



# 8 PM and 11 PM

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# **Welcome to Trinity!**

We pray that you experience the love, joy, and peace of Christ this morning. We invite you to check out the website (trinityumc.net) to learn more about Trinity and to find out how to get involved.

At Trinity, our mission is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Our staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have – we are here for you. May God's love refresh and inspire you today and always.

Please sign the pad in the Guest Book located in each pew. Whether a visitor or member, knowing that you worshipped with us this morning and in which of our services you were present helps us care for you better.

# If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity UMC...

Please contact Rev. Judy Oguich (joguich@trinityumc.net), speak with one of the pastors, or note in the guestbook when you sign in.

# Technician(s)

8 PM: Paul Brooks 11 PM: Laura Maher

# **Acolytes**

8 PM: Hunter Saunders, Charlie Duerson, J. C. Brooks

11 PM: Charlotte and Anne Claire Hart, Meghan and Kaleigh McPhail, J. C. Brooks

# **Liturgical or Special Day / Color**

Christmas Eve / White

## Nursery

Our Nursery is not staffed during these services, but it is available for you to use.

# **Holy Communion**

The sacrament of Holy Communion is open to all who do or would like to follow Jesus Christ. Our method of Communion this evening is by the ancient practice of intinction.

Please come as directed using the center aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the cup, and then partake of both together. Return to your seat by the side aisle.

Gluten-free elements are available and all cups contain (unfermented) grape juice.

If you are unable to come to a serving station, please notify an usher and we will bring Communion to you.

**Prayer...** To submit your prayer request or to share a joy with our intercessory prayer chain, contact Rev. Judy Oguich (*joguich@trinityumc.net or 288-6056 ext. 206*). Over 50 persons have committed to praying for our community.

Trinity members and staff pray for the concerns and joys of your heart. If you have a request, fill out a green Pastoral Care Card or the white Trinity Care Team Card (located in the Guest Book) and drop it in the offering plate.

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone," 1 Timothy 2:1

# **Known Member Prayer Concerns**

Carol Crowder Pat Tribble Michael Morris Vickie Argabright

# **Community Prayer Concern**

Members' loved ones: Miller Jenkins, Erik DeVriendt, Bobby Price, Matt Dunkle, Jacob Clegg Victims of war and violence First Responders and Active Service Men and Women Victims of extreme weather and natural disasters All those dealing with extra anxiety from life situations

# **Our Christmas Offering**

Offerings received tonight will go towards this year's Christmas Offering initiative.

Two-thirds of this year's offering will go to Shineforth(*formerly UMFS*). One-third will be contributed to the Community Assistance Fund, which enables our clergy to financially assist Henrico neighbors that come to us in need of help. A screening process is in place to verify the validity of the requests.

If you would like to contribute online, visit **trinityumc.net/give** and use the drop-down menu to select "Special Christmas Offering."

# Traditional Worship @ 8:00 and 11:00 PM

#### **Entrance**

Chiming the Hour

Welcome

Prelude (8 PM)

Prelude (11 PM) In dulci jubilo

\*Call to Worship

written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2025

Beloved, on this night,

we gather to enliven the story once again of God who came to dwell among us as a vulnerable baby.

We rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits.

We remember the stable, the animals, and the manger that witnessed the arrival of Emmanuel, God with us.

We rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits.

We recall the angels who announced the Messiah's birth to the shepherds, those most unlikely witnesses of God's glory.

We rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits.

In our remembering and enlivening, we gather today as people of God's promise, witnesses to God's glorious presence among us in the vulnerable, forgotten, and tucked away places of the world.

We gather to rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits, the day that has already come and will yet be.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

\*Processional Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful

**UMH 234** 

\*Lighting the Advent Wreath: The Christ Candle

Tonight we gather to remember with the prophet Isaiah:

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders,

and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice

and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this (Isaiah 9:6-7).

We gather to once again

bask in the glory that visited a stable and a manger, shepherds watching their flocks, and a young couple cradling the newborn Messiah.

We light the Christ candle as a sign of the glory that came among us in unexpected places and to unexpected people, that we may be people who seek and follow the glory of the Christ child here and now.

## \*Opening Prayer

The Book of Worship 1965

O Almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness.

Grant that in his light we may see light.

Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all people,

so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us, and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

\*Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**UMH 240** 

\*Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

# **Proclamation and Response**

Anthem (8 PM) O Holy Night Anthem (11 PM) Munuit, chrétiens

by Adolphe Adam

\*Scripture Mary Beth Utley, 8 PM Luke 2:1-20 Dave Clelland, 11 PM

\*Gloria Patri **UMH 70** 

Good News! The Message Rev. Brian Siegle

The Apostle's Creed UMH 881

#### The Invitation

#### **Prayer of Confession**

written by Rev. Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, pastor at First Church Congregational in Rochester, NH

We have waited for a long time for your hope, your joy, your love to shine in the darkness of this world, Almighty God. Even now, in our gathering here, we await you. In our hearts, we still hope that your light will blaze forth, banishing the shadows of this world and guiding all the people back to you.

Yet you did not come into this world in a show of power and glory.

You did not shine forth for all of creation to behold.

A tiny spark – a newborn baby, visible to parents and curious animals.

A host of angels – away from the populated areas, singing to migrant workers.

A sparkling star – guiding foreigners to see what neighbors could not.

Open our hearts, merciful God, to the sparks of your presence still in this world. Open our eyes, that we might behold your presence in the least likely of places, and among the least likely of people.

God with us, kindle your spark within us, that together we may shine forth your light, we might banish the shadows of this world, we might be the continuation of the Christmas miracle: Emmanuel is in this world, God is with us, now and evermore. Amen.

# **Thanksgiving**

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Christmas Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

# **Sending Forth**

\*Song Silent Night UMH 239

\*Passing of the Light of Christ

In passing the light, please hold the lit candle STRAIGHT and tip the unlit candle to the flame.

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Song

Joy to the World

**UMH 246** 

\* Please stand as you are able

Deposit your extinguished candles in the baskets by the entrance doors.



#### **Guest Musicians:**

8 PM: Stephen Moser, trumpet; Benjamin Stredcer, horn; Isaac Murrell, trombone

11 PM: Angelo Galarza, piano

# **Regular Sunday Schedule**

9 AM Modern Worship Service

10 AM Discipleship / Sunday School Classes for all ages

11 AM Traditional Worship Service



# **Christmas Flower Tributes in 2025**

In Loving Memory of:	Given by:
Ada and Ralph Bivins	Linda Latimer and Nancy McGowan
Art, Audrey, and David Gerhan	Ken and Peggy Hart
Bill McClintic	Caroline M. Walters
Bill Ward	John and Pat Rollison
Bob and Beth Hart	Ken and Peggy Hart
Brian A. Rollison	John and Pat Rollison
C. Wayne Lemon	Melinda L. Anderson and Sidney C. Lemon
Carl and Carolyn Robinson	Robert and Kimberly Fricke
Caroline Morris	Haley, Dan, Caroline, and Libbie Hildebrand
Charlene and Herman Moore	Dorothy Moore Woodford and Dianne Moore
Connie McAdam	John and Pat Rollison
Craig Edgar Spitzer, Our Son	Leila and Kirk Spitzer
Mary Lu Windbert, Leila's Sister	
Dale Ward	John and Pat Rollison
Davis and Carl Bottom	Their Family
Dennis and Francie	Martie Parch
Dr. Kenneth Gould	Cathy and Mark Devlin
Earl and Elizabeth Williams	With Love, Jerry and Karen Williams
Erica Hirt	The Adamiaks
Evelyn (Dee Dee) and Willie (PaPa) Carlton	Daughters, Nancy Lee and Rannie Lou, and Grandson Bryan
Frances and Mack Dewitt	Margaret and Steve Dewitt
Geoffrey Shudtz (Son)	Karen Shudtz (Mom)

In Loving Memory of:	Given by:
Jane and Antoine Hobeika	The Halls
Jane Hobeika, Our Inspiration	3M Bible Study Group
Jay Robinson	Cheryl, Pam, and Meredith
Jean and Dick Page (Parents)	Karen Shudtz (Daughter)
Jeannie Marie Cox	Courtenay, Paul, and JC Brooks
Jim Brooks	Paul, Courtenay, and JC Brooks
John E. Simpson, III	Corey Booker
John Simpson	Carolyn Simpson
Julian D. Adkins	His Family
Lauren Banks	Susan and Ralph Freeman
Lola and Norman Hilliard	Dorothy Moore Woodford and Dianne Moore
Lucinda and Dick McRoberts	Their Children – Mary, Andrew, and Scot
Marian and Lester Jones	Sara, Waddy, and Kimberly Street
Mary, Ed, and Richard Fleming	Rosemary McCullough
Michael Eunice	Ridley Starr
Michael Shoenenberger	Anna, Melinda, and Sid
Mike Eunice	Daughters, Lisa, Cathy, and Beth
Mike Eunice	Donna Gilbert, His Sister
Mike Skrabala	Reyna Skrabala
Mike Walters	Caroline M. Walters
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rollison	John and Pat Rollison
Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Ward	John and Pat Rollison
My Parents, Wilbur Dale Marshall and Betty Trout Marshall	Dale M. Miller
Otey Denton	Leila Denton
Our Loved Ones	Susan and Ralph Freeman
Our Parents	Mike and Susie Hildebrand

In Loving Memory of:	Given by:
Our Parents and Grandparents	Eric, Judy, Garrett, Natalie, and Abby Oguich
Parents, Hilda and Charles Chiles & Betty and Paul Cross	Teresa and Mike Cross
Peggy and Jack Harter	Connie Harter Burton
Phyllis Whitaker	Dorothy Moore Woodford and Dianne Moore
Rick and Alyce West	Leila Denton
Robin Brewster	Her Friends
Rowena Manning	John and Pat Rollison
Sherry Kerley	The Larkum Family
Stephanie Roberts Larry	Vernon and Peggy Roberts
T.S., Daisy, Tom, Jean, and Mary Shutt	Sarah Shutt
The Dishman Family	Mike and Carole Dishman
The Mitchelle Family	Mike and Carole Dishman
Thomas Wayne Lemon	Anna Schoenenberger, Melinda Anderson, and Sid Lemon
Tommy and Frances Johnson	With Love, Jerry and Karen Williams
Warren and Shirley Overstreet	Pamela Overstreet

If you have a flower tribute listed in the bulletin and would like to take a Poinsettia, you may do so after tonight's services.

After the 6 PM or 8 PM service you can take a Poinsettia from the **foyer**.

 ${\it After the 11 PM service you can take a Poinsettia from the {\it foyer or the altar}}.$ 

In Honor of:	Given by:
Amy, Jamie, Caitlin, Jackson, and Alex Bitz	Sara, Waddy and Kimberly Street
Betsy Pike	Caroline, Josie, Ellie, and Hudson
Brad and Jan Booker	Carolyn Simpson
Carol Crowder	Jim
Grandsons, David, Jonathan, Adam, and Nathan	Linda Robinson
Gray, Corey, Hilton, and Byrd Booker	Carolyn Simpson
Jim McCullough	Rosemary McCullough
Juanita Woodson	Mr. Grumpy
Judy Oguich	With Love and Thanks from 3M
Junebugs Covenant Group	Caroline M. Walters
Karen Brooks	Paul, Courtenay, and JC Brooks
Linda Robinson	David, Jonathan, Adam, and Nathan
Ordinary People Class	Reyna Skrabala
Our Families – Local and Far Away	The Irvin Family
Our Parents, Bill and Vikki Brock	Riian, Christian, Wesley, and Lila
Pastor Brian and Holly	Carol Wampler
Pastor Daniel	The Messick Family
Pastors and Staff of TUMC	Jerry and Karen Williams
Ray Cox, Jamie Cox	Courtenay, Paul, and JC Brooks
Ronnie Johnson	Mr. Grumpy
Sarah, Liz, and Audrey Allen	Mom
Sue Watkins	Pam, Wendy, and Carol
The FaithWorks Class	Leila Denton
The Trinity Staff	Burnett and Nancy Miller
Trinity Live Stream Technical Staff	Nancy L. Foley
Trinity Stitchers Ministry	Nancy L. Foley
Trinity's Ministers and Staff	Nancy L. Foley
Trinity's United Women in Faith	Nancy L. Foley
TUMC Quilters	Connie Harter Burton

# Join Us at Trinity for These Upcoming Events

**Sunday, December 28** @ 10 AM One Combined Worship Service/Carol Sing

**Tuesday, January 13** (5:45-7 PM) Pub Theology @ WayGone Brewery

**Saturday, January 31** @ 4:30 PM Trinity Goes to UR/Davidson Basketball Game

Go to our website for more details, gatherings, and events: <a href="https://www.trinityumc.net/calendar">www.trinityumc.net/calendar</a>

#### **Third Grade Bibles**

Trinity Kids Ministry is excited to present our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders with their own Bible to ignite their love of reading God's Word! Bibles will be presented at the 9 AM worship service on Sunday, January 25.

Contact Jen at <u>kids@trinityumc.net</u> as soon as possible if your 3<sup>rd</sup> grader would like to receive a Bible!



Transit is our  $4^{th}$  and  $5^{th}$  grade ministry and it's open to all  $4^{th}$  and  $5^{th}$  graders at Trinity and in our community! As kids get ready to move into middle school, friendships become more and

more important! Our goal is to help kids grow friendships with each other while having fun and learning about God! We meet 3x each month from September – November and January – March at Trinity from 5-7 PM on Sunday evenings.

Join our youth group for a transformative experience of food, faith, fellowship, and fun! Our youth group meets most Sunday nights from 5-7, with dinner provided, and a devotion, games, and small groups. We also offer Sunday School, and special events and trips throughout the year, including the Summer! All students grades 6-12 are welcome!

