



Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia

Sunday of the Epiphany
January 1, 2017



CONNECTING
GROWING
SERVING
CELEBRATING

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

✠Please stand in body and/or spirit.

Out of reverence for God and respect for fellow worshipers, please silence all electronic devices.

Childcare is not available during this service today.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bill Davis

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. God's love be in us and among us as we greet all who enter our doors as children of God.

Please take a moment to complete the Connection Card and prepare to place it in the offering plate later in the service.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Noel

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Beth Buchholz

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed.

You will do well to be attentive to this, as to a lamp shining in a dark place,

until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Nations shall come to your light

and rulers to the brightness of your rising.

✠HYMN

We Three Kings

Hymnal no. 254

✠OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Almighty and ever-living God,

you revealed the incarnation of your Son

by the brilliant shining of a star.

Shine the light of your justice always

in our hearts and over all lands,

and accept our lives as the treasure we offer

in your praise and for your service;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Holly Stowell

We encourage children to stay and participate in worship since there is no nursery and StoryTime today.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Pew Bible, OT, Page 690

Mary Beth Buchholz

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

I Wonder as I Wander

John Jacob Niles

Holly Stowell, soprano

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

Pew Bible, NT, Page 193

Mary Beth Buchholz

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✠GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

✠GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible, NT, Page 02

Pastor Bill Davis

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Open Invitation”

Pastor Bill Davis

✠HYMN

Sing We Now of Christmas

Hymnal no. 237 (*stanžas 1, 4, and 5*)

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Hymnal no. 880

WORDS OF INVITATION

God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;

but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (*1 John 1:5b-8*)

Aware of God's presence with us, let us now humbly confess our sin, and seek God's mercy.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Bill Davis

Eternal and almighty God,

who searches us and knows us:

we come to you from a world

that chooses to walk in darkness,

apart from you.

In sorrow and humility, we confess

the sin of our blindness, our frailties,

our fears, and our selfishness;

and that each of us has ignored and denied

the enlightening power of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, we pray, and penetrate our darkness

by the enlivening power of Christ's light,

that we may live in the joy

of knowing and loving you and each other. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just

will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

✠THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please exchange signs and words of peace and reconciliation.

OFFERTORY

He is Born

arr. Robert J. Powell

✠THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal no. 238

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical Setting C

Hymnal no. 20

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

We invite all persons to the Lord's Table. This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love Him and for those who want to love Him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is His will that those who want Him should meet Him here.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the Communion station nearest you. The center station is for those who require gluten-free bread. We serve Holy Communion by intinction. Please extend your hands to receive the bread and then dip the bread into the cup as it is offered to you. After you partake, you also may kneel at the rail for prayer and meditation.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor Bill Davis

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
As you led the magi by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from Light,
lead us also into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✠HYMN

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Hymnal no. 251

✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Bill Davis

✠POSTLUDE

Swiss Noel

L. Claude Daquin

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The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

Please join us following worship in the Narthex for refreshments and fellowship with our church family.

Our Discipleship from Christmas and Last Sunday, December 25th

Worship: 505 Offering: \$38,068.11

Weekly Electronic Offering: \$3,439.43

Those Serving at Worship Today:

Acolyte: Sophie Moran

Communion Stewards: Kay Stewart

Communion Servers: Susan Collins, Mike Moran, and Tess Moran

Counters: Rich McKinney

Crucifer: Aidan Gibson

Greeters: Mike, Laurel, Tess, Sophie and Brennan Moran

Liturgist: Mary Beth Buchholz

Pew Duty: John Ploch

Sound: Harley Hopkins

Ushers: Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher)

Mark Your Calendars



January 2nd ~ New Year's Holiday
Church Office Closed

January 7th ~ Bi-District Training Day
Christ UMC 8³⁰ AM - 3³⁰ PM

January 16th ~ Martin Luther King Holiday
Church Office Closed

January 28th ~ Chat N' Chew
Grace UMC 8³⁰ - 4⁰⁰ PM



Trinity's Table
Wednesday, January 11th
5:30 - 7:30 PM

Menu
Baked Potato Bar
Ice Cream Sundae Bar

RSVP on the Connection Card.


TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS



The Christian Formation Team (formerly the Children's Ministry Team) meets from 8:30 -10 AM, Saturday, January 7th in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Mary Beth Buchholz at marybeth@freespiritfloral.com.



Join us next Sunday, January 8th at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall for Adult Forum. We will learn about the longstanding Moravian tradition which seeks to celebrate and strengthen our unity in Christ. The Moravian Love Fest, led by Mary Beth Buchholz, includes the Children's Sunday School Class.



The Della Somerville Circle meets Tuesday, January 10th at 7:30 PM at Nancy Hunt's home, 2508 Saylor Place, Alexandria, VA 22304, Mark your calendar and join the Trinity UMW evening of Christian fellowship. RSVP to Linda Pitts: ihcpitts@aol.com

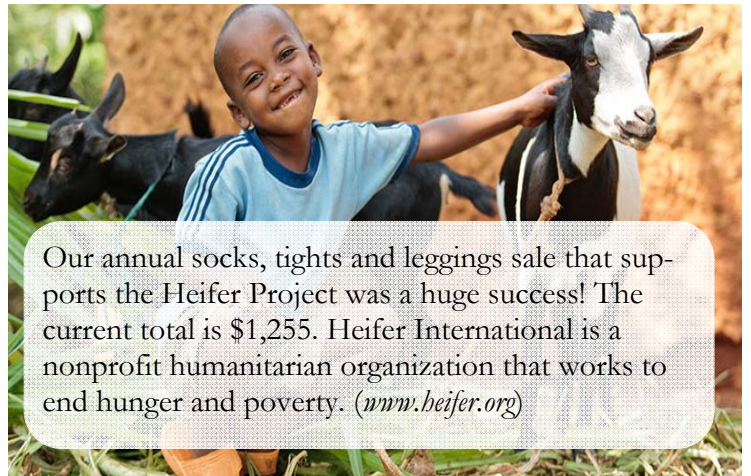
STORY TIME

The Christian Formation Team needs Story Time volunteers! You do not need to be a parent to volunteer! No need to feel overwhelmed about what to do with the children. Each weeks' StoryTime lesson is planned and provided for you! Please see Mary Beth Buchholz (marybeth@freespiritfloral.com), Christian Formation Chair if you have questions or to sign up for a story time date.



SPARKS! Are baking cookies, Monday, January 16th at 1 PM in the church kitchen to benefit the Carpenter's Shelter. Please RSVP to Mary Beth Buchholz at marybeth@freespiritfloral.com.

SPARKS! Is mission related activities for kids and youth seven and up.



Our annual socks, tights and leggings sale that supports the Heifer Project was a huge success! The current total is \$1,255. Heifer International is a nonprofit humanitarian organization that works to end hunger and poverty. (www.heifer.org)

Our Music Program at Trinity is open to all! We invite you to join us as we begin a new season of anthems for singing and compositions for ringing. In addition, if there are those who wish to contribute instrumental music to our services, please know that your talents are welcome. We will be preparing music for the new year, with rehearsals resuming the first week in January. We have a three octave set of handbells and need more ringers to complete the choir. If you have experience but cannot commit, you could offer to be a substitute ringer. We are planning a musical for the Trebles and Choirsters and need more singers. The Chancel Choir welcomes new singers in all sections. There are no auditions for any of the choirs. Come try us out! And if you wish some private coaching, that is also available. Contact Linda Cancellieri, Director of Music, with any questions. Come see Linda at the organ after a service or email her at music@trinityalexandria.org.



TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS

“Chat and Chew” A Listening Session with Bishop Lewis.

Registration is OPEN! Don't miss this opportunity to get to know our bishop. Bishop Sharma Lewis visits the district on **Saturday, January 28, 2017** at Grace UMC-Manassas.

The schedule is from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, with lunch provided. There are separate sessions for clergy and laity.

Questions or to register contact Program Coordinator, Cynthia Lopynski at cynthialopynski@vaumc.org.



Discipleship Ministries needs your feedback for new UM hymnal creation: To assist Discipleship Ministries in its work in developing the new United Methodist hymnal, a survey has been developed for your feedback. To take the survey, please visit <http://sgiz.mobi/s3/Favorite-Hymns-2016>.

Ministries with Young People office needs your input:

Paulo Lopes, director of Ministries with Young People, launched a Young People's Ministry Team initiative in May 2016. This team has been working hard for the last several months to develop a “big picture,” unifying approach to ministries with young people in Virginia (including children, youth, young adults and campus ministries). The process is a complex one with over 1,100 churches and around 100,000 in worship every Sunday to understand context and the current realities of ministries across the conference. To help the team in their endeavors, please fill out this five-minute survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vaumcyp>.



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thought provoking, heart expanding, faith-building topics

January 8th ~ A Moravian Love Feast
Led by Mary Beth Buchholz

January 15th ~ Living into the New Dream
Led by Tom Tyler

January 22nd ~ As Jesus Taught Us: Experiencing the Lord's Prayer in His Native Aramaic Language
Led by Martha Sherman

January 29th ~ When Grief Takes Hold
Led by Nancy Scott, Center for Pastoral Counseling



Bishop Lewis shares Christmas greeting, New Year's challenge:

Bishop Lewis shared Christmas greetings alongside the conference staff to the Virginia Conference. She also shared a New Year's challenge to the conference. In 2017, she invites both clergy and laity to read the Bible with her from beginning to end. More information about the challenge will be found in the January 2017 issue of

the *Advocate*. To watch the greeting visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rw4IRKx188M&feature=youtu.be>.

From the Bishop

The Welcome Statement of Trinity United Methodist Church is:

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.” Matthew 10:40

Trinity United Methodist Church is committed to be a congregation of Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors. We believe all people are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. As God's love extends to all, we welcome everyone without exception, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, family structure, socio-economic or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, faith history or life experience. We recognize that we are all different, and those differences make us a stronger community of faith as we worship together to grow in our relationship with God and one another.

The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is:

Building a strong Christian community to find, share, and celebrate the love of Christ in our hearts, neighbors and our world.

THIS WEEK AT TUMC

Sunday	01/01/17	New Year's Day 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday	01/02/17	New Year's Day Observed <i>Church Office Closed</i> <i>Preschool Closed</i>
Tuesday	01/03/17	4:30 PM Daisy Troop #60044 (Fellowship Hall) 7:30 PM Boy Scouts #113 (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	01/04/17	3:00 PM Staff Meeting (Parlor) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Chapel) 6:15 PM Trebles Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite) 7:30 PM SPRC Meeting (Parlor)
Thursday	01/05/17	6:15 PM Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)
Friday	01/06/17	12:15 PM Trinity Preschool Staff Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	01/07/17	8:30 AM Bi-District Training Day (Christ UMC) 8:30 AM Christian Formation Team (Parlor)
Sunday	01/08/17	9:30 AM Adult Forum and Children's Sunday School - Moravian Love Feast (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00 PM Choristers Rehearsal (Music Suite) 3:00 PM Cadet Troop #6098 (Fellowship Hall) 3:00 PM Junior Troop #5041 (Fellowship Hall)



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