



*Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia*

*Sunday of the Transfiguration
February 26, 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

All Glory Be to God on High

J.G. Walther

INTROIT

Jesus, on the Mountain Peak

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 99

Jodi Capps

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!**

The Lord is great in Zion,
and is exalted over all the peoples.

**Let them praise God's great and wondrous name!
Holy is the Lord!**

God, the Mighty Ruler, the Lover of Justice,
has established equity and executed righteousness.

**Extol and worship the Lord our God,
for surely the Lord our God is holy!**

✠ OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, O Lord our God;
for in the transfiguration of Christ
you confirmed the mysteries of the faith
by the witness of Moses and Elijah;
and in the voice from the bright cloud
which declared Jesus your beloved Son,
you foreshadowed our adoption as your children.
Make us heirs with Christ of your glory,
and bring us to enjoy its fullness;
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God in glory everlasting, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠ HYMN

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

Hymnal no. 258

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Bill Davis

**Eternal God, we often have praised you with our lips
but have not glorified you with our lives.**

**Have mercy on us, we pray,
for our weak faith that fades under pressure,
for our quick enthusiasm that just as quickly dies,
and for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue.**

**Forgive us, O Lord God,
and implant within us new trust in your power.**

**Lead us to live humbly in righteousness
and to tell of your mercy and compassion
by our deeds as by our words;
through Jesus Christ, our Life and our Light. Amen.**

(Silence for reflection and confession)

And all of us, with unveiled faces,
seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror,
are being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another,
for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. (2 Cor. 3:18)

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God! Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Tom Tyler

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

Exodus 24:12-18

Pew Bible, OT, Page 70

Jodi Capps

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

ANTHEM

Bright as the Sun's Glow

Paul Taylor

Bright as the sun's glow, with raiments glist'ning white as snow, did Christ as God incarnate appear in all his glory. With Moses and Elijah, he united Law and Prophecy. Then God claimed him as his Son, and bade us listen to him. Lord, help me hear you, Lord, help me do your will. Lord, help me be the one God created me to be. Transfigure me. May your fire so burn within me that my face shines like the sun. May others see that glow and know that you live inside me and be warmed by your love. May your Spirit like a mighty wind, blow through me unconstrained. May I feel its constant presence as it guides me day by day; may it possess me. May it make me wholly thine. Transform me into your likeness, that I may stand before God's throne and with the angels sing. "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be to our God for ever and ever, Amen."

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-21

Pew Bible, NT, Page 236

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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 17:1-9

Pew Bible, NT, Page 18

Pastor Bill Davis

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

SERMON

"Glimpsing Glory"

Pastor Bill Davis

✠HYMN

At the Name of Jesus

Hymnal no. 168

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Canticle of Christ's Glory

Philippians 2:5-11

Beloved, let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became obedient
to the point of death – even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,**

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Flor Peeters

✠THE DOXOLOGY

**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.**

Hymnal no. 95

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord God, Source of light and love;
for all things belong to you
and you generously bestow upon us
your blessings of life and love, salvation and peace.
Use our tithes and gifts, talents and service
to encourage and strengthen your church;
and continue to transfigure us by your Spirit,
letting your love shine in what we do and say
that all the world may see your radiant light
guiding all creation, even Christ Jesus our Lord **Amen.**

Pastor Bill Davis

✠HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymnal no. 384

✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Bill Davis

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz

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Today's anthem: *Bright As the Sun's Glow* is an anthem for Transfiguration Sunday with words and music by Trinity's Paul Taylor. It receives its first performance today. The composer has described the piece as follows. "The first part of the anthem relates the biblical events of the Transfiguration of Christ, using unusual harmonies to help convey the wonder of the scene. But then, the text becomes more personal. We hear a prayer, one that contains several of the most frequent petitions that make up my own prayers: Lord, transfigure me; transform me into your likeness. Let your fire so burn within me that, as your face glowed at the Transfiguration, my face, too, may glow with Christian love. Take away my selfcenteredness and doubt, so that the mighty wind of the Holy Spirit—that swept over the waters at Creation and filled the apostles' house at Pentecost—can blow through me unconstrained, filling my soul like a sail, empowering my faith journey, and giving it direction. The piece ends with a quotation from Revelation 7:12, reflecting my hope that I may someday be among the angels who sing praises eternally before God's throne in Heaven."

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

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

Our Discipleship from Last Sunday, February 19th

Worship: 174 Offering: \$3,274.00

Weekly Electronic Offering: \$2,405.04

Those Serving at Worship Today:

Acolyte: Dylan Hoganson

Counters: Jodi Capps

Crucifer: Aidan Gibson

Greeters: Susan Willis

Pew Duty: John Ploch

Sound: Harley Hopkins

StoryTime Leaders: Mary Beth Buchholz, Michelle Hoganson

Ushers: Kaaren Christopherson, Jessica Gibson, Pat Nordine, Lucelle O'Flaberty (Head Usher), George Pinn



The Next TUMC Book Group - Sundays, March 5th - April 9th from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M., in the Parlor. For a Lenten experience, we will read together Frederick Buechner's *The Sacred Journey: A Memoir of Early Days*. Buechner is an ordained Presbyterian minister and 20th Century author. This book is the first of 3 volumes of personal spiritual memoir in which Buechner "listens" to his life, discovering God making himself known quietly and through everyday events. Together, we have the opportunity to listen to our lives, hearing how God has spoken through our past as a guide to how God is speaking to us in the present. Contact Mary Beth Buchholz (marybeth@freespiritfloral.com) or Martha Sherman (msberman4420@yahoo.com) with questions or to sign up. Copies of the book are available in the narthex.

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.



The Children's Ministry 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. The Christian Formation Team will plan and provide the story time lesson for you! Please

see Michelle Hoganson (michelle.hoganson@gmail.com), our StoryTime Coordinator or Mary Beth Buchholz (marybeth@freespiritfloral.com), our Christian Formation Chair if you have questions or to sign up for a story time date.

Warmest thanks to Katie Cook, Virginia Hodges, and Erin and Isaiah Odoyo for being special valentines through their service to the folks dining at Christ House on February 12th. The next opportunity for Trinity volunteers to prepare and serve the evening meal is March 12th. Please contact Susan at shwillis76@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

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.

TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

Save the Dates

March 1st: Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent, is on March 1 this year. In keeping with past practice, Trinity Church joins in worship, including the Imposition of Ashes, that evening at 7:30 PM. Earlier in the day, from 6:30 to 8:30 A.M., Pastor Bill is in the sanctuary to mark with ashes any who wish to receive them before the work and school day begin.

Our Book of Worship teaches, “Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. The form and content of the service focus on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God’s redeeming love in Jesus Christ.” Please join us on Ash Wednesday and throughout the Lenten season.

March 12th: Daylight Saving Time Begins - Don’t forget to set your clocks to “spring” forward an hour.

April 9th: Palm Sunday of Our Lord’s Passion - Join us for the annual processional with donkey at 10:15 AM. Worship to follow at 11:00 AM.

April 13th: Join us for dinner (in lieu of Trinity’s Table for the week) in the Fellowship Hall anytime between 5:30-7:30 PM for Soup and Salad. We invite you to make your favorite soup to share. If you are unable to bring soup to share, then bring a loaf of good crusty bread to go with the soup! Holy Thursday Worship follows at 7:30 PM, ending with the Stripping of the Altar.

April 14th: Good Friday, Self-Guided Prayer Vigil in the sanctuary between Noon and 3:00 PM. Printed resource guides will be available for your use and you may be here throughout the time or a portion thereof.

April 15th: The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 15th. Stay tuned for details.

April 16th: Easter Sunday - There are no Sunday School Classes. Worship begins at 10:45 AM with a choral prelude. The Festive Easter Service continues with all choirs participating, accompanied by strings, organ and trumpet. The service concludes with the congregation and choir singing the Hallelujah Chorus.

April 17th: Church Office closed in observance of Easter Monday.

May 6th: Join us for a Morning of Giving! Trinity’s Semi-Annual Blood Drive and our Annual Bikes for the World event is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th. Stay tuned for details.

June 11th: Trinity United Methodist Church’s Children’s Musical. Stay tuned for details.

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	02/26/17	<i>Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
9:30 AM	Adult Forum - Christian Civics (Fellowship Hall)	
10:00 AM	Children's Sunday School (StoryTime Room 206)	
11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)	
Noon	SPARKS! (Fellowship Hall Classroom)	
1:30 PM	Brownie Troop #1193 (Fellowship Hall)	
3:00 PM	Cadet Troop #6098 (Fellowship Hall)	
5:30 PM	Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall)	
Monday	02/27/17	
6:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting (Parlor)	
Tuesday	02/28/17	<i>Shrove Tuesday</i>
5:30 PM	Pancake Supper (Fellowship Hall)	
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts #113 (Fellowship Hall)	
Wednesday	03/01/17	
2:30 PM	Trinity UMC Staff Meeting (Parlor)	
6:00 PM	Centering Prayer (Chapel)	
7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)	
Thursday	03/02/17	
6:15 PM	Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	
7:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)	
Friday	03/03/17	
11:00 AM	John Cockey's Memorial Service (Sanctuary)	
Sunday	03/05/17	<i>First Sunday in Lent</i>
9:00 AM	Breakfast & Conversation with Tom Gjelten (Fellowship Hall)	
9:30 AM	Adult Forum - Tom Gjelten: <i>A Nation of Nations</i> (Fellowship Hall)	
10:00 AM	Children's Sunday School (StoryTime Room 206)	
11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)	
Noon	Choristers Rehearsal (Music Suite)	
1:30 PM	Brownie Troop #1193 (Fellowship Hall)	
3:30 PM	Cadet Troop #2402 (Fellowship Hall)	
5:30 PM	Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall)	
5:30 PM	Trinity Book Group (Parlor)	

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