



Trinity United Methodist Church  
Alexandria, Virginia

Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 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 210). 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

*Adagio from Violin Concerto no.1 in a minor, BWV 1041*

J.S. Bach

### INTROIT

*Sing, Pray and Keep His Ways Unswerving*

J.S. Bach

### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 121*

Jill Robinson

Come, let us worship the Lord our helper,  
the God who made heaven and earth.

**The Lord will not let our foot be moved,  
the Lord who keeps us will not slumber.**

The Lord is our keeper;  
the Lord is our shade at our right hand.

**The sun will not strike us by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep us from all evil,  
and will keep our life.

**The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in  
from this time forth and for evermore.**

### ✠ OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, God of the eternal covenant:  
for you are our leader and guide;  
and by water and the Spirit you bring us to new birth  
to live as your sons and daughters in Christ.

Strengthen our faith in your promises,  
that, by your Spirit,  
we may witness to your life to all the world;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### ✠ HYMN

*The God of Abraham Praise*

Hymnal no. 116

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

*2009 Anglican Church of Australia, Diocese of Sydney*

Pastor Bill Davis

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

**Have mercy and forgive us.**

Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit,  
yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

**Have mercy and change us.**

Too often we are selfish and proud,  
ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.

**Have mercy and cleanse us.**

Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you,  
we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear, and worry.

**Have mercy and deliver us.**

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love,  
yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world.

**Have mercy and forgive us.**

Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross,  
by your Spirit and through your word,  
transform and renew us to follow you with joy.

**All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.**

*(Silence for reflection and confession)*

Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;  
blessed is the one against whom  
the Lord will not reckon sin.

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 210 and elementary-aged children (kindergarten through 2nd grade) may go to room 206 for StoryTime.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a

Pew Bible, OT, Page 10

Jill Robinson

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

ANTHEM

*Et Incarnatus*

J.S. Bach

*And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Pew Bible, NT, Page 154

Jill Robinson

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

Bless - ed\_ Je - sus, at thy\_ word we are gath - ered all to hear thee.  
let our\_ hearts and souls be\_ stirred now to seek\_ and love and fear thee.  
by thy teach - ing sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.

☒ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

☒ GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:1-17

Pew Bible, NT, Page 93

Pastor Bill Davis

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

SERMON

“Night School”

Pastor Bill Davis

☒ HYMN

*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

Hymnal no. 142

☒ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The United Methodist Book of Worship, alt.*

From the beginning, God entered into covenant with the human family:

with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah,  
Moses, Miriam, Deborah, Ruth, and Jeremiah.

**Through baptism by water and the Spirit,  
Jesus Christ calls us into covenant**

**and makes us ministers of Christ's righteousness.**

All Christian ministry is Christ's work of outreaching love.

It demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion,  
witness and service, celebration and discipleship.

**All Christians are called to Christ's servanthood in the world,  
to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.**

The church, as the community of the new covenant,  
participates in Christ's ministry of grace.

**It stretches out to human needs  
wherever service may convey God's love and ours.**

In our ministry of servanthood is this ultimate concern:

**that all may be renewed in the image of their Creator,  
and that all Christians are called to minister  
in deeds and words that heal and free. 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.**

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jill Robinson and Liz Williams

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

*Cantique de Jean Racine*

Gabriel Fauré

*Divine Word from on high, our only hope, eternal light of the earth and of the heavens. From the peaceful night we greet the morning. Divine Savior, look upon us. Instill in us the fire of your powerful grace, that all evil may flee at the sound of your voice. From slumber awaken our languishing souls that we may never forget thy laws. O Christ, be merciful to your faithful people and bless those now assembled. Receive the hymns offered to thy immortal glory and by thy gifts we return fulfilled.*

#### ✠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 unwavering mercy;  
for you hold back nothing in your love,  
revealed in Christ our Lord.  
As we make this offering of ourselves and our gifts,  
lead us to embody and share your love with others.  
Give us grace to live as the people of love and abundance  
you call us to be in Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

#### ✠HYMN

*O God of Every Nation*

Hymnal no. 435

#### ✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Bill Davis

#### ✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

#### ✠POSTLUDE

*Gigue from Partita no. 2*

J.S. Bach

**Today's Anthem** is from J.S. Bach's Mass in B minor, his only setting of the Roman Catholic Mass. He composed the twenty six movements over the period of time from 1724 to 1749, including borrowing from and reworking his prior compositions. The complete work did not receive its first performance until 1859, 109 years after the composer's death. Bach first included the *et incarnatus est* text in the duet *Et in unum*. However, in his last weeks he gave this text its own short movement. *Et incarnatus* begins with each of the five choral voices singing downward triads. The text painting continues with upward movement for "out of the virgin Mary" and "was made man". He gave the violin a "sobbing" motif, anticipating the next movement "Crucifixus" which we will sing on Maundy Thursday.

**Today's offertory anthem** was composed by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924), a student and protégé of Saint-Saëns and a teacher of many prominent French composers, including Maurice Ravel. Fauré set the text of Jean Baptiste Racine, a seventeenth century dramatist. *Cantique* displays what became Fauré's stylistic characteristics, a fixed rhythmic pattern in the accompaniment which is not varied throughout the entire piece.

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in memory of my grandmother,  
Emma Belle Sweeney - Your loving granddaughter, Martha Ellett.

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

**Our Discipleship from Last Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Worship: 179 Offering: \$9,470.00

Weekly Electronic Offering: \$3,360.98

**Those Serving at Worship Today:**

*Acolyte: Sophie Moran*

*Counters: Jodi Capps, Mike Cooley, Richard McKinney*

*Crucifer: Aidan Gibson*

*Greeters: Jodi and Alan Capps*

*Guest Musician: Chaerim Kim*

*Pew Duty: John Ploch*

*Sound: Harley Hopkins*

*StoryTime Leaders: Lynn Clark and Cindy Merchant*

*Ushers: Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher)*



Dear Trinity Family,

I deeply appreciate all of the support my family and I received following the sudden death of Oliver. Your prayers, calls, cards, contributions to the memorial service strengthened us as we faced the challenges of his death.

Trinity has been our spiritual community of faith for all but one of the years of our marriage. We have felt the love and openness that is so characteristic of Trinity. You outdid yourselves in your support to us.

Your are always in my prayers, even as I serve another community of faith for now. I miss you, but I know you are always there for me.

Blessings,  
Youtha

*Thank You*

**On Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> we are decorating the sanctuary with hydrangeas, azaleas and Easter lilies.** Designating flowers for a loved one will add to the beauty of the sanctuary and allow you to take your flowers home to enjoy after the service or give as a gift. Order forms will be available in the Narthex starting today until Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> which will be the last day to make an order. You may also request an order form by emailing [office@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:office@trinityalexandria.org). There is also a "fillable" form available on the Trinity UMC website on the Altar Flowers page. Questions? Please contact Jodi Capps at [jscapps@alum.lehigh.edu](mailto:jscapps@alum.lehigh.edu) or 703-505-7867.

**Trinity's Table**

**Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30</sup> PM**

*Menu: Popeye's Chicken, Cheesy Mashed Potatoes,  
Green Beans, Salad, Ice Cream, Cookies  
RSVP on your the Connection Card.*

# TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS

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

**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](mailto:music@trinityalexandria.org).

**Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church** on the Route 1 corridor has a food pantry that serves 350 families per month. We have been asked to run a food drive for the month of March that will help them continue to serve these needs during some difficult days for families. Since food donations diminish after the holidays, special attention needs to be given to this request. They have identified the following as foods that represent needs in their community:

- ✦ Pasta – any kind
- ✦ Rice – large bags that will be divided into smaller ones depending on family size
- ✦ Macaroni and Cheese boxes
- ✦ Canned meat, such as tuna, chicken, chunky soups, and ravioli

When you are grocery shopping in March, pick up 2-3 extra cans each week and let's make a difference in the food pantry at Rising Hope. There is a trunk in the closet to the left of the church's main entrance that is labeled for "Rising Hope." Trinity has a Lenten tradition of raising funds for various projects and now we can continue that support with the need for basic foods at our local mission church.



- March 19<sup>th</sup> ~ The Power of Forgiveness Healing for the Forgiver & The Forgiven led by Jill Robinson
- March 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Creating the Beloved Community led by Martha Sherman
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Lenten Jeopardy: an Inter-Generational (There will be no Children's Sunday School)

**Walkway to Independence:** Community Lodgings' mission is to lift families from homelessness and instability to independence and self-sufficiency through transitional housing, affordable housing and our Youth Education programs. You can support our mission by purchasing a brick that will be part of our "Walkway to Independence". Your brick can be engraved with the name of your business or organization or in honor a loved one. The bricks will construct the walkway from the sidewalk to the entry doors of the Fifer Family Learning Center, one of the locations for our Youth Education programs, located at 607 Notabene Drive, Alexandria, VA 22305. The bricks will be installed during the renovation to the building to be completed in 2017. These are quality bricks with laser engraving that should last a lifetime. To place an order visit: [www.fundraisingbrick.com/communitylodgings](http://www.fundraisingbrick.com/communitylodgings). For questions regarding our engraved brick campaign, please contact Susan Fitzpatrick at [esfitzpatrick@msn.com](mailto:esfitzpatrick@msn.com).

**The Carpenter's Shelter invites you to the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Carpenter's Cook-Off!** Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00-3:00 PM at The Birchmere (3701 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA.) It is the tasting event of the season! Carpenter's Cook-Off is one of Carpenter's Shelter's signature events held in the spring. This year, we will feature a special presentation to three extraordinary honorees for taking the idea of the cook-off from concept to reality. Almost 15 years later, the cumulative funds raised at the previous cook-offs total nearly \$1 million. The honorees will receive the first Carpenter's Cook-Off Leadership Award. The Awards are given to honor the creativity and outstanding service to the homeless men, women and families in Alexandria.

The afternoon's celebration will consist of 25 top-rated local restaurants showcasing their delicacies (you get to taste and judge), live music by the Alpha Dog Blues band, award presentation, live auction and raffle prizes. This is a family friendly affair that's fun for all! Early bird tickets are on sale now at [www.carpentersshelter.org/cook-off/](http://www.carpentersshelter.org/cook-off/).

# TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

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## Save the Dates

**March 14<sup>th</sup>:** Take the night off from cooking and enjoy a meal with friends at one of Old Town's favorite family friendly restaurants between 5 PM and 9 PM. Chadwicks has generously reserved the entire upstairs sales to go to Trinity Pre-school. Paid parking is located directly across the street and street parking is available too. Hope to see you all there! Chadwicks - 203 Strand Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. ([www.chadwicksrestaurants.com](http://www.chadwicksrestaurants.com))

**March 26<sup>th</sup>:** Please join us after service on March 26<sup>th</sup> for our multi-generational missions project of Changing the World through sandwiches. We'll be asking the congregation to provide bread and sandwich stuffings (turkey, ham, cheese) and we'll compile them together and they'll then be delivered to Martha's Table ([www.marthastable.org](http://www.marthastable.org)). Stay tuned for more information.

**April 9<sup>th</sup>:** 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 13<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Thursday - 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 14<sup>th</sup>:** 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 15<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Saturday - The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for details.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>:** 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 17<sup>th</sup>:** Church Office closed in observance of Easter Monday.

**May 6<sup>th</sup>:** 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 6<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for details.

**July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>:** Vacation Bible School. Stay tuned for details.

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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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>03/12/17</b>	<b><i>Second Sunday in Lent</i></b>
	9:30 AM	Adult Forum (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 AM	Children's Sunday School (StoryTime Room 206)
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	Noon	Choristers Rehearsal (Music Suite)
	3:00 PM	Cadet Troop #6098 (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 PM	Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 PM	Trinity Book Group (Parlor)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>03/13/17</b>	<b><i>Trinity Preschool Student Holiday</i></b>
	8:30 AM	Trinity Preschool Faculty Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>03/14/17</b>	
	5:00 PM	Trinity Preschool Family Restaurant Night (Chadwicks in Old Town)
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts #113 (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 PM	Della Somerville Circle (Off-Site)
	7:30 PM	Trustees Meeting (Parlor)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>03/15/17</b>	
	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 Rehearsal (Music Suite)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>03/16/17</b>	
	9:20 AM	Trinity Preschool Chapel with Pastor Bill Davis (Sanctuary)
	6:15 PM	Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>03/17/17</b>	<b><i>Fellowship Hall Closed</i></b>
	2:30 PM	Brownie Troop #4164 (Chapel)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>03/18/17</b>	
	8:00 AM	Mom's Club of Alexandria Consignment Sale (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>03/19/17</b>	<b><i>Third Sunday in Lent</i></b>
	9:30 AM	Adult Forum (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 AM	Children's Sunday School (StoryTime Room 206)
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	Noon	Choristers Rehearsal (Music Suite)
	3:00 PM	Junior Troop #5041 (Fellowship Hall)
	3:30 PM	Cadet Troop #2402 (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 PM	Confirmation and Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 PM	Trinity Book Group (Parlor)

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