



TRINITY
United Methodist Church



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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.

Kids in Worship

Trinity welcomes all kids in Worship. Worship Bags are available in the Welcome Center to help them engage with the service. *We ask that you return the Worship Bags to the Welcome Center after the service.*

During the 9 AM service, preschoolers and elementary aged kids may attend Kids Church - they will be dismissed from Worship at the beginning of the first song and they will return to the Sanctuary during the final song of the morning.

At 10 AM, kids are encouraged to come to Trinity Hall for Stay, Pray, and Play.

Technician(s)

9 AM: J. C. Brooks, Paul Larkum

11 AM: Leo Kirkpatrick, Paul Brooks

Acolytes

Candlelighters: Charlotte Hart, Peyton Edwards

Crucifer: Anna Estes

Liturgical or Special Day / Color

2nd Sunday of Advent / Blue

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

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| Carol Crowder | Pat Tribble | Stan Jones | Michael Morris |
| Betsy Pike | Vickie Argabright | Sandy Peele | Art Utley |
| Mike Hildebrand | | | |

Community Prayer Concern

Trinity 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

It is Trinity's tradition to have a special Christmas offering. If you feel called to give to this special collection throughout the month of December, ensure that you notate that on your offering envelope. All offering on Christmas Eve will go towards this year's initiative.

Two-thirds of this year's Advent 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. There are procedures in place to be considered for this assistance.

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

Modern Worship @ 9:00 AM

Entrance

Welcome

Rev. Daniel Guenther

Dismiss to Kids Church

*Song *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*Lighting the Advent Wreath: Peace
Seth, Lauren, Rose,
Mitchell, and Harris Noonkester

*Song *Dona Nobis Pacem*

*Opening Prayer

*Passing the Peace

Proclamation and Response

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-10

Anne Burch

The Message *Lions and Leopards and Bears, Oh My!* Rev. Brian Siegle

Prayer of Confession

Thanksgiving

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Christmas Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Giving of the Bread and of the Cup

Sending Forth

*Song *Great Are You, Lord*

*Benediction

** Please stand as you are able*

Traditional Worship @ 11 AM

Entrance

Chiming the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Daniel Guenther

Prelude

Voluntary in D, Andante vivace

by John Alcock (1715-1806)

***Call to Worship**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2025

*Beloved, we gather to remember who we are,
not who the world tells us to be.*

We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

*We recall the story of God's people, how God has called us
to live in peace and righteousness
in a world full of conflict and twisted morality.*

We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

*We recount the story of our journey with God,
the moments of God's provision, God's prodding,
and God's prophetic guidance.*

We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

*We gather to repent and return anew to God's story
that guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing
for all God's creation.*

We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Processional Hymn**

UMH 211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

***Lighting the Advent Wreath: Peace**

Andrew, Alicia, and Ella Cecil

*Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story,
the story of Jesus, who enacts peace by judging in favor of the poor
and deciding with equity for the meek of the earth.*

*We long for the day when "the wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them."
(Isaiah 11:6)*

Today, we choose to live the story of peace,

believing that true peace comes

when we seek the flourishing of all God's creation.

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*Lighting the Advent Wreath: Peace (continued)

*We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment
to bring Light to the places the world seeks to hide
until that day when all creation lives together
in harmony and abundance.*

*Sung Response *Dona Nobis Pacem* UMH 376

*Hymn *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* UMH 216

*Opening Prayer *written by Bruce Prewer and posted on Bruce Prewer's Home Page,
<http://www.bruceprewer.com/>.*

**Loving God,
be to us as a bulldozer of the spirit.
Clear your road in us;
clear a path through the detritus
of possessions and obsessions.
Thrust aside our divided aims and devious games.
Topple the ramparts of pride and the doubts that deride.
Make a highway on which Christ may come
and take possession of the whole territory of our being.
To the glory of your name, we pray. Amen!**

*Passing the Peace:
May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Proclamation and Response

Anthem *He Will Be the Love* *by Ruth Elaine Schram*

*Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10 Joseph Thompson

*Gloria Patri UMH 70

The Message *Lions and Leopards and Bears, Oh My!* Rev. Brian Siegle

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness Rev. Judy Oguich

*Posted on Jane Stranz's Of Life, Laughter and Liturgy blog,
<http://stranzdocs.blogspot.ca/2007/12/advent-liturgy-for-visit-of-archbishop.html>.*

**When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God,
our lives reflect your kingdom values
of justice and righteousness,
but sometimes our lives become so entangled
with the values of the world,**

**that your values take second place.
Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit,
source of power and life.
Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds
of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in you.
May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you,
as we watch and wait
for your breaking into our world once more,
in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.
Amen.**

*Blessed be the Lord our God, who does wondrous things (Psalm 72:8).
The most wondrous of all
being God's entry into our world in Jesus Christ,
"not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him."
"Those who believe in him are not condemned" (John 3:17,18).
Thanks be to God!*

Thanksgiving

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Christmas Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Giving of the Bread and the Cup

Sending Forth

*Hymn

Soon and Very Soon

UMH 706

*Benediction

*Postlude

Voluntary in D, Vivace

by John Alcock (1715-1806)

This Week

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| TODAY 12/7 | 9 AM | Modern Worship |
| | 10 AM | Discipleship/Sunday School |
| | 11 AM | Traditional Worship |
| | 12 PM | Handbell Rehearsal |
| | 3 PM | Create and Celebrate <i>After crafting, join us in Trinity Hall for Pizza. Bring your favorite dessert to share!</i> |
| | 5 PM | Youth Group – Student Center |
| Monday: 12/8 | 9:30 AM | Goochland Cares Clothes Closet Volunteers |
| | 11:45 AM | Prayer Group – Chapel |
| | 7 PM | Dillard Bible Study – Online |
| Tuesday: 12/9 | 3:30 PM | Celebration @ Cedarfield |
| | 5:45 PM | Pub Theology Bluegrass Christmas Caroling |
| | 6 PM | Pickleball – Trinity Hall |
| Wednesday: 12/10 | 10 AM | Young at Heart departs for Riverside Theater |
| | 5:45 PM | Handbell Rehearsal – Room 312 |
| | 6 PM | 3M Bible Study – Room 317 |
| | 6:30 PM | Choir Rehearsal – Music Room |
| | 7:30 PM | Praise Team Rehearsal – Sanctuary |
| Thursday: 12/11 | 9 AM | United Women in Faith Service Day |
| | 6 PM | Pastor Daniel's Bible Study – Room 323 |
| Friday: 12/12 | 9 AM – 2 PM | Food Fridays (food collection) – Trinity Hall |
| Saturday: 12/13 | 9 AM – 1 PM | Lessons and Carols Rehearsals |
| | 9 AM | Goochland Cares Food Pantry |
| | 10 AM | Bellemeade Park Holiday Party |

We hope that you will join us in this celebration of the Advent season.
Register on our website: www.trinityumc.net/christmas2025

**COMING
SOON!**

12/14: 3rd Sunday in Advent / **Lessons and Carols** (3 PM)

12/21: 4th Sunday in Advent / **Christmas Play and Cookies** (3 PM)

Order your Trinity Christmas ornament(s) (\$12 each or \$30 for all three) –
www.trinityumc.net/christmas2025. Pay online, by check, or cash.

