



Trinity Presbyterian Church Arlington, Virginia

Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord
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.

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Order of Worship

(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. Those in the first three rows in the center section might be visible on camera.)

Gathering Music

Take Us To the River

Robin Mark

Opening Prayer

Song

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit In this Place

Doris Akers

Welcome and Announcements

Please take this time to sign and pass the red Friendship Pads down the row and back.

Children's Message

**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.

Greeting Time

Reading

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-22

Sermon

Walking With Jesus Through the Water

Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt

Song

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional American

Moment for Mission

SOME (So Others May Eat)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Stewardship

www.trinityarlington.org/GIVE

Offertory

Wade in the Water
African American Spiritual

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

*Holy One, awaken us again to Your outpouring Spirit of Love.
Stretch our souls wide and form us into channels of your healing grace.
Gift us with an ability to recognize You in each other,
all imprinted with Your beloved blessing.
Clarify our intentions, direct our actions,
fill our words with grace and our hearts with hope.
Yes, soak our thinking, our praying, our hoping, our everything in You. Amen.*

Song

Holy Water
Cash, Cash, Cash, Cash, and Bergthold

Benediction

Take Us To The River

Verse 1

Take us to the river.
Take us there in unity to sing
A song of Your salvation
To win this generation for our King;
A song of Your forgiveness
For it is with grace that river flows.
Take us to the river
In the city of our God.

Verse 2

Take us to Your throne room
Give us ears to hear the cry of heaven.
For that cry is mercy,
Mercy to the fallen sons of man.
For mercy has triumphed,
Triumphed over judgement by the blood.
Take us to the throne room
In the city of our God.

Bridge

For the Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon us.
This is the year of the Lord.

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Verse 3

And take us to the mountain.
Lift us in the shadow of Your hands.
Is this Your mighty angel
Who stands astride the ocean and the land?
For in His hand Your mercy
Showers on a dry and barren place.
Take us to the mountain
In the city of our God.

Bridge

Bridge

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the year of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on his face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, on my sweet,
heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us,
filling us with your love;
And for these blessings,
we lift our hearts and praise;
Without a doubt, we'll know
that we have been received,
When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
'Til you know Him in His fullness and
believe;
You're one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

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heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us,
filling us with your love;
And for these blessings,
we lift our hearts and praise;
Without a doubt, we'll know t
hat we have been received,
When we shall leave this place.

Down to the River to Pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.

O sisters let's go down.
Let's go down, come on down.
O sisters let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.

O brothers let's go down.
Let's go down, come on down.
Come on brothers let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.

O fathers let's go down.
Let's go down, come on down.
O fathers let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.

O mothers let's go down.
Come on down. Don't you want to go
down?
Come on mothers let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.

O sinners let's go down.
Let's go down, come on down.
O sinners let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.

Wade in the Water

Chorus

Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God's gonna trouble the water.

Verse 1

Who's that yonder dressed in red?
Wade in the water
Must be the children that Moses led.
God's gonna trouble the water.

Chorus

Verse 2

Who's that yonder dressed in white?
Wade in the water
Must be the children of the Israelite.
God's gonna trouble the water.

Chorus

Verse 3

Who's that yonder dressed in blue?
Wade in the water
Must be the children that's comin' through.
God's gonna trouble the water.

Chorus

Verse 4

You don't believe I've been redeemed.
Wade in the water
Must be the Holy Ghost looking for me.
God's gonna trouble the water.

Chorus

Holy Water

Verse 1

God I'm on my knees again.
God I'm begging please again.
I need You.
Oh, I need You.
Walking down these desert roads,
Water for my thirsty soul,
I need You.
Oh, I need You.

Chorus

Your forgiveness
Is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips;
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears;
Like holy water (on my skin).

Verse 2

Dead man walking slave to sin,
I wanna know about being born again.
I need You.
Oh, God I need You.
So take me to the riverside,
Take me under baptize
I need You
Oh God I need You oh

Chorus

Bridge

I don't wanna abuse Your grace.
God I need it every day.
It's the only thing that ever really
Makes me wanna change.
(Repeat 3 more times)

Chorus

Chorus

Ending

Yeah it's like holy water on my skin
Oh it's like holy water

Acts 8: 14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:15-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

Joys

+ The beauty of one good snowfall.

Concerns

- + **Those affected by the wildfires** in California, including Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church.
- + Those who lost their lives or were injured in the New Year's Eve attack in New Orleans.
- + **With the nation, we mourn the death of President Jimmy Carter.**
- + **Sek-Man Young**, Kathy Young's ex-husband and Kay Miller's father, hospitalized in Shanghai with serious heart issues.
- + **Louise Fulp**, scheduled for heart valve replacement on January 30.
- + **Family and Friends of Connie Allard**, **Diane Allard's** mother-in-law who died on Dec. 20.
- + **Family and Friends of Bill Ford**, **Beth Friends's** father, who died on Dec. 22.
- + **Family and Friends of Malti Shukla**, **Shakti Shukla's** mother, who died on Dec. 22.
- + **Susan Dykstra**, recovering from spine surgery that happened on January 9 and 10. Jim would appreciate some folks to be with Susan during her recovery. Please contact him directly to find out when he needs help.
- + **Marilyn Brookens**, who relocated to be near family after a decline in her health (See note).
- + **Craig Savage**, husband of **Anne Marie Riha**, continuing treatment for cancer.
- + **Rowan Smith**, three-year old great nephew of **Laurie Setzer**, with cancer.
- + **Brian Tuskey**, brother-in-law of **Jennie Gwin**, for lymphoma return after stem cell transplant.
- + **William Sever**, friend of **Joshua Knopf**, for continued recovery.
- + **Doug Hardt**, recovering at home.
- + **Alec Gibson**, at Braddock Glen. 4027 Olley Lane, Fairfax, VA 22032
- + **Kristine Rogers**, cousin of **Jim Dykstra**, in treatment for pancreatic 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. Pray for another remission.
- + **Gwen Sutherland**, **Amy Arnold's** mother, in treatment for glioblastoma.
- + **Daoud and Jihan Nassar**, for safety and to retain ownership of their land in the West Bank.
- + **Barry Schneider**, **Troy Schneider's** uncle, with ALS.
- + **Jackie Alling**, living at Vitality assisted living.
- + **Lani**, **Nene Pisigan's** cousin, and mom of two young children, recurrence of cancer.
- + **Nene Pisigan's** parents in the Philippines, with long term illness and financial hardship.
- + **Graham Bardsley's** sister, **Kyila Sninsky**, in California, with ongoing lung and heart issues.
- + **Ron Shimabukuro**, **friend of Yvonne McIntire**, recovering at home.
- + **Mary Warchot**, **Jim and Susan Dykstra's** friend and neighbor, with advanced lung cancer.
- + Family and friends of **Nick Rados**, son of Mike and Lisa, and boyfriend of **Josie Gieseman**, who was tragically killed in a car accident on October 11.
- + **Brooks Bare**, and his family, dealing with the aftermath of the car accident, in which he was the driver.
- + **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.
- + Civilians in Lebanon, including mission co-workers **Elmarie and Scott Parker** and **Doug Dicks**.
- + For peace in Ukraine and an end to the Russian invasion into Ukrainian regions.
- + We continue prayers for those affected by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.

- + 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.

Dear Trinity Presbyterian friends,

We write to you today to give you an update on our beloved sister and your friend, Marilyn Brookens. Marilyn recently chose to move back to the Midwest, where almost all of her extended family lives. She also decided not to attend church on December 22 to say goodbye, as she knew she would be overwhelmed by her sadness. It has been her dream for many years to live out her life in the place she had made her home, surrounded by her church family at Trinity. Our hearts ache with hers at this hard choice.

We are and will always be grateful for Trinity's cherishing of Marilyn and the love, care, and compassion that fills your congregation. You are who and how church should be, and we are so thankful for your witness. If you would like to write to Marilyn, please send all mail to:

*Marilyn Brookens
c/o Alan Ostergren
2506 7th Ave. Ct. SW
Altoona IA 50009*

Blessings and peace,
Rev. Dr. Laura Brookens Reason

We will continue to update the congregation as we receive updates from the family about Marilyn

Changes to Office Staff

Welcome to our new Operations Manager

We are excited to announce that we have hired an Operations Manager, Ken Hadley, who will start on Jan. 16th. He has a wealth of HR experience along with Church operations. This position includes the office manager responsibilities, hiring, staff management, facilities and other administrative duties. This position was recommended by the staffing task force and approved by Session to improve the coordination of our growing staff (audio visual - IT, bookkeeping, facilities, etc.) Thanks to the hiring team of Pam Michell, Donna Parry, Courtney Desautels, Bill Davnie, led by Todd Parker. Also, thanks to the all the people who participated in defining the position and supported filling the position over the last several years! Finally, thanks to Caitlin Naranja, who has been filling in as our temporary office manager since August - she did a terrific job through the busy Fall and Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays!

Do you know of openings in our area?

Caitlin, our temporary office manager, is looking for her next position. If you know of openings in the area that she might apply to, please email her at officetemp@trinityarlington.org.

Spiritual Formation Opportunities:

Adult Sunday School Offering: Dreaming about Worship.

Join Ben and Grace to dream about our Sunday morning worship.

On January 5th, we talked about what worship is. On January 12th, we will dream about our traditional worship. On January 19th, we will dream about our Contemporary worship. We hope that you will bring your ideas and dreams.

Bible Chat

Our informal Wednesday night Bible study begins again on January 15th at 7:30 pm in Classroom A. The group is part of the way through the Gospel of John but that shouldn't stop you from joining us. Ben is the point person for the group, so if you want more information or would like to let him know you'll be joining the group email ben@trinityarlington.org.

Meditation Group Please join us!

The meditation group will continue meeting in the Meditation Room on Sunday mornings. The meeting time is 10:10 am-11:00 am. We will be learning more about Meditation philosophy and practice. We will do meditation together for a total of 30 minutes, not all in one session, at each meeting. We will be in silence, listen to an audio guided meditation, or have quiet music for our meditation time. We will share together about what we are learning. Everyone is welcome for one meeting or all of them. If you are looking for a small group connection at Trinity but don't like to talk or listen to others talk all the time, this may be your group! For talkers and non-talkers, it is sometimes a surprise what the silence may bring, including a deepening spiritual connection with God and others in the group.

Just Coffee

Knox Room (Preschool Building)

A place to gather informally during the Sunday School hour to drink coffee, eat pastries, and get to know people.

Caregivers Support Group

This weekly Zoom call with other caregivers, Pastor Judith, and Katherine Nichols (Commissioned Ruling Elder), is a place to talk, get strength from each other, and pray. Weekly zoom call on Tuesdays noon -1 p.m. Contact Judith or Katherine to get on the email list or see the e-news or announcements in the church app for the zoom link.

Sunday Afternoon Virtual Coffee Hour

Sundays at 4:00 p.m. Pastor Judith and Katherine Nichols host a zoom chat. We talk about what happened in worship, the sermon, and just about anything else you can think of. See the Wednesday e-news or announcements in the church app for the link.



Youth 6-12th grade meets each Sunday at 10:10 am for Sunday School and from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. for weekly Youth Group activities.

Trinity adults: consider signing up to chaperone at Sunday evening Youth Group! Let Keeley know if you are interested or if you have any questions.

4th and 5th Grade Group

This group meets once a month and is a time for our fourth and fifth graders to get to know each other outside of Sunday school. We will play games and talk about life and faith. Led by Ben and Keeley, the next gathering will be on Jan. 5th, 4-5:30 pm. For more information contact either Ben@trinityarlington.org or Keeley youth@trinityarlington.org



Ways to Serve in the Community and in the Church:

Newcomers Dinner: We're kicking off 2025 with a Trinity Newcomers dinner to welcome members who joined in the last two years, Inquirers Class attendees, and anyone who has visited Trinity and would like to get to know us better. This has been a fun event in the past and gives us an opportunity to make connections and get to know each other a bit better. Mark your calendars for 6:30 on February 1 for dinner at the Foley's home. Food will be provided (you can bring a drink or dessert) so please RSVP to Tim Foley at timothy.john.foley@gmail.com.

An Opportunity to Serve, to Lead, to Discern, to Connect, to Shepherd....

It is the time of the year when the church seeks to call new elders to serve as members of the church's leadership body (known as the Session). Perhaps you are called for this opportunity or know someone you think would do a great job.

Sometimes people mistake the role that elders play as reserved for only the most organized, most vocal, or strongest leader. However, the role of elders is to teach, guide, protect, and love us, the sheep of the church.

Please click here to learn more: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/X2yeLtf/Elder>

If you are interested, please talk to any active or former Session member or a member of the Nominating Committee. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Pam Mitchell (chair) - Pamelalmichell@gmail.com, Patrick Merkel (vice-chair) - patrick@merkelfamily.com, Amy Arnold, Leslie Bradenham, Alaina Desautels, Mac Greer, and Todd Parker.

Meal Train for the Bare family

Dates were recently added to a Meal Train that was created to support the Bare family during this difficult time following the tragic car accident in October. Please sign up to provide a meal during the month of January if you can! <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/yrqo2m>



VBS Volunteers June 23-27

Before we can open registration for this year's VBS, we need to know that we have enough volunteers to make it happen. So, if you are available to help at VBS this year, please fill in this simple form. For more information, you can contact Shakti or Ben. <https://tpcarlington.churchtrac.com/card/57>

Serving with S.O.M.E.

Trinity has been preparing breakfast for over 30+ years on the 3rd Monday of the month for SOME (So Others May Eat <https://some.org/get-involved/volunteer/>) in DC. They have recently completed a renovation of the kitchen, dining room and building at [71 O Street NW](#). TPC will resume this local mission support starting December 16! Breakfast preparation consists of 3-4 people arriving at 6 am (finishing by 7:30am) and cooking eggs, sausages, grits and other duties as needed. It's a great way to start the morning and support people in need. Visit sign up genius link to volunteer (calendar set up through Dec. 2025) - for more information contact Todd Parker (703-237-7699)! <https://signup.com/go/eahNdeL>

Get Connected:

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.

Do You Have Items for the Bulletin?

Reminder that if you have announcements, prayer requests, Moments for Mission, or anything else for the bulletin, please send an email to Officetemp@trinityarlington.org **only**. For announcements to be put in the bulletin for Sundays, please send them in no later than noon on **Wednesdays**. Thank you for your patience as people adjust to new roles and the staff collaborate to make Sunday worship happen!

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