



*Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia*

Trinity Sunday

June 11, 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

Voluntary on "Herr Jesu Christ"

Paul Manz

INTROIT

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Tyler

Blessed by God the Father,
gathered in the name of God the Son,
and inspired by God the Spirit,
**we come to worship the eternal God,
Three-in-One and One-in-Three.**

How majestic is the name of our God in all the earth.
The glory of the Most High is chanted above the heavens
by the mouths of infants and children.

**They join the song of adoration
which all creation raises to God.**

All the company of heaven
and all people of every time and place
offer glory, honor, and praise to God Most High.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory!**

✠ HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymnal no. 139

✠ OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, God of heaven and earth,
for before the foundation of the cosmos
and the beginning of time
you are the triune God:
Author of creation,
eternal Word of salvation,
life-giving Spirit of holiness.
Guide us to all truth by your Spirit,
that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed
and rejoice in the glory he shares with us.
Glory and praise to you, O God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and forever. **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 210 and elementary-aged children (kindergarten through 2nd grade) may go to room 206 for StoryTime.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**Gracious God, in baptism into Christ you claim us,
and by your Holy Spirit you work in our lives,
empowering us to live a life worthy of your calling.
We thank you for leading Carrie Pritts to this time and place
to direct the ministries of Christian Formation at Trinity Church.
Bless her to minister to your people with faith, hope, and love;
and guide all of us to share faithfully in instruction and formation in Christ;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 4:32-40 Pew Bible, NT, Page 161 Tom Tyler
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *My God is a Rock* arr. Ken Berg
My God is a rock in a weary land and He's a shelter in a time of storm. Oh, won't you stop and let me tell you about the Chapter One when the Lord God's work was just begun; Chapter Two when the Lord God's written His Bible through; Chapter Three when the Lord God died on Calvary; Chapter Four, He preached His Good News unto the sick and poor; Chapter Five, when the Lord God raised the dead alive; Chapter Six when He went to Jerusalem and healed the sick; Chapter Seven when He died and rose again and went to heaven; Chapter Eight, when John saw Him standing at the Golden Gate; Chapter Nine, when the Lord God changed the water into wine; Chapter Ten, Saint John saw Him coming to this world again.

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Pew Bible, NT, Page 186 Tom Tyler
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

✘GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please sing before and after the Gospel Lesson.)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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✘GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:16-20 Pew Bible, NT, Page 34 Pastor Bill Davis
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "Welcome to the Dance!" Pastor Bill Davis

✘HYMN *We Believe in One True God* Hymnal no. 85

✘AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Iona Community*

**We worship one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in whose image we are made,
to whose service we are summoned,
and by whose energy we are renewed.**

**It is central to the mission of Christ
to respect the earth as God's possession,
to rejoice in the diversity of human culture,
to preserve human life in all its beauty and frailty,
to witness to the love of God for all people and all places
and to invite others to share that converting experience.**

**Through the power of the Holy Spirit
the persecuted shall be lifted up
and the wicked shall stumble,
the hesitant prayers and hidden actions of God's people
shall change the course of human history,**

the ancient words of Scripture
shall startle us with fresh insight.

God has called the church into being
to be the servant of the kingdom,
to be a sign of God's new order,
to offer a foretaste on earth
of the magnificence of heaven.

Christ, fully aware of our differences,
prays that we may be one
so that the world might believe.

This we believe and to this we are committed
for the love of God,
in the way of Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

William Mathias

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise; sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise; He who on the Cross a victim for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ the King of glory, Now is risen from the dead. Christ is risen! Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field, Which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield; Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave, Ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave. Christ is risen, we are risen; Shed upon us heavenly grace, Rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face; That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven here on earth may fruitful be, and by angel hands be gathered, and be ever safe with thee. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia! To the Saviour, who has gained the victory; Alleluia! to the spirit, fount of love and sanctity; Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

✠THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal no. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, gracious God,
giver of all good things.
We thank you for our home on earth
and for your unfailing mercy;
for your sacrifice on the cross
and for rising from death that we might live;
and for your abiding presence in our lives
and for comforting, guiding, and sanctifying us.
O triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
we give you thanks, praise, and glory
now and forever. **Amen.**

✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go forth to live and share the gospel.
 And the God who makes heaven and earth,
 whom death cannot contain,
 and who lives to disturb and heal us,
 bless you with peace, joy, and love. **Amen.**

✠CHORAL RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Lobe Den Herren"

J.G. Walther

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Today's anthem is an arrangement of an African-American spiritual by Ken Berg. Inspired by Isaiah 32:2, "like the shade of a great rock in a weary land", this spiritual draws upon the familiar image of God as a solid rock, providing shelter in a time of storm. Interspersed among the choruses is an energetic litany of the many miracles performed by Christ, His death and resurrection, and His return, as foretold by John. **Offertory anthem:** William Mathias (1934-1992) was a Welsh composer, whose most famous work is the anthem *Let the people praise Thee, O God*, written for the 1981 royal wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales. Today's anthem, first performed in 1984, sets the poetry of Christopher Wordsworth. Mathias wrote many large works in the Anglican choral tradition. This work was commissioned by the Members of the Choir and Friends of Music at the Riverside Church, New York, in honor of Frederick Swann's 25 years of music ministry.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Sharon and Paul Taylor's 50th anniversary with joy and love from your choir family.

Welcome, Carrie! We are pleased to welcome Carrie Pritts as our new Director of Christian Formation at Trinity. A lifelong Methodist, Carrie received her Master of Divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in 2015. Carrie comes to Trinity after serving for the past several months as the part-time Youth Coordinator at Aldersgate UMC. Carrie is a member of Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, where she has volunteered as the Young Adult Coordinator, taught Sunday school, taught Bible studies for adults, and been guest preacher. Like Bill, Carrie is a proud graduate of Randolph-Macon College and is originally from Mechanicsville, Virginia. She has lived in northern Virginia since 2007. Stop by and say hello or email her at christianformation@trinityalexandria.org.

Health Kits for Conference: Today, our Missions Team sponsors a mission opportunity for Trinity members to assemble Health Kits. The kits will be distributed by UMCOR for those in need both domestically and abroad. Please stay immediately after worship to help with this very important endeavor. For questions about this mission opportunity, please contact Mary Gillman, our Missions Team Chair, at marycgillman@gmail.com.

Our Discipleship from Last Sunday, June 4th

Worship: 217 Offering: \$21,890.00

Weekly Electronic Offering: \$3,059.92

Those Serving at Worship Today:

Acolyte: Taylor Hoganson

Counters: Mike Cookley, Richard McKinney,
 Laurel Moran

Crucifer: Aidan Gibson

Greeters: Linda Pitts, Alva Smircina

Liturgist: Tom Tyler

Pew Duty: John Ploch

Sound: Harley Hopkins

StoryTime Leaders: Carrie Pritts

Ushers: John Wesley Collins, Pat Nordine,
 Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher),
 George Pinn, Eric Schilling

Dear Trinity Friends and Family,
 Please accept my heartfelt thanks,
 deep appreciation and humility in
 honoring me this past Sunday.
 Working for Trinity is a labor of
 love.

In Christ,

Steve Blood 

TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS

Come join our Summer Music Program at Trinity! We invite you to join us as we begin a new season of anthems. Teens are invited to rehearse with the Chancel Choir on Thursday nights at 7:45 PM and sing with us in Sunday worship. If you have never rung a handbell, we will plan a workshop for interested ringers of all ages. Rising K's: come to the Trebles rehearsal Wednesday nights at 6:15 PM and sing on Father's Day. Rising 5th graders, join us at our Choristers rehearsal after worship. Come try us out! And while the Chancel Choir enjoys a sabbatical during August, we look to you in the congregation to share your talents with us. Solos, duets, ensembles, instrumentalists—all are welcome! And if you wish some private coaching or an accompanist, that is also available. Questions? Contact Linda at the organ after a service or email her at music@trinityalexandria.org.

Calling all ages! Here is something you always wanted to do! Ring handbells! It is truly fun and a great opportunity to make music with a small group. Best of all, you will be offering your talents in our worship services. Over the summer, I will be leading a workshops for new and former ringers who want to experience the joy of handbells. Some fun facts: Throughout history bells have been used in different cultures and religions as an aid to worship and a form of communication. During medieval times Christians travelled throughout Europe ringing bells, while spreading the news of the risen Christ and summoning people to congregate. In 1660, the Wiltshire Foundry cast the first tuned bronze handbells. These "small" handbells were first used to practice change ringing (ringing those BIG bells in the church towers) without having the entire town listen to a rehearsal! The Bishop of Nola in Italy was the first to place a bell tower within the church. Today's handbells are designed to ring an octave higher than their written notes. And finally, you are only responsible for two notes/handbells in the ensemble. How easy is that!! If you can count, you can ring. Let me know of your interest, and we will choose dates for workshops that accommodate. Contact Linda Cancellieri, Director of Music after the service or at music@trinityalexandria.org.

Welcome, Renee! The Search Committee of the Advisory Board of Trinity Preschool is pleased to announce the addition of Renee Hoegberg as the next Head of School at Trinity Preschool. Currently the Preschool Program Director at the Merritt Academy in Fairfax, Renee was formerly the Assistant Director and Enrollment Coordinator for the Child Development Center of First Baptist Church of Clarendon, the largest center of its kind in Arlington County. She has extensive experience in Early Childhood Education, including the development and supervision of

faculty and staff, ensuring licensing requirements, curriculum development, family correspondence and support, and oversight and administration of budgets. She also developed, wrote, and implemented the "Movers and Shakers" music and movement enrichment program for young children. A colleague who formerly taught in Trinity Preschool and Alexandria City Public Schools describes Renee as "the most qualified early childhood educator I have ever met." Renee begins her tenure as Head of School on June 19. In the coming weeks, she will be visiting and familiarizing herself with the outstanding faculty, children, and families that comprise Trinity Preschool.

For 70 years, the Samaritan Offering has generated vital funds to assist residents of the communities of Virginia United Methodist Homes, Inc. (VUMH) when they are at their most vulnerable. Your gift supports the Samaritan Program, a benevolent fund that provides financial assistance to residents who have outlived their monetary resources and, through no fault of their own, can no longer afford the full cost of their care. We are collecting Samaritan Offering gifts, from now through Father's Day, June 18th. Please consider making a gift today to help those who are in need of your generosity. You truly can make a difference in someone's life. Contributions can be made by visiting the VUMH website at www.vumh.org to give online directly. Or you may drop your check made payable to Trinity in the offering plate with VUMH noted on the memo line of your check.

Registration open for 5 Talent Academy's October 19th event, "How to Structure your Church for Evangelism" with Jacob Armstrong. Armstrong will lead the event in exploring key principles for evangelism in the local church including crafting a vision that fits your mission field, rethinking worship and leadership development and structure. The event will be streamed to locations across the conference. Gather a team from your church to take part in this event! Early bird pricing as well as team discounts are available. For more information and to register visit <https://vaumc.org/5talent>.

Register for one of Wesley Theological Seminary's variety of courses. Check out the exciting learning opportunities this summer at Wesley Theological Seminary including courses: "Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness: The Role of Scripture and Tradition in Presidential Politics," "Spirituality in Nature," "T.S. Eliot and the Search for God," and "Liturgical Dance as Spiritual Practice." Learn more and register for a class today by visiting www.wesleyseminary.edu/admissions/try-a-class-3.

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Financial Stewardship in Action – The Virginia Education Fund: Within The United Methodist Church, of which Trinity Church is an historic member, the primary way by which ministries are financially supported is through apportioned funds or apportionments. This method of support proportionally allocates the denominational budget to conferences and local churches. Each conference also uses this method to provide for ministries specific to the conference. The Virginia Education Fund is one such significant ministry.

The Virginia Education Fund provides support to five Virginia Conference church-related colleges and universities and one preparatory school. Based on recommendations of the Conference's Common Table, the 2017 apportionments will be distributed as follows:

- ◆ Ferrum College – Ferrum, VA 19.5%
- ◆ Randolph-Macon College – Ashland, VA 18.5%
- ◆ Shenandoah University – Winchester, VA 18.0%
- ◆ Virginia Wesleyan College – Norfolk/Virginia Beach 18.0%
- ◆ Randolph College – Lynchburg 16.0%
- ◆ Randolph-Macon Academy – Front Royal 10.0%

Together, through our connected congregations, we accomplish what no single church, district, or annual conference ever could hope to do alone. In this way, each individual, family, and congregation provides a fair share for the work of Christ in and through the church. Giving and serving together, we make a significant difference in the lives of God's people.

Save the Dates

June 15th and 16th: Trinity Preschool's Daddy and Me Breakfasts.

June 16th-18th: VA United Methodist Church Annual Conference at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. For more information on this year's Annual Conference visit: www.vaumc.org/AC2017.

June 18th: Father's Day

June 20th: Trinity Preschool Graduation

June 21st: Trinity Preschool Field Day, School Picnic, and Last Day of School

July 2nd: Start of Rise and Shine Intergenerational Forum

July 4th: Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Independence Day.



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 TRINITY

Sunday	06/11/17	<i>Trinity Sunday</i>
	9:30 AM	Rise & Shine Adult Forum (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 AM	Children's Sunday School (StoryTime Room)
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	Noon	Choristers Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)
	Noon	Health Kit Assembly (Fellowship Hall)
	1:30 PM	Brownie Troop #1193 (Fellowship Hall)
	2:30 PM	Junior Troop #5041 (Fellowship Hall)
	3:00 PM	Cadet Troop #6098 (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	06/12/17	
	7:30 PM	Finance Committee (Parlor)
Tuesday	06/13/17	
	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop #113 (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	06/14/17	
	2:30 PM	Trinity Staff Meeting (Parlor)
	6:00 PM	Centering Prayer (Sanctuary)
	6:15 PM	Trebles Choir Year End Pizza Party (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 PM	Trinity Preschool Advisory Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall Classroom)
Thursday	06/15/17	
	7:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday	06/16/17	<i>Annual Conference - Hampton, VA</i>
Saturday	06/17/17	<i>Annual Conference - Hampton, VA</i>
	2:30 PM	Piano Recital (Sanctuary)
Sunday	06/18/17	<i>Second Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day</i>
	9:30 AM	Rise & Shine Adult Forum (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 AM	Children's Sunday School (StoryTime Room)
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	Noon	Annual Conference adjourns - Hampton, VA



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