



Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 29, 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 worshippers, 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.

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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

Voluntary on "Lobe Den Herren"

J.G. Walther

INTROIT

Praise the Lord, His Mercies Trace

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 15

Nancy Hill

God is near to those who lead a blameless life
and do what is right.

**They speak the truth from their heart
and do not slander with their tongue.**

They do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who fear the Lord.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

**Those who do these things
shall never be overthrown.**

✠ OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, O Lord God Almighty;
for not to the wise and powerful of this world
but to those who are poor in spirit
do you reveal in Jesus
the righteousness of your reign.

Gathered here, like the first disciples on the mountain,
we long to listen as Jesus, the teacher, speaks.

By the power of his spirited word, refashion our lives
in the pattern of your wisdom and righteousness;
through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymnal no. 139

CONFESSION AND PARDON

World Council of Churches, 20th C., alt.

Pastor Bill Davis

God of infinite creativity and lasting mercy,
breathing your own life into our being,
you give us the gift of life.

You place us on this earth with its minerals and waters,
flowers and fruits, living creatures of grace and beauty.

You give us the care of the earth.

Today you call to us, "Where are you; what have you done?"

**We hide in utter shame, for we are naked.
We violate the earth and plunder it.
We refuse to share the earth's resources.
We seek to possess what is not ours, but yours.
Forgive us, O God, and reconcile us to your creation.**

O God of love, you give us the gift of peoples –
of cultures, races, and colors –
to love, for whom to care, with whom to share our lives.
Today you ask us, “Where is your brother, your sister?”

**We hide ourselves in shame and fear.
Poverty, hunger, hatred, and war rule the earth.
The refugees, the oppressed, and the voiceless cry out to you.
Forgive us, O God of love, change our hearts and lives,
and reconcile us to yourself and to one another.
Teach us that the earth and all its fullness is yours,
the world and all those who dwell in it.
Call us yet again to safeguard your gift of life;
through Jesus Christ, our Life and our Peace. Amen.**

(Silence for reflection and confession)

God fills us with a hunger and a thirst for righteousness.
In Christ, God blesses us that we may be a blessing for others.
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

Jeff Miller

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

Micah 6:1-8

Pew Bible, OT, Page 866

Nancy Hill

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

ANTHEM

Walk Together, Children

arr. Moses Hogan

There's a great camp meeting in the promised land. Oh, walk on, children, don't you get weary. Gonna walk and never tire, gonna sing and never tire, gonna shout and never tire.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Pew Bible, NT, Page 166

Nancy Hill

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✂GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff is in 4/4 time and begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values and lyrics. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

✂GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

Pew Bible, NT, Page 04

Pastor Bill Davis

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

SERMON

“How to be Happy”

Pastor Bill Davis

✠ACCLAMATION OF FAITH

Bruce Prewer

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.
Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.
Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.
Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts the peacemakers.
Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.
Glorious is our God, who awakens the dead. Amen.

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

Once to Every Man and Nation
 Trinity Men's Quartet

arr. Greg Saunders

*Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide, in the strife of truth and falsehood, for the good or evil side. Some great cause
 God's new Messiah offering each the bloom or blight, And the choice goes by forever, 'twixt that darkness and that light. Then to side with
 truth is noble, when we share her wretched crust, ere her cause bring fame and profit, and 'tis prosperous to be just; then it is the brave man
 chooses, while the coward stands aside, till the multitude make virtue of the faith they had denied. Though the cause of evil prosper yet tis the
 Truth alone is strong. Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne. Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim un-
 known, standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own. Amen.*

✠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 mercy and compassion:
 for you transform our offerings
 into peace and justice,
 love and kindness,
 comfort and hope for the world;
 and you transform our gifts
 into honor and openness,
 gratitude and generosity,
 inspiration and expectation for your church.

Let your blessing always rest upon those
who seek justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with you;
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

✠HYMN	<i>Hope of the World</i>	Hymnal no. 178
✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Pastor Bill Davis
✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE		
✠POSTLUDE	<i>The Heavens Declare</i>	Marcello Benedetto

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Today's anthem: Born in New Orleans in 1957, Moses Hogan was a world-renowned arranger of African American spirituals, a gifted pianist and conductor. One of his most popular arrangements, the traditional spiritual, "Walk Together, Children" has a substantial and controversial history. Moses Hogan, along with other African American choral leaders such as Anton Armstrong and Andre Thomas, strongly believe in preserving the essence of the spiritual—as songs passed down from earlier and darker times of African American enslavement. Some spirituals kept the pace while walking and dragging chains or while working. Even though the slaves were singing about walking without tiring, they were utterly exhausted and they needed to sing to go on. Notes from Wicker Park Choral Singers As is the case with a number of spirituals, "Walk Together Children" offers layered meaning and emphasizes the coming reward. During slavery, the song was a joyful reminder of freedom and celebration to come, not only in Heaven, but also in earthly promised lands, including free states and territories. **Today's offertory anthem** is by James Russell Lowell (1819-1891) an abolitionist, poet, and editor of several American periodicals, who is best remembered as one of the Fireside Poets. One of his most influential works was "The Present Crisis," a portion of which was adapted as a hymn, "Once to Every Man and Nation" set to the Welsh tune, "Ebenezer." The lines speak of defending truth when falsehood is ascendant. That they were written in 1845 illustrates how history tends to, if not precisely repeat itself, then to follow very similar recurring themes. Trinity Men's Quartet is pleased to offer an a cappella arrangement of this hymn.

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and loving memory of Oliver Cromwell .

Our Christian Love & Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Eva Collins. Eva passed away, January 17th at Goodwin House-Alexandria. There will be a service at Goodwin House-Alexandria, On Tuesday, January 31st at 3 PM to honor and remember her life.

Our Christian Love & Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of John Cockey. John passed away, January 18th. There will be a Memorial Service here at Trinity UMC on Friday, March 3, 2017 at 11:00 AM.

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

Our Discipleship from Last Sunday, January 22nd

Worship: 136 Offering: \$5,563.50

Weekly Electronic Offering: \$4,086.84

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

Those Serving at Worship Today:

Acolyte: Taylor Hoganson

Counters: Jodi Capps, Marshall Cook, Rich McKinney

Crucifer: Aidan Gibson

Greeters: Susan Collins

Liturgist: Nancy Hill

Pew Duty: John Ploch

Sound: Harley Hopkins

StoryTime Leaders: Jodi Capps

Ushers: Pat Nordine, Lucelle O'Flaberty (Head Usher), Eric Schilling, Jennifer Webster, Mark Webster

TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS

Join Us for Confirmation 2017! Confirmation classes offer a concentrated focus on the basics of the Christian story; the core beliefs, practices, and emphases of United Methodist Christians; and the commitment that comes with being confirmed as a professing member of The United Methodist Church. Using the Credo curriculum, Confirmation 2017 is a 12-session experience and begins on Sunday, February 12th, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. We encourage all students in grade 6 and beyond to register their intention to participate with Pastor Bill at pastor@trinityalexandria.org.

Trinity is seeking applicants for the position of the Director of Christian Formation (DCF). This is a part-time position with an expected commitment of 20 to 25 hours per week. The DCF should be present on Sunday mornings for Sunday School and Worship. Total annual compensation is \$25,000 to \$35,000, commensurate with experience and the schedule agreed upon by the Staff Parish Relations Committee and the candidate. Request a full job description at office@trinityalexandria.org. Interested applicants should send resumes and cover letters to Jeff Lane, SPRC Chair, by email at Jeff.lane38@gmail.com, with a copy to office@trinityalexandria.org. Applicants should provide a mailing address, daytime and evening telephone numbers, and an email address. Direct any questions you may have to Mr. Lane via the email address above.

Trinity UMC's January Financial Report: Thanks to your generous gifts, the Finance Committee is pleased to report that we ended the year with a net positive of more than \$11,000:

	EOY 2016
Revenue	\$525,138
Expenses	<u>\$513,737</u>
Net	\$11,402

After running at a net deficit for several months, Trinity members answered the call for added giving in December and allowed us to end the year in a positive position. Your gifts not only have allowed the church to maintain its day-to-day operations, but they have furthered the work of local partners such as ALIVE!, Rising Hope, Christ House, Carpenter's Shelter, and Trinity Preschool. We have helped to educate our young children and counsel, feed, and provide shelter to our neighbors. Your generosity has helped Trinity to meet its mission of "building a strong Christian Community to find, share, and celebrate the love of Christ in our hearts, neighbors, and in our world."

With gratitude,
Shauna Root
Chair, Finance Committee

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.

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. Questions? Contact Linda Cancellieri. Come see Linda at the organ after a service or email her at music@trinityalexandria.org.

It's almost February and time once again to focus on love & friendship ~ and that means Heart2Heart! On Sunday, February 12th, our annual Heart2Heart Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following the Worship Service.

As in years past, this is a special day in the year of the church when we recognize all of the members who have joined our Trinity Family since February of last year. We look forward to you joining us for this special celebration.

On the Connection Card, please indicate how many from your family will be joining us, and if you're able to assist in any of the following ways:

- ♥ Help make & serve soup on Sunday
- ♥ Bring Sandwiches
- ♥ Bring a Dessert
- ♥ Help with cleanup after the luncheon

A warm thank you to Margaret Barton, Richard Shullaw and Steve Norwood for getting the new year off to a great start for folks at Christ House earlier this month. The next opportunity for Trinity members to serve dinner will be on Sunday, February 12, from 3:45-6:00. If you are interested in volunteering or you have questions, please contact Susan Willis, [sbwillis76@gmail.com](mailto:sbillis76@gmail.com) -- you'll be glad you did!

THIS WEEK AT TUMC

Sunday 01/29/17 *Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

- 9:30 AM Adult Forum - When Grief Takes Hold (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 AM Children's Sunday School (StoryTime Room 206)
- 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM Choristers Rehearsal (Music Suite)

Tuesday 01/31/17

- 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #113 (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday 02/01/17

- 2:30 PM Trinity UMC 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 02/02/17

- 6:15 PM Trinity Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)

Sunday 02/05/17 *Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

- 9:30 AM Adult Forum - Raising Our Consciousness about Disabilities (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)
- 3:30 PM Cadet Troop #2402 (Fellowship Hall)

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

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