



Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Arlington, Virginia

Service for the Lord's Day  
Sunday, September 8, 2024

Kick-Off Sunday  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Worshiping in Calvin Hall and the Sanctuary  
9:00a.m. and 11:15 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.

## **11:15 a.m. Traditional Order of Worship**

*(For the lyrics and scripture text, click on the underlined text. This service is livestreamed and recorded. People in the first 8 pews might be visible on camera.)*

### **Welcome**

#### **Prelude**

*Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*  
Arr. Philip Jones

Carol Feather Martin

### **Announcements**

*(Please take this opportunity to check in using the red friendship pad.)*

### **Call to Worship**

O God, you are the Gathering One  
who calls us into community  
with each other  
**to love and work,**  
**to support and heal.**

You are the Gathering One  
who calls us into community  
with all people;  
**to bring justice and hope,**  
**freedom and truth.**

You are the Gathering One  
who calls us into community  
with the whole creation;  
**to live in harmony,**  
**to cherish and renew.**

### **Hymn #726**

*Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*

### **Passing of the Peace or Greeting**

### **Children's Message**

What is Kick-Off Sunday?

\*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.*

## Reading

Matthew 4:23-25

Mark 7:24-37

## Sermon

Walking Together with Jesus

Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt

## Hymn #727

Will you Let Me Be Your Servant

## Joys and Concerns

## Prayers of the People

## Invitation to Stewardship

[www.trinityarlington.org/GIVE](http://www.trinityarlington.org/GIVE)

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

## Offertory

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Carol Feather Martin

Setting by Michael Burkhardt

## Litany of Dedication ***The Church Has Left the Building***

The church is not a place; it is a people.

The church is not only a steeple above the treeline, streets, and cars.

***Rather, it is a people proclaiming to the world that we are here for the work of healing and of justice.***

The church is not walls built stone upon stone, held together by mortar

***but rather person, linked with person, linked with person:***

***all ages and genders and abilities—***

***a community built on the foundation of reason, faith, and love.***

The church is not just a set of doors open on Sunday morning,

***but the commitment day after day, and moment after moment,***

***of our hearts creaking open the doors of welcome***

***to the possibility of new experience and radical welcome.***

The church is not simply a building, a steeple, a pew.

***The church is the gathering together of all the people, and experiences,***

***and fear, and love, and hope in our resilient hearts;***

gathering, however we can, to say to the world:

***welcome, come in, lay down your heartache, and pick up hope and love.***

For the church is us—each and every one of us—together,

***a beacon of hope to this world in Jesus' name.***

**Hymn #300**

*We Are One in the Spirit*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*  
Arr. Wilbur Held

Carol Feather Martin

*We invite you to stay for the postlude. However, you are also welcome to leave quietly.*

***Our Thoughts and Prayers***  
***Please pray for the following friends and family of Trinity***

**Joys**

We celebrate with Alec Gibson on the birth of his new granddaughter Ruby.

**Concerns**

- + Those killed and injured in the school shooting in Georgia, **two teachers and two 14-year-old students**.
- + Terrible flooding in **Allen Dayal's** home state in India.
- + Family and friends of **Marilyn Pliska**, **friend of Grace and Sandy Montgomery**, who passed away on August 26.
- + Family and friends of former senator, **Steven Symms**, father of **Katie Senkus**.
- + **Robyn McCracken**, friend of **Janae Ferguson**, recovering after surgery for thyroid cancer.
- + **William Sever**, friend of **Joshua Knopf**, for continued recovery.
- + **Malti Shukla**, **Shakti's mother**, as she recovers from a heart attack and triple bypass surgery.
- + **Alec Gibson**, in rehab at Braddock Glen in Fairfax. Anticipating surgery in early September.
- + Family and friends of **Geoff Gibson**, brother of **Alec Gibson**, who passed away on August 22.
- + **Judy Freeman and her sister** severely injured in a car accident.
- + **Kristine Rogers**, cousin of **Jim Dykstra**, in treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- + **Nancy Reese**, friend of **Diane Allard**, recently retired, in hospice care for stage 4 ovarian cancer.
- + **Harold Fulp**, **Pastor Judith's** father, in palliative care at home, with cancer.
- + **Kathy Fulp**, **Pastor Judith's** sister-in-law, in rehab for mobility issues.
- + **Julie Bradsher's** father, **Thomas Leidy**, transitioning to assisted living.
- + **Keiko**, **Michelle Edwards' mother**, prayer for long term care following her hospitalization.
- + **Shelia Wayman**, **Marilyn Scholl's sister**, treatment for carcinoma cancer and other health concerns.
- + **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. Prayers for another remission.
- + **Gwen Sutherland**, **Amy Arnold's mother**, in treatment for glioblastoma.
- + **Doug Hardt**, in rehab after heart issues.
- + **Bonnie Westlake**, **Gil Klein's** niece, 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**. 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.
- + **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 Sthresley**, 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! Today 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. 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!

### **Caregivers Support Group Forming**

Are you caring for someone with a long-term illness or declining health? Maybe you are in the sandwich generation, juggling the needs of your children with the needs of your aging parents. Maybe your spouse or child has a diagnosis or on-going health or mental health issue that weighs on your mind. Come join a support group. This weekly Zoom call with other caregivers, Pastor Judith, and Katherine Nichols (Commissioned Ruling Elder), is a place to talk about what is going on, get strength from each other, and pray. Weekly zoom call on Thursdays 2-3 p.m. beginning September 12. Contact Judith or Katherine to get on the email list.

### **National Capital Presbytery Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering**



Are you a parent, grandparent, or family member of a child, teen, or young adult dealing with mental health issues? Join us for an informative and supportive workshop on September 14, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, located at 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville, MD 20852. A guest speaker from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will discuss valuable resources and strategies available to help families navigate these challenges. Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity for discussion and lunch where you can connect with others in similar situations. For more information or any

questions, please contact them at [ncpreswomen@yahoo.com](mailto:ncpreswomen@yahoo.com). To register, please visit <https://formurl.com/to/PW-NCP-Fall-Gathering-2024>.

### **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](mailto: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. 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 7- 8:15 PM: Learn more and sign up here:



### Field Trip Sign Up: Saturday, October 5, 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 9:15am and carpool 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](mailto:the.parrys@comcast.net). For more information about what the tour entails, watch [this video](#).



### 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.



Mark your calendars! Today we will be kicking off the youth program with a Parent's Information Night from 5-5:30, followed by regular youth group from 5:30-7. We will have snacks for youth during the Information Session. We need **1 more adult** for 5-5:30 to supervise the youth! Please contact Keeley ([youth@trinityarlington.org](mailto:youth@trinityarlington.org)) if you are able to volunteer.

### Sunday School: Now is the time to register for Children's and 10:10!



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](mailto: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 welcome our new Office Temp, Caitlin Naranja, while she searches for full time positions! She graduated this past spring from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelor of Science in Health Services. Caitlin has worked for several years as one of Trinity's Sunday childcare providers. Caitlin is helping to keep the office running smoothly while we finalize the new Operations Manager position (which we have been working on for the past several months). If you have announcements, prayer requests, Moments for Mission, or anything else for the bulletin, please send an email to both [officetemp@trinityarlington.org](mailto:officetemp@trinityarlington.org) AND [pastorjudith@trinityarlington.org](mailto:pastorjudith@trinityarlington.org). (If you use the office e-mail it will be forwarded to the office temp). Thank you for your patience as people adjust to new roles and the staff collaborate to make Sunday worship happen. *The sermon podcast will not be available in August but will be back in September.* We also welcome a part-time bookkeeper, Yolanda Darden. Yolanda has experience working with churches and is looking forward to using her skills to help support the ministry of our church.

### 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](http://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](#).







### **Matthew 4:23-25**

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

### **Mark 7:24-37**

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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