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# Trinity Presbyterian Church Arlington, Virginia

Service for the Lord's Day Sunday, November 9, 2025

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worshipping in Calvin Hall and the Sanctuary 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM

# TREAL CHURCH

# Service for the Lord's Day

Date 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.

#### 9:00 AM 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

This Little Light of Mine
Traditional

**Opening Prayer** 

Song

House of the Lord
Phil Wickham

#### 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

<u>Deuteronomy 26:1-11</u> 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Intentionally Christian: Giving From Our First Fruits

Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt

Song

<u>Blessed Be Your Name</u> Beth Redman, Matt Redman

Joys and Concerns

#### Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

#### Stewardship Message from Session

Jim St. Pierre

Invitation to Stewardship <a href="www.trinityarlington.org/GIVE">www.trinityarlington.org/GIVE</a>

Offertory Great are You Lord

David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

#### 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

In this world: kingdom living. In our mouths: kingdom praises. In our hearts: kingdom goals. In our hands: kingdom gifts.

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven! Make it so in my life this week. Amen.

Song

<u>Father, Let Your Kingdom Come</u> Wardell, Cooper

#### **Benediction**

#### This Little Light of Mine

#### Verse 1

This Little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This Little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This Little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine. Let it shine.

#### Verse 2

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No!

I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No!

I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

#### Verse 3

Don't let anyone put it out.
I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let anyone put it out.
I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let anyone put it out.
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine. Let it shine.

#### Verse 4

Let it shine with Jesus's love.

I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine with Jesus's love.
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine with Jesus's love.
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine. Let it shine.

#### Verse 1

#### House of the Lord

#### Verse 1

We Worship the God who was.
We worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be.
He opened the prison doors.
He parted the raging sea.
My God, He holds the victory.

#### Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today,
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise.
There's Joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place,
And we won't be quiet.
we shout out Your praise.

#### Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals.
We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross,
Then He rose up from that grave.
My God's still rolling stones away.

#### Chorus

#### Bridge

We were the beggars.
Now we're royalty.
We were the prisoners,
Now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted,
Redeemed by His grace,
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

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Now we're running free.

We are forgiven, accepted,

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Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

#### Chorus

Chorus

#### Blessed Be Your Name

#### Verse 1

Blessed be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful.
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

#### Verse 2

Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place. Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name.

#### Pre-Chorus

Every blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, Still I will say

#### Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name.

#### Verse 3

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me. When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name.

#### Verse 4

Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering. Though there's pain in the offering. Blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Chorus

#### Bridge

You give and take away. You give and take away. My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name.

**Bridge** 

Chorus

Chorus

#### Great Are You Lord

#### Verse

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.

You give hope. You restore every heart that is broken.

Great are You, Lord.

#### Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise, We pour out our praise. It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise to You only.

Verse

Chorus

#### Bridge

And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry these bones will sing, "Great are You Lord." Bridge

Chorus

Chorus

#### Father, Let Your Kingdom Come

#### Chorus

Hallelu, hallelujah, Father, let Your kingdom come. (Repeat 3x)

#### Verse 1

May the works of my hands bring You joy. May the works of my hands bring You joy. May the works of my hands bring You joy. May the works of my hands bring You joy.

Chorus (sing 4x)

#### Verse 2

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace.

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace.

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace.

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace.

Chorus (sing 4x)

#### Bridge

You make all things new. You make all things new, In places we don't choose. You make all things new.

Chorus (sing 4x)

Bridge

Chorus (sing 4x)

#### Deuteronomy 26:1-11

"When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

#### 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

#### My intention for this week is:

#### Morning Prayer for the Week

I awaken with thanks, O God, for it is by the gift of your grace that I greet a new day.

Keep me in your grace, that I may serve you with all that I say and do.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

#### Evening Prayer for the Week

My trust is in you, O God, for you have given me life and breath, food to satisfy my hunger, and faith to nourish my soul. Watch over me this night, uphold me be your strength, so that I may awaken tomorrow to praise your name again. Amen.

#### Readings for the Week Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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

#### Questions for Reflection

- 1. What does it mean to give from our first fruits in a non-agricultural culture?
- 2. How have I practiced first fruits giving?
- 3. Why is giving proportionally to what we have received important?

#### 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:

+ Celebrating with the *Meek Family* as they welcome **Ruby Jean Marie Farmer** on October 22nd. Ruby is *Jean Meek's* 6th great grandchild!

#### Concerns:

- + 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. We hold her in our prayers for this new transition in both her living situation and her health. If you would like to write to Marilyn, please send all correspondence to:

Marilyn Brookens, c/o Alan Ostergren, 2506 7th 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 in many parts of the world that have been displaced by war, violence, poverty, and natural disasters.
- + We pray for a lasting peace in Israel and Palestine, for the return of hostages, and for the alleviation of the suffering caused by the on-going war. We pray 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 war 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.** We pray for **Carson Driskill**, who is currently in Jamaica with "All Hands and Hearts," assisting with recovery after the hurricane.

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







# 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 https://tpcarlington.churchtrac.com/stewardship



#### RJM has purchased a new book for the Trinity Library:

The New Testament in Color; a Multiethnic Bible Commentary by Esau McCaulley and Others.

Christianity Today Book Award—Biblical Studies and Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Award Honorable Mention

Historically, Bible commentaries have focused on the particular concerns of a limited segment of the church, all too often missing fresh questions and perspectives that are fruitful for biblical interpretation. Listening to scholars from diverse backgrounds and ethnicities offers us an opportunity to explore the Bible from a wider angle, a better vantage point.

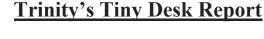
<u>The New Testament in Color</u> is a one-volume commentary on the New Testament written by a multiethnic team of scholars holding orthodox Christian beliefs. Each scholar brings exegetical expertise coupled with a unique interpretive lens to illuminate the ways social location and biblical interpretation work together. Theologically orthodox *and* multiethnically contextual, *The New Testament in Color* fills a gap in biblical understanding for both the academy and the church. Who we are and where God placed us—it's all useful for better understanding his Word. - IVP Press



Save the Date!!

Jan 24, 2026

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





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

(new episode now available)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ml8aGShJROM

# Pizza & Prayer Returns

#### **Pastoral Care During a Time of Transition and Change**



On the second Friday each month we host our "Pizza and Prayer" drop-in group, a time and place in support for those in our community who are affected by the changes that are happening at this time or by those yet to be determined. As we continue to gather, our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 14, at 7:00 pm in the Lewis Room. ALL ARE WELCOME!

In addition, Pastor Judith continues to be available for individual counseling and prayer. Please e-mail her directly to set up an appointment at <a href="mailto:pastorjudith@trinityarlington.org">pastorjudith@trinityarlington.org</a>.

## **Classes and Spiritual Formation Opportunities**

#### Sunday, November 9th: Zoom with Daoud Nassar from the West Bank in the Lewis Room

During next Sunday's 10:10 Sunday School Hour, we will have the opportunity to have a Zoom connection with affiliate member Daoud Nassar, who lives in the West Bank and is the founder of the Tent of Nations, an organization that promotes peaceful solutions to conflict and hosts visitors from all over the world. Visitors come for peace-making conferences and to help work the land on the Nassar Farm, which is under constant threat. The family has been in a 35-year legal process to keep their land amid growing Israeli settlements surrounding the property.

Trinity members have visited the land and Daoud has visited Trinity many times. He and his wife Jihan decided to become affiliate members as they consider Trinity their church in the United States. This presentation will be like the zoom call held during the Trinity Fall Retreat. We hope you will join us.

#### 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.

#### **Intentionally Christian Conversations**

These are small group conversations based on our theme for the year. It might seem like a daunting idea to share with a group of people the intentions that you have set for yourself, but the intention (*pun intended*) is to have a place to discuss the sermon and the challenges of living an intentionally Christian life, something that we all need help and support to do.

The Conversations will happen on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. The next will be **November 9**th **© 5:30 p.m.**, led by Ben Stewart in Classroom A. Feel free to drop by and join the conversation.

#### 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 Ben@trinityarlington.org.

#### **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.



#### 'The World'

Now open

What does it mean to you, or what would you like it to be?

Come experience all the artist interpretations on display in the Gallery

## Mental Health Blog: The "Great Flex"

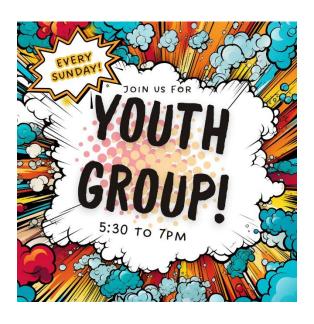
"Great Flex," that's what former West Virginia Governor Bob Wise labeled our times in an interview last month. We are still recovering from the pandemic, our wider social and political interactions are highly polarized, and the impact of AI is increasing in depth, rate, and significance. Any one of these, in Governor Wise's thinking, would be difficult to manage; all three are overwhelming.

To see the entire blog and other resources from Rich Long, click on the link below:

https://tpcarlington.churchtrac.com/mentalhealthblog

### 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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