



Trinity Presbyterian Church
Arlington, Virginia

Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, August 4, 2024

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Worshiping in the Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.



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Welcome.

We are glad that you are here.

As an inclusive community of faith, we welcome you just as you are. We celebrate that God's love and grace extends to all, and affirm that each person has sacred worth.

So take a moment.

Breathe.

10:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service

(For the lyrics and scripture text, click on the underlined text or go to the end of the bulletin. This service is recorded and livestreamed.)

The Liturgist today is Katherine Nichols.

Gathering Music

Down By the Riverside (Traditional)

Welcome and Announcements

(Please take this opportunity to fill out and pass the red friendship pads down the row and back.)

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

O come, let us sing to the Lord

And shout with joy to the rock of our salvation

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

Singing joyful songs of praise

Hymn #401

[Here in This Place](#)

Prayer of Approach

Greeting

Children's Message

Tic-Tac-Toe

**Children are invited to attend Godly Play after the Message or to remain in worship*

Blessing of the Children

You are God's beloved child. With you God is well pleased.

Readings

[Romans 14:1-6](#)

[Matthew 18:1-5](#)

Andrew Paulraj

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Tic-Tac-Toe – and Beyond

Rev. Bill Davnie

Song

Better is One Day

Matt Redmond

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Come to the table of grace, Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table, it's not yours or mine,

Come to the table of grace. (2 times) (Hymn 507, v. 1)

Joys and Concerns

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy Lord, Creator, Everlasting God,

we thank you for commanding light out of darkness,

for creating the whole world, full of variety of wonder, and calling it good.

We thank you for making us in Your image,

and calling us to live with each other in love,

reflecting the love of Father, Son and Holy Spirit we know as the Triune God.

You have told us your purpose in commandments to Moses,

And called for justice in the cry of the prophets.

Through long generations you have been fair and kind to all your children.

Great and wonderful are your works, O God.

Your ways are just and true.

With people of faith From all times and places

we lift our hearts in joyful praise,

for you alone are holy. *(repeat sung phrases following the pastor)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest..

We give thanks for Jesus, your Christ, who lived with us, sharing joy and sorrow.

He told your story, healed the sick, and was a friend to sinners.

We praise you that he is not dead, but is risen to rule the world,

and is still the friend of sinners.

We trust him to overcome every power to hurt or divide us,
so that, when you bring in your promised kingdom, we will celebrate with him.
Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share one cup,
announcing his death and telling his resurrection to all peoples and places.
Great God, give your Holy Spirit in the breaking of bread and sharing of the cup,
so that we may be drawn together and joined to Christ the Lord,
to receive new life and remain his glad and faithful people, until we feast with him in glory.

Words of Institution

The Kin-dom feast is Shared

Prayer after the Supper

*God our help, we thank you for this supper
shared in the Spirit with your Son Jesus,
who makes us new and strong,
who brings us life eternal.
We praise you for giving us all good gifts in him,
and pledge ourselves to serve you,
even as in Christ you have served us. Amen.*

Invitation to Stewardship

www.trinityarlington.org/GIVE

(Please take this opportunity to check in using the red friendship pad if you have not already done so)

Offertory Hymn # 378

[*We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*](#)

Prayer of Dedication

*Gather the gifts of our hands and hearts, living Spirit.
Use these gifts to build not monuments to your distant glory,
but testaments to your intimate love. Amen.*

Song

[*You Never Let Go*](#)

Benediction

Closing Music (Congregational) Hymn #80 You Shall Go Out With Joy

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.*

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for the following friends and family of Trinity

Joy

Gratitude for Trinity musicians this summer, especially Willa Lutz and Betsy McKenna.

Concerns

- + **Judy Freeman and her sister** after a head-on car crash in AZ. Judy, who was an English teacher at Kenmore Middle School, is having surgery for injuries she sustained. Her sister is in a coma.
- + **Nancy Reese**, friend of **Diane Allard**, recently retired, in hospice care for stage 4 ovarian cancer.
- + **Harold Fulp**, **Pastor Judith's** father, anticipating further treatment for cancer.
- + **Kathy Fulp**, **Pastor Judith's** sister-in-law, in rehab for mobility issues.
- + **Jim and Barbara Stewart**, **Shelley Micali's** parents, as Jim has moved to a memory care facility.
- + **Julie Bradsher's** father, **Thomas Leidy**, transitioning to assisted living.
- + **Gene McGovern**, **Steve McGovern's** father recovering from double bypass surgery.
- + **Andy Macs**, **Melissa McGovern's** father, with cancer.
- + **Keiko**, **Michelle Edwards' mother**, prayer for long term care following her hospitalization.
- + **Shelia Wayman**, **Marilyn Scholl's** sister, in treatment for carcinoma cell cancer.
- + **Sandi Thompson-Royer**, **PC(USA) missionary and friend of Trinity**, diagnosed with brain cancer in late May. [You can follow her CaringBridge site by clicking here.](#)
- + **Jason Ferguson**, **Janae Ferguson's** brother, recurrence of cancer. Prayer for another remission.
- + **Gwen Sutherland**, **Amy Arnold's** mother, in treatment for glioblastoma.
- + **Doug Hardt**, hospitalized with heart issues.
- + **Bonnie Westlake**, daughter of **Gil Klein's** youngest sister, **Leslie Westlake**, recovering from surgery for ovarian cancer.
- + **Dorothy Campbell**, **Dan Campbell's** aunt, for depression and mobility issues.
- + **Daoud and Jihan Nassar**, for their safety and others living in the West Bank.
- + **Barry Schneider**, **Troy Schneider's** uncle, with ALS.
- + **Jackie Alling**, living at Vitality assisted living.
- + **Christi Hessels**, **Larry Bradley's** sister, recovering from surgery for cancer.
- + **Lani**, **Nene Pisigan's** cousin, and mom of two young children, recurrence of cancer.
- + **Nene Pisigan's** parents in the Philippines, struggling with long term illness and financial hardship.
- + **Immigrants and refugees in many parts of the world.** Persons displaced by war, violence, poverty, and natural disasters.
- + Civilians on both sides of the Israeli/Hamas war, including **Fakhira Haloun**, a Palestinian Israeli and friend of **Priscilla Hoffman-Stowe**. Prayers for a ceasefire and return of hostages.
- + **Graham Bardsley's** sister, **Kyila Sninsky**, in California, with ongoing lung and heart issues.
- + **Marilyn**, **family friend of Grace and Sandy Montgomery**, in rehab after undergoing multiple surgeries to repair and reconstruct her broken leg.
- + **Ron Shimabukuro**, **friend of Yvonne McIntire**, recovering at home.
- + We remember **the recent victims of gun violence.** We pray to know ways to bring peace to the grieving, and the troubled, and the communities traumatized by violence and death.
- + For peace in Ukraine and an end to the Russian invasion into Ukrainian regions.
- + Those diagnosed with COVID-19 or dealing with long-term COVID recovery.
- + **Mary Warchot**, **Jim and Susan Dykstra's** friend and neighbor, with advanced lung cancer.

- + Trinity Presbyterian Church helps sponsor the missionary work of those listed below who serve in the international field. We also support them with our prayers: **Sharon Kandel**, South Sudan; **Mark Adams** and **Miriam Maldonado** (husband and wife) on the US/Mexico border; **Larry and Inge Sthreshley**, Republic of Congo; **Elmarie and Scott Parker**, Lebanon and Syria; **Eliane Menezes** in Guatemala, and **Doug Dicks** for Israel/Palestine.

Get Ready for Fall! Mark your calendars and sign up now!

Kickoff Sunday!



Make plans to kick off the fall at Trinity! September 8th is the beginning of our fall worship schedule and Sunday School for children. It's also a day to connect or reconnect with Trinity's various ministries and small groups. Join us for contemporary worship at 9am in Calvin Hall or traditional worship at 11:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. During the Education Hour at 10:10, the children will start Sunday school while the adults are invited for bagels and conversation in the Narthex. Representatives from Trinity's ministries and small groups will be there to share what their groups do and welcome others to join in!

Save the Date: Fall Retreat Oct. 18-20

Mark your calendar now for the Trinity Fall Retreat at Massanetta Springs in the foothills of the Shenandoah Mountains (2-3 hours from Arlington). There's plenty to do, like outdoor games, board games, and Russ Scholls' world famous obstacle course. Or kick back and enjoy quiet contemplation or a good book surrounded by the fall foliage. Whether you're a long-time member or still getting acquainted, the fall retreat is the perfect way to get away while deepening ties within the Trinity community. Details and sign-up to follow in early September.

September Voice Assembly: Sign up today!

The afternoon of Sunday, September 29 from 3:15- 5 PM at Fairfax High School, VOICE and its allies will hold an Assembly in support of the creation of additional Behavioral Health Programs for Youth: a Regional Crisis Receiving Center for Youth and a co-located Youth Residential Substance Use Treatment Center, and behavioral health education programs in our community. Co-sponsors of the event include INOVA Health, NAMI, and the Chris Atwood Foundation. Public figures will be present, including Fairfax County Board Chair Jeff McKay. Please let RJM know you are coming by emailing dancampbell@aol.com. **September Virtual Act on Addiction 2 Day Virtual Summit**

During the week before the Assembly, plan to attend Inova Health's Act on Addiction 2 Day Virtual Summit : Sept. 17th and 19th 7- 8:15 PM: Learn more and sign up here:



Field Trip Sign Up: Sunday, September 21st National Cathedral



The Racial Justice Ministry is sponsoring a trip to the National Cathedral for a tour of the 'Now and Forever Window' that was recently installed. We will meet at Trinity at 10am and car pool to the Cathedral. The tour will be led by a docent who specializes in the history of this window. The tour will discuss the context of the Civil War, monuments in the Cathedral erected by the Daughters of the Confederacy and the 2017 decision to have the original windows removed and replaced with the Now and Forever Window. **Please sign up here** so we have a head count. If you are

interested or more questions please contact Donna Parry, the.parrys@comcast.net

Sunday School: Now is the time to register!

Help us plan for the number of teachers we need! You don't want to have sign up in the fall rush of paperwork to complete...sign up your children for Sunday school today! Use this link or the QR Code or find it in the Church Connect app!



Confirmation Class: Sign up today!

This is a membership class for 8th-12th Graders. If you are interested in taking part in the class register using this link or the QR code. For more information contact Keeley (youth@trinityarlington.org)



Changes to Office Staff

We have changes in our office staff as Courtney, our office manager, has left for a new job. We are finalizing offers for both a bookkeeper and office temp (while we finalize the new Operations Manager position, which we have been working on for the past several months). We ask for your patience as people adjust to new roles and the staff collaborate to make Sunday worship happen. You can still use the office email, it will be forwarded to the office temp.

Social Media Photograph Release Form (please fill this out!)



The Outreach ministry would like to be able to use more photos of Trinity members in action on our website and social media platforms. We respect that some people would prefer to not have their images on public platforms, so we are asking for a simple photo release from each Trinity household. To sign the release, you can use the [Church Connect link](#) (or the QR code below) to the right and scroll until you see the Photograph Release Form. As a reminder, Church Connect is your one stop

shop! See below for how to add a quick link to your phone (just like an app) or bookmark on your computer if you have not already done so! We can also fill out the form for you if you don't have easy access to Church Connect, [please ask church office](#) and we will do so.

Church Connect: Trinity's Official One Stop Shop!



Looking for the calendar, announcements, bulletin, giving platform? We now have a one stop shop for Trinity members called Church Connect, which you have already used to sign up for the online directory! Church Connect is also a portal that you can link (like an app) on your phone, or bookmark on your computer (it is called "Connect")! In the fall we will be using this portal regularly for members and visitors so access it now and get ahead of the game! Church Connect is your secure portal to the bulletin,



directory, e-news, giving, sign ups, announcements, prayer requests and more! How do you access it? Glad you asked! Just go to tpcarlington.churchtrac.com To put the webpage on your phone (like an app) for easier access [here are some simple instructions](#). If you have questions or need help contact [Courtney Desautels](#) or [Patrick Merkel](#).

Sundays this summer: Young adult gathering (in the Atwood Room upstairs)

This is a drop-in group so come any time after worship through August 18th! We have had a great changing group this whole summer and would love for you to join us for the final three Sundays! This is for young adults age 18-24 who want to gather and share faith questions and/or experiences that have come up along your life journey. Come join us after worship in the Atwood (middle room on the 2nd level) for relaxed fellowship and faith together! Luke Bultena and [Michelle Edwards](#) will be there to facilitate. We plan to meet throughout the summer through August 18th after the 10a.m. worship, so anytime you're in town, just come as you are to hang out with us!

You Never Let Go

Verse 1

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear.
And even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back I know You are near.

Pre-Chorus

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me.
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus

Oh, no. You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm.
Oh, no. You never let go
In every high and every low.
Oh, no. You never let go.
Lord, You never let go of me.

Better is One Day

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)
(repeat)

Verse 2

And I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on,
A glorious light beyond all compare.
And there will be an end to these troubles,
But until that day comes,
We'll live to know You here on the Earth.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

Yes I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You
Still I will praise You
(REPEAT)

Chorus (2x)

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Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God.
Your Spirit's water for my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen.
Come once again to me.
I will draw near to You.
I will draw near to You.

Chorus (x4)

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Romans 14:1-6

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

Matthew 18:1-5

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

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