Blessed to Call Her Friend
Stephanie Roberts Larry	Peggy and Vernon Roberts
Sylvia Britt	Randy Britt
T. S., Daisy, Jean, and Thomas Shutt	Sarah Shutt
Thomas Wayne Lemon	Anna, Melinda, and Sidney
Virginia Pickering and Ingrid Shomo	Porter and Donna Shomo
Warren and Shirley Overstreet	Pam Overstreet
William and Evelyn Carlton (Dee and PaPa), Our Beloved Parents and Grandparents	Nancy, Rannie Lou, and Bryan

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

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.

<i>In Honor of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
Amy, Jamie, Caitlin, Jackson, and Alex Bitz	Sara and Waddy Street
Brad and Jan Booker	Carolyn Simpson
Carol Crowder	The Crowder Family
Davis and Bana Caskey	Trinity's Staff
Family and Friends	Kelley and Leila
Gray, Corey, Hilton and Byrd Booker	Carolyn Simpson
Henry and Caroline Beck and Catherine and Jack Malandrino	Anne and Ken Beck
Jane Hobeika	The Halls
Jo Ann Lewis	Circle 6
Judy Oguich	3M, with Love, and Appreciation
Ken Hart	Young at Heart
Linda Robinson	Cheryl, Pam, and Meredith; David, Jonathan, Adam, and Nathan
Mary Hetzel	Bonnie and Joe Andrews
My Children	Alice McCabe
Our Grandchildren and Their Parents	Ken and Peggy Hart
Sandy and Gibbie Berry	The Stalilonis Family
Sarah, Liz, and Audrey	With Love, from Mom
The Amazing Trinity Staff	The Messick Family
The Utleys: Jordan, Kyle, Colt, Tucker, and Karsyn	Art and Mary Beth Utley
Thom Crosby	Pike and Reinking Families
Trinity Staff	Burnett and Nancy Miller
Trinity's Staff and Ministers, and Families	Nancy L. Foley
Young at Heart Steering Committee	Judy Oguich

Our offering tonight will go to United Methodist Family Services.

For over 100 years UMFS has been helping children and families in Virginia find hope - through treatment foster care program, residential treatment programs, Charterhouse School (*where students with special needs and autism find help and success*), and Project LIFE (*where teens aging out of foster care in Virginia find new skills and a voice*).

Through all these services children and families find hope.



Entrance

Prelude

In Dulci Jubilo (In Quiet Joy)

Bach, Wood, Held

Chiming the Hour

Welcome

*Call to Worship

written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024

For you who are filled to the brim with happiness,

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

For you who are mourning the loss of family and friends,

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

For you who feel like you are tripping about in darkness,

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

For you who rest in gratitude and contentment,

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

For you who feel the ache of loneliness,

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

For you who are surrounded by unlikely yet beautiful companionship,

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

Come, let us worship the birth of our Savior!

Come, let us worship God who came to dwell among us!

*Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

UMH 234

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Christ Candle

... “For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

Christ our joy has come near.

Emmanuel, God with us,

has come to dwell with us as a tiny baby.

“His authority shall grow continually,

and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David

and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice

and with righteousness from this time onward

and forevermore.

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The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.” (*Isaiah 9:7*)

*We light this candle as a sign of Christ coming to dwell with us,
to live in the neighborhood of vulnerable humanity as a vulnerable child.
May the light of Christ warm our hearts and light our way
as we share the joy of God's salvation wherever we go.*

Sung Response	<i>Light the Advent Candle (verse 5)</i>	TFWS 2090
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*Passing the Peace Rev. Judy Oguich
May the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*Hymn	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	UMH 240
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Proclamation and Response

*Opening Prayer

**O God our Father,
you have brought us again to the glad season
when we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day
and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us.
Open our hearts that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old.
Open our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted hearts.
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace, goodwill toward all;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Scripture Luke 2:1-20 Libby Browder

Sermon *Joy* Rev. Brian Siegle

Prayer of Confession

I Confession

Written by Rev. Mindi on the Rev-o-lution website. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>.
Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2016/12/prayer-of-confession-seeking-light.html>.

**God of Light,
we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light.
We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune.
We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious
by following rules.
We follow the fading light of personal salvation.** *(contin*

(continued)

Prayer of Confession *(continued)*

**Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of Your love
for all the world.**

**Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus,
who commanded us to love one another.**

**Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice,
in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed.**

In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

Thanksgiving

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

What Child Is This

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*Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is open to all who do or would like to follow Jesus Christ.

Our method of Communion this evening is by the ancient practice of intinction.

Please come as directed using the center aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the cup, and then partake of both together.

Return to your seat by the side aisle.

Gluten-free elements are available and all cups contain (unfermented) grape juice.

If you are unable to come to a serving station, please notify an usher and we will bring Communion to you.

The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Daniel Guenther
UMH 15

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Giving of the Bread and the Cup

Sending Forth

*Passing of the Light of Christ

*In passing the light, please hold the lit candle STRAIGHT
and tip the unlit candle to the flame.*

*Hymn

Silent Night

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Joy to the World

UMH 246

**** Please stand as you are able***

Deposit your extinguished candles in the baskets by the entrance doors.



Regular Sunday Schedule

9 AM Modern Worship Service

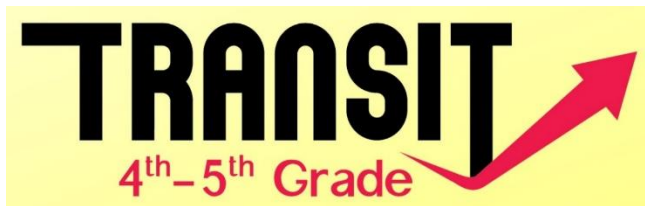
10 AM Discipleship / Sunday School Classes for all ages

11 AM Traditional Worship Service

Join Us at Trinity for These Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 29	One Combined Worship Service / Carol Sing (10 AM)
Tuesday, January 14	Pub Theology @ WayGone Brewery (5:45-7 PM)
Sunday, February 2	Family Game Night (5 PM)

Go to our website for more gatherings and events: www.trinityumc.net/calendar



Transit is our 4th and 5th grade ministry and it's open to all 4th and 5th graders at Trinity and in our community! As kids get ready to move into middle school, friendships become more and

more important! Our goal is to help kids grow friendships with each other while having fun and learning about God! We meet 3x each month from September – November and January – March at Trinity from 5-7 PM on Sunday evenings.

Join our youth group for a transformative experience of food, faith, fellowship, and fun! Our youth group meets most Sunday nights from 5-7, with dinner provided, and a devotion, games, and small groups. Also, we offer Sunday School, and special events and trips throughout the year, including the Summer! All students grades 6-12 are welcome!



