



*Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia*

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 15, 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

Christus, der ist mein Leben

J.G. Walther

INTROIT

O Come and Sing Unto the Lord

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Saunders

The Lord puts a new song in our mouths,
a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and be in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.**

God's wondrous deeds for our salvation are innumerable.

Blessed are those who make the Lord their trust,

**who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods!**

✠ OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, holy God, our strength and our redeemer:
for Jesus Christ is the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world
and the Light through whom your salvation reaches to the ends of the earth;
by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace
we might worship you and faithfully serve you,
earnestly follow you and joyfully find you;
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever **Amen.**

✠ HYMN

Christ Is the World's Light

Hymnal no. 188

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Bill Davis

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

(Silence for reflection and confession)

The LORD stoops to us and hears our cry.
The LORD lifts us up and makes our footing sure.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

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 49:1-7

Pew Bible, OT, Page 69

Greg Saunders

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

ANTHEM

Every Step of the Way
Trinity Trebles

Nancy Gifford

Moses freed his people from Pharaoh's evil hand, Walked them through the wilderness and to the Promised Land. A pillar of cloud and a fire burning bright always went before them, Led them day and night. The Lord God led them on their journey, went before them every step of the way; and fed them with manna from above. Pharaoh's mighty chariots and horses drawing near, Moses told the Israelites to put away their fear. He stretched out his hand and the waters did divide, One by one, the Israelites reached the other side. Walking through the wilderness the people would complain, "We shall die of hunger and this journey is in vain!" Then God said to Moses, Your people will be fed, manna sent from heaven to be their daily bread.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Pew Bible, NT, Page 165

Greg Saunders

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

✠GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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✠GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:29-42

Pew Bible, NT, Page 92

Pastor Bill Davis

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

SERMON

"Revelations and Invitations"

Pastor Bill Davis

✠HYMN

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Hymnal no. 179

✠LITANY OF FAITH

Here I Am, Send Me

Katherine Hawker

A child once dreamed the Voice was calling his name . . . 'Samuel.'
Fishermen once heard the Voice when a young man bid them follow.
And still the Voice beckons today. . . . Can you hear?

Here I am. Send me.

Moses protested vehemently as the Voice spoke at the burning bush.
Mary stood amazed as the Voice proclaimed impending birth.
And still the Voice beckons today. . . . Can you hear?

Here I am. Send me.

Rosa Parks followed the Voice to the front of the bus.
Martin Luther King, Jr. heard the Voice as the bullet shattered.
And still the Voice beckons today. . . . Can you hear?

Here I am. Send me.

The Voice beckons from humble places. . .
in the tears of hungry children,
in the cries of the frail and frightened elderly,
in the pleas of those whose dreams have been too long deferred.
And still the Voice beckons today. . . . Can you hear?

Here I am. Send me.

A timid believer pauses to listen to the Voice.
A struggling church hears the Voice and turns.
And still the Voice beckons today. . . . Can you hear?
Here I am. Send me.

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.**

MINISTRY OF FINANCE REPORT

Rich McKinney, Shauna Root

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Lux Beatissima

Howard Helvey

O Light most blessed, fill the inmost heart of all thy faithful. Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful.

✠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, faithful God,
for you give your saving help to all who cry out,
bringing them into the fellowship of your people
and transforming them as they adore you and serve others in love.
Grateful that you enrich us with the gifts of your Spirit
and tangible resources to use for your loving will in the world,
we offer ourselves anew to your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal

Hymnal no. 580

✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Bill Davis

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

David Johnson

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Today's offertory anthem: The text for "O Lux Beatissima" comes from the Latin sequence, (a hymn or chant sung before the Gospel reading) Veni Sancte Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit) that dates back to the thirteenth century. Howard Helvey (b. 1968) is an active composer, arranger, and pianist.

TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in celebration of the children and youth of Trinity UMC by the Christian Formation Committee..

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

Our Discipleship from Last Sunday, January 8th

Worship: 122 Offering: \$8,418.00

Weekly Electronic Offering: \$10,790.59

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

Those Serving at Worship Today:

Acolyte: Dylan Hoganson

Counters: Marshall Cook, Jenny Palazio, Rich McKinney

Crucifer: Aidan Gibson

Greeters: Susan Davis, Alva Smircina

Liturgist: Greg Saunders

Pew Duty: John Ploch

Sound: Harley Hopkins

StoryTime Leaders: Mary Beth Buchholz, Keri Carlson

Usbers: Pat Nordine, Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher), George Pinn, Eric Schilling, Alva Smircina



SPARKS! is baking cookies, tomorrow, 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 youth (grades 6 thru 12) meet today, January 15, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Our time together includes opening games, supper, and discussion of ancient and modern prophets like Martin Luther King, Jr. and our call to make a difference in the world. Each youth should bring \$5 for supper.

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

March 1st
Ash Wednesday
Worship Service 7:30 PM

Trinity's Table
Wednesday, January 18th
5:30 - 7:30 PM

Hosted by:
Jill Robinson

This week's Proceeds:
TUMC Handicap Ramp

Menu
Baked Potato Bar
Salad Bar
Ice Cream Sundae Bar

RSVP on the Connection Card.

TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS



Dinner for Rising Hope January 29, 2017

Trinity is a faithful partner of Rising Hope UMC, our mission church along the Route 1 corridor that serves the least, lost, lonely, and left-out. January has a fifth Sunday dinner and the meal items need to be delivered to Rising Hope by noon on Friday, January 27th.

Donated items may be brought to Trinity and placed in the refrigerator or freezer by 10 AM Friday, January 27th. Items needed:

- 5 persons to prepare your favorite hamburger
- casserole (ask if a recipe is needed) for 12 persons
- 3 persons to bring canned fruit for 20 persons
- 1 person to bring dinner rolls for 60 persons
- 4 persons to bring 3 dozen cookies each

Please contact Sue Stewart at riverfarm@cox.net to sign up to provide something for the dinner. Thanks for sharing from our abundance for those in need. ~ Sue Stewart



thought provoking, heart expanding, faith-building topics

Today, 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



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.

Boy Scout Mulch Sale



TUMC Boy Scout Troop 113 **Annual Mulch Sale 2017**. Our Shredded Hardwood Mulch is sold in large 3 cubic foot bags and delivered right to your door for \$6.00 a bag (10 bag minimum). Home deliveries begin March 28th and continue to April 1st, just in time for your Spring Mulching! **You must order now to**

assure delivery! There are limited lot sales this year, so order early by mail or online. To order by mail, pick up an order form from the bulletin board in the Administrative Hallway. Order on line at www.bsa113.com. Orders are due before March 20th to ensure delivery. Questions? contact Jennifer Murphy at jennifer@7murphys.com.

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.



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.

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=Rn4/RKx188M&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 rpkkott1@verizon.net.

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 01/15/17 *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)

Monday 01/16/17 *Martin Luther King Day*
Church Office Closed/Trinity Preschool Closed
11:00 AM DAR Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 PM SPARKS! Meeting (Church Kitchen)
7:30 PM Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday 01/17/17
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #113 (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday 01/18/07
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)

Thursday 01/19/17
6:15 PM Trinity Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)

Friday 01/20/17 *Inauguration Day*
Trinity Preschool Closed

Sunday 01/22/17 *Third Sunday after the Epiphany*
9:30 AM Adult Forum - As Jesus Taught Us: Experiencing the Lord's Prayer in His Native Aramaic Language (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 AM Children's Sunday School (StoryTime Room 206)
11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM Choristers Rehearsal (Music Suite)
1:30 PM Brownie Troop #1193 (Fellowship Hall)
3:00 PM Cadet Troop #6098 (Fellowship Hall)

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

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