



Trinity Presbyterian Church Arlington, Virginia

Service for the Lord's Day Sunday, November 16, 2025

Commitment Sunday Worshipping in Calvin Hall and the Sanctuary 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM



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November 16, 2025 Commitment Sunday

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 AM 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.)

The liturgist today is

Welcome

Prelude

Prelude on ABBOT'S LEIGH (Based on Hymn #409) setting by Michael Burkhardt Carol Feather Martin

#### Announcements

(Please take this opportunity to check in using the red Friendship Pad.)

### Call to Worship

Give thanks to the LORD!

Praise God's Holy name!

We will tell the whole world what the Lord has done—
God's mighty acts on our behalf.

Sing to the LORD, for He has done wonderful things for us! Raise your hearts and voices!

We will shout and sing God's praise!

For great is the Holy One who lives among us!

Hymn #409

God is Here

Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Maker of the fields, forests, and streams, Your generous goodness comes to us new every day. Your faithfulness is to all generations. Forgive us for the times we have failed to notice. By the movement of your Spirit over our waters,
at our tables, and among our gatherings,
help us to acknowledge your goodness,
give thanks for your gifts,
extend our table to the stranger,
and care for the land and water we share on this good earth,
through Jesus Christ, the fruitful vine,
our living water, and our bread of life. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance and Faith

Friends, rejoice in the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri Hymn #581 Glory Be to the Father

Passing of the Peace or Greeting

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.

Handbell Anthem ABBOT'S LEIGH Trinity Ringers

arr. Lee Afdahl

Readings Psalm 100:1-5

Psalm 145:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Intentionally Christian: Generational Generosity

Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt

Hymn #174 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

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 and Reflection Meditation on BEECHER Carol Feather Martin

(Based on Hymn #761) arr. Faye López

Doxology Hymn #606 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

# **Prayerful Setting of Intentions**

(Please take this moment of silence to set an intention for the week ahead. Your intention might be a response to today's worship, or it may be something that has been on your heart – a desire for change, an inner nudging, a move toward deeper discipleship. Write your intention down or note it on your phone and take it with you as you go.)

Prayer for the Coming Week

Holy and Gracious God, we give You thanks for family, friends, life, love—and all other blessings we enjoy.
May Your love, Your grace, Your compassion, Your mercy, carry us through this coming week and lead us with love to be Your hands and heart in the world. Amen.

Hymn #761 <u>Called as Partners in Christ's Service</u>

Benediction

Postlude Canonic Voluntary on "ABBOT's LEIGH" Carol Feather Martin

(Based on Hymn #409) arr. Dennis Janzer

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

## Hymn #409

1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

## Hymn #174

1 Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced when earth was new. Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true. Wisdom clears the path to justice, showing us what love must do.

2 Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the marketplace.

Hear the Word made flesh among us, full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens, peace and righteousness embrace.

3 Sister Wisdom, come, assist us; nurture all who seek rebirth. Spirit-guide and close companion, bring to light our sacred worth. Free us to become your people, holy friends of God and earth.

# Hymn #761

1 Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

4 So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

### Psalm 100:1-5

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

#### Psalm 145:1-9

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts. They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works I will meditate. They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

## Intentional Through the Week at Home and in Small Groups

# My intention for this week is:

### Morning Prayer for the Week

O God,

I thank you for this earth, our home;

for the wide sky and the blessed sun,

for the ocean and streams,

for the towering hills and the whispering wind,

for the trees and green grass.

Grant me a heart opened wide to all this beauty. Amen

# Evening Prayer for the Week

O God,

I thank you for all my senses have perceived this day:

the songs of birds,

the feel of the breeze,

the taste and smell of good food,

the beauty I have passed,

noticed and unnoticed.

Grant me rest now

In the soft folds of your love. Amen.

# Readings for the Week Psalm 145:1-9

(Read daily, and look for opportunities to discuss or contemplate these words)

### Questions for Reflection

- 1. What faith stories have you heard from people in your family?
- 2. What faith stories do you have to tell?
- 3. What are some ways you can share God's love and faithfulness to the next generation in your family or church?

# Intentionally Christian as a Congregation

- Record your intentions and experiences in a journal or on your phone.
- Join in on the second and fourth Sundays at 5:30 p.m. for *Intentionally Christian Conversations* led by Pastor Judith or Ben Stewart.
- Consider sharing your intention or experience with Trinity friends in a small group, on a communal bulletin board in the narthex, or on the Trinity Facebook page.

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

### Joys:

- + We are grateful for those who have served our nation and are veterans of any branch of the U.S. military, and for those who are currently serving.
- + We celebrate with *Laura Roberson* and **Zach Goulet** who were married on November 1.
- + For the work of *Carson Driskill* and All Hands and Hearts as they work in difficult conditions to help the people of Jamaica in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa.
- + We celebrate this weekend's Fall Youth Retreat.

### Concerns:

- **+ A memorial service for Gwen Sutherland,** *Amy Arnold's* mother, will be held at Trinity this Saturday, November 22 at 2:00 p.m.
- + Prayers for the **family and friends of Nadine B. Rice**, Nelljean McConeghey's mother-in-law, who died in Conway, S.C. on November 10, at the age of 106
- + Prayers for **Fred Hicks**, father of *Haley Anderson*, was diagnosed with throat cancer, and is now undergoing chemoradiation treatment.
- + Prayers for Larry Merkel, father of *Patrick Merkel*, with a recurrence of cancer.
- + Prayers for *Paul Sullivan* who is recovering at home.
- + Prayers for those who are managing the needs of both children and aging parents.
- **+ Marilyn Brookens**, has recently been moved into a memory care facility. Please send all correspondence to: Marilyn Brookens, c/o Alan Ostergren, 2506 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Ct. SW, Altoona, IA 50009
- + Prayers for love, stamina, and moments of joy for all who are caregivers and for those they care for.
- + Prayers for those in difficult family relationships: for mutual love, compassion, and understanding.
- + Bill Plitt, in treatment for multiple myeloma.
- + Rowan Smith, three-year old great nephew of Laurie Setzer, with cancer.
- + Brian Tuskey, brother-in-law of *Jennie Gwin*, who is in hospice care. Please pray for Brian, his wife (Jennie's sister), and their young children.
- + Alec Gibson, at Braddock Glen. 4027 Olley Lane, Fairfax, VA 22032
- **+ Jason Ferguson**, *Janae Ferguson's* brother, recurrence of cancer. Pray for another remission.
- + 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.
- + Brooks Bare, for strength, comfort, healing, and patience during his incarceration.
- + Immigrants and refugees all over the world, displaced by war, violence, poverty, and natural disasters.
- + We pray for a lasting peace in Israel and Palestine and for the day when the people living in Israel and Palestine can live together without hostility, without oppression, and without fear.
- **+ Fakhira Haloun,** a Palestinian Israeli and friend of Priscilla Hoffman-Stowe, and for all living through the trauma of the on-going violence in Gaza and the wider region.
- + Daoud and Jihan Nassar, for safety and to retain ownership of their land in the West Bank.
- + For peace in Ukraine and an end to the Russian invasion into Ukrainian regions.
- + Genocide of Sudan and the conflict in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.
- + Those affected by Hurricane Melissa and those who are assisting on the ground in the aftermath.

Trinity Presbyterian Church helps sponsor the missionary work of those who serve in the international field. We are currently supporting *Mark Adams* and *Miriam Maldonado* (husband and wife) on the US/Mexico border, and we continue to seek new ecumenical global partners to support as the PCUSA shifts its model for international engagement.

# Life of the Church and Announcements November 2025

# **Upcoming Events and Happenings**

# 'Intentionally Christian' Devotional

The daily prayers and questions for the week are available now on Church Connect or through the following link:

https://tpcarlington.churchtrac.com/intentional



# **Church Connect is Changing**

Why do you keep hearing about an app? There might be some confusion about what people have on their phones, and all this talk about an app.

Hopefully, this will help clear it up a little......

https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/ki8lw7l

# 2026 Trinity Stewardship Season

We continue to be grateful for the generous financial support of the Trinity community. As we launch the 2026 Stewardship season, the links below will provide you with an electronic copy of Pastor Judith's Stewardship Letter that was just mailed out, and links to Trinity's online Pledge Card 2026.

Stay tuned as more information on giving options will be coming soon........

Access Pastor Judith's letter at: <a href="https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/cJ7Xv3J">https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/cJ7Xv3J</a>

Access Trinity's online Pledge Card 2026 at <a href="https://tpcarlington.churchtrac.com/card/50">https://tpcarlington.churchtrac.com/card/50</a>

Access Trinity's Stewardship Report at <a href="https://tpcarlington.churchtrac.com/stewardship">https://tpcarlington.churchtrac.com/stewardship</a>





# Save the Date!! Jan 24, 2026

Trinity Women's All-Church Gathering Celebrating "A Day of Joy" 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



# **Trinity's Tiny Desk Report**

Dive into the latest 'Trinity Talk' with Keeley and Ben.

(new episode now available)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50Rke2 nguI

# **Horizons**

November 18 at 7:00 pm (meeting early this month)

Horizons is an open, multigenerational women's Bible study. We use the Horizons curriculum for Presbyterian women. The curriculum includes a short video with a written lesson, and this year the study is Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ. The format encourages drop-in participation.

Horizons meets on the last Tuesday of the month in the Meditation Room from 7:00 - 8:30. You will need to use your church code to enter the building. Our meeting dates for 2025-2026 are 11/18 (3rd Tuesday), 12/16 (3rd Tuesday), 1/27, 2/24, 3/24/, 4/28, 5/26, and 6/23.



Please contact Beth Bailey (<a href="mailto:epbailey@comcast.net">epbailey@comcast.net</a>) or Gail Klein (<a href="mailto:gsklein3@gmail.com">gsklein3@gmail.com</a>) if you are interested in joining or have any questions.



# **Advent Craft Workshop**

**Trinity's Advent Workshop** will be held on **Sunday, November 30, in the Narthex from 4:00-5:30 p.m**. There will be plenty of craft opportunities for kids, as well as the popular Advent Wreath station to make a tabletop living greens wreath with candles.

It's a great way to make some wonderful gifts while getting into the Christmas spirit. The event is free of charge, other than a suggested donation of \$10 for those making an Advent Wreath.

Thank you to Tabitha Circle for hosting this event.

# **Classes and Spiritual Formation Opportunities**

# Stewardship Roundtable on November 16 in the Lewis Room

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Judith will lead a roundtable discussion on "Biblical Stewardship and Beyond." This will be a chance to hear some reflections on stewardship, and to ask any questions you may have about the stewardship materials that have been presented in the 2026 stewardship campaign. Today, there are stewardship booklets available as well as copies of the stewardship letter for those who are not on the Trinity mailing list. Please read over these materials and bring your questions to the roundtable discussion on November 16, our Commitment Sunday.

### **Meditation Group**

Meets on **Sunday, from 10:10 am to 11:00 am in the Meditation Room**. We welcome new participants as we learn together the basic principles of meditation, with the intention of deepening our connection with God and with each other. Each week, we have a brief reading about meditation from various



authors and faith traditions. We spend 20-30 minutes meditating and in silence. There is an opportunity to share within the group and a sending out to live our lives with greater compassion, harmony and peace. Please join us! For more info contact Sue Bodner at <a href="mailto:Suelwbod2@aol.com">Suelwbod2@aol.com</a> or 571-435-0417 (texting welcome).

### Wednesday Bible Chat

Bible Chat is an informal Wednesday evening Bible Study that meets at 7:30 pm in Classroom A. There is no homework and no prior knowledge needed to get the most out of this at times fun, at times silly, and at times serious Book Study. No need to sign up, just show up when you can. If you have questions, contact Ben at <a href="mailto:Ben@trinityarlington.org">Ben@trinityarlington.org</a>.

# **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 calls happen on Tuesdays, noon -1:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Judith to get on the email list or see the E-news or announcements in the church app for the Zoom link.

# Youth and Children's Corner





# Ways to Serve in the Community and in the Church

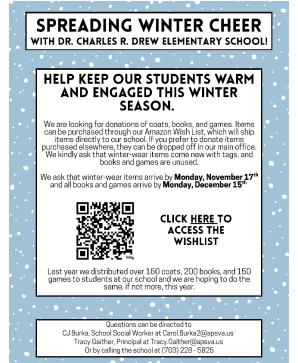


### Serving with S.O.M.E.

Trinity has been preparing breakfast for over 30+ years on the 3rd Monday of the month for SOME (So Others May Eat) in DC. They have recently completed a renovation of the kitchen, dining room, and building at 71 O Street NW and TPC is thrilled to resume this local mission support.

Breakfast preparation consists of 3-4 people arriving at 6:00 a.m. (finishing by 7:30 a.m.) 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 the Sign Up Genius link to volunteer - for more information, contact Todd Parker (703-237-7699).

Sign up here!



# **Angel Tree 2025**

We are kicking off TPC's annual Angel Tree program. The very successful program last year provided over \$4,000 in gift cards to Hamm Middle School students and families, and helped Drew Elementary School deliver over 150 coats, 200 books, and 150 games to their students.

This year, we will again raise funds for gift cards for Hamm Middle School students through Trinity's Giving site (<a href="https://tpcarlington.churchtrac.com/give">https://tpcarlington.churchtrac.com/give</a>), and encourage the congregation and preschool families to participate in Drew Elementary School's winter coat and toys/games drive.

Two differences this year: (1) Drew has combined its two drives into one Amazon gift list of both coats and books, and games. (2) Should families prefer not to use Amazon, MSM will accept at TPC any items identified on the Amazon list, and we will deliver them to Drew. Look for bins in the narthex and preschool hall.

Please see the flyer above from Drew -- they ask that coats arrive by November 17th and books and games arrive by December 15th. The URL for the gift list is:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3VH9T4RPGG9EO?ref =wl share

Thank you for helping to keep our community informed!

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