



*Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia*

*Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 2017
Eleven o'clock in the morning*



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 for children age 3 and younger is available in our nursery (room 209). Please see an usher for more information.



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

Variations on 'St. Anne'

Paul Manz

INTROIT

Creator God, Creating Still

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Margaret Barton

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name,
worship the Lord in holy array.

The voice of the Lord is upon the water.
The God of glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful.
**The voice of God is full of majesty.
Let us praise the name of the Lord!**

✠ OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, God of great and everlasting glory:
for by the power of your Holy Spirit
you have consecrated your Word made flesh
and have established this Christ, our Savior,
as your covenant of peace for all the peoples.

As we celebrate today
the mystery of Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan,
renew in us our own baptism:
Pattern our lives on this Christ, your chosen one,
the Child on whom your favor rests,
the Beloved with whom you are well pleased;
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

Hymnal no. 604

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Bill Davis

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another;
we allow the past to hold us hostage.**

**In your loving kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.**

**Remind us of the promise you make in baptism
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace. Amen.**

(Silence for reflection and confession)

The LORD gives strength to his people.
The LORD blesses his people with peace!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Jill Robinson

We encourage children to stay and participate in worship. If necessary, however, preschool-age children (those not yet in kindergarten) may go upstairs to the Nursery in room 209B and elementary-aged children (kindergarten through 2nd grade) may go to room 206 for StoryTime.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

Pew Bible, OT, Page 670

Margaret Barton

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

ANTHEM

Down in the River to Pray

arr. Sheldon Curry

As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way and who shall wear the stary crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Pew Bible, NT, Page 129

Margaret Barton

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✠GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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✠GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

Pew Bible, NT, Page 03

Pastor Bill Davis

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

SERMON

“Named and Claimed”

Pastor Bill Davis

✠HYMN

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Hymnal no. 252

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BAPTISMAL COVENANT IV

Hymnal no. 50

Introduction to the Service

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving over the Water

Reaffirmation of Faith

Come, remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

We invite every baptized person to come to the font and to use the water:

+) to make the sign of the cross on your forehead with a moistened finger;

+) to scoop up the water and let it flow back into the font;

+) or to scoop the water over your hands or use it to refresh your face.

Thanksgiving

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A pause follows each prayer, which ends with: *Leader: Lord, in your mercy... People: **Hear our prayer.***

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Baptismal Blessing

Paul Taylor

May you live in a home filled with love; may you share that love with all you meet. May your life be filled with joy and blessings, with loved ones near you to warm and cheer you. May love be with you all the way. As you walk, may Christ's feet walk beside you; may he watch over every step you take. May the grace of God pour down upon you, may he guide you and live inside you. May God be with you all the way.

✠THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal no. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, God of heaven and earth:
for you call us to come in humility before you,
bringing the offering of our very selves.
As you revealed Jesus to be your Son
in his baptism at the hand of John,
so you claimed our lives in baptism,
that we might die to sin
and be raised with him to new life.
By your Spirit, confirm in our hearts the witness
that Christ is Savior of the world and our Lord.
Accept all we have and are, O God,
in the service of Jesus Christ,
and strengthen us with your Spirit's power,
now and forever. **Amen.**

✠HYMN

Jesus! the Name High over All

Hymnal no. 193 (*stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 6*)

✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Bill Davis

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE

Variations on 'St. Anne'

Paul Manz

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Today's anthem is a traditional Appalachian-flavored gospel song arranged by Sheldon Curry, a native of West Texas and a graduate of Baylor University, where he studied choral composition. His choral arrangement was written in response to interest generated by the song's inclusion in the motion picture "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" **Today's offertory anthem** was composed in 2002 for Trinity Chancel Choir by Paul Taylor for the baptism of his grandson, Gabriel Paul Valverde.

TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Herb and Kay Stewart.

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

Our Discipleship from Last Sunday, January 1st

Worship: 100 Offering: \$14,769

Weekly Electronic Offering: \$980.54

Stewardship Update: 86 Commitments have been submitted for 2017, totaling \$362,499.

Those Serving at Worship Today:

Acolyte: Logan Williams

Counters: Jodi Capps, Rich McKinney

Crucifer: Aidan Gibson

Greeters: Susan Collins

Liturgist: Margaret Barton

Pew Duty: John Ploch

Sound: Harley Hopkins

Ushers: Greg Hlinka, Joan Hlinka, Pat Nordine, Lucelle O'Flaberty (Head Usher), Eric Schilling

Mark Your Calendars

January 16th
Martin Luther King Holiday
Church Office Closed

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

February 20th
President's Day
Church Office Closed



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

Menu
Stuffed Shells w/Marinara Sauce
Salad
Rolls
Dessert

RSVP on the Connection Card.

TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS



The Della Somerville Circle meets Tuesday, January 10th at 7:30 PM at Nancy Hunt's home, **3508 Saylor Place, Alexandria, VA 22304**, Mark your calendar and join the Trinity UMW evening of Christian fellowship. RSVP to Linda Pitts: ibcpitts@aol.com



SPARKS! is baking cookies, Monday, January 16th at 1:00 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.



Trinity's Table is on Wednesday each week from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM before the Trebles Choir Rehearsal. It is a time for us to come together during our busy week to spend time and fellowship with our church family. To keep this ministry going it takes

volunteers like you. Please consider signing up to host an evening or part of the evening. To talk about a way to help out contact, Jill Robinson: jillrobinson55@gmail.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.



Thank you to Chris Willis and friends for sharing Christmas joy and volunteering at Christ House in December. Trinity sends volunteers the second Sunday of every month to prepare and serve the evening meal. This is a great opportunity for members of our church and friends to help those less fortunate in our community. Please contact Susan Willis at shwillis76@gmail.com.



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thought provoking, heart expanding, faith-building topics

Today, 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

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 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.

VA CONFERENCE 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>.



From the Bishop

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=Rn4IRKx188M&feature=youtu.be>.

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>.



Lay Servant Academy to be held

March 31- April 2, 2017: The Lay Servant Academy is about equipping laity to carry out the mission of the church of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. All courses are open to everyone. Each course is designed to help those serving the local church to learn more about leadership, personal faith development and a deeper understanding of the UMC. Many courses offered this year will support those seeking to become Certified Lay Servants and Lay Speakers. Register for the Academy at <http://www.vaumc.org/Events?cid=3&ceid=1472&cerid=0&cdt=3%2f31%2f2017&erid=744448&trid=74c8e0bb-2c5f-40dd-ae72-6f473f5c6a39>. Registration questions may be directed to Sandy Kelley at sandkelle@yahoo.com and other questions to Beth Christian at bethchristian@vaumc.org. For more information about Lay Servant Ministries, contact Rick Kottmann at rpkott1@verizon.net.

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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 01/08/17 *Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord*

- 9:30 AM Adult Forum & 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)

Monday 01/09/17

- 2:30 PM Brownie Meeting #4905 (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday 01/10/17

- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #113 (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 PM Della Somerville Circle (Off Site)
- 7:30 PM Trustees Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday 01/11/17 *Human Trafficking Awareness Day*

- 2:30 PM Trinity Staff Meeting (Parlor)
- 5:30 PM Trinity's Table (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Chapel)
- 6:15 PM Trebles Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)
- 7:00 PM Trinity Preschool Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall Classroom)

Thursday 01/12/17

- 6:15 PM Trinity Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)

Friday 01/13/17

- 10:00 AM Cardinal Quilters (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday 01/15/17 *Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

- 9:30 AM Adult Forum - Living into the New Dream (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 AM Children's Sunday School (StoryTime Room 206)
- 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM Choristers Rehearsal (Music Suite)
- 3:00 PM Cadet Troop #2402 (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)



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Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 5 PM | Friday 9 AM - 2 PM

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