Trinity United Methodist Church

"Living Jesus Christ's Vision – Building Communities of Compassion"

November 8, 2026 9:00 a.m. 24th Sunday After Pentecost

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE "Morning Song" S. Saxton
Andante from "Grand Piece Symphonique" C. Franck

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 78:5-7

L: We come this morning to set our hope firmly in You that we might prepare ourselves for that which is to come.

C: We come following the commandment to our ancestors to teach their children so that the next generation will know of the glorious works of the Lord.

L: We come to share the teachings of the glorious works of our Lord so the next generation will rise up and teach their children.

A: So, they will set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.

***OPENING PRAYER** *(In Unison)*

O God, we have left the busyness of our lives to gather in Your name. We have come to worship You through prayer, the reading of Scripture, through music and message. May Your Holy Spirit grant us understanding, strengthen our faith, and transform our lives through the truth of Your Word. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 92

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT Carroll Thamert

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that
you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and
rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.
15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming
of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come
down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call
of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to
meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

***GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 25:1-13

1 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to
meet the bridegroom.
2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.
4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.
5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
6 "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'
7 "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us
some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'
9 "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil
and buy some for yourselves.'
10 "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were
ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.
11 "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'
12 "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'
13 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 70

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 881

OFFERING

Head Usher: Let us join together and ask the Lord to bless the giving and receiving of our tithes and offerings. Let us pray:

Gracious God, we thank You for all the ways You bless us each day and for giving us the opportunity to worship You with our tithes and offerings. Help us to give cheerfully so that all may come to experience the grace of Your forgiveness and the promise of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY "You Light Up My Life with Be Thou My Vision" arr. T. Fettke
Sanctuary Choir

Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.
Waking or sleeping, Your presence, my light.
You and You only are my soul's delight,
My comfort by day and my song in the night.
Lord, You light up my life, You give me hope to carry on.
You light up my days, and fill my nights with song.

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Waking or sleeping, Your presence, my light.

You light up my life, You give me hope to carry on.
You light up my days, and fill my nights with song;
You give me hope to carry on.
Lord, you light up my life.

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 95

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "We, Thy People, Praise Thee" No. 67

SERMON "How Prepared Are We?" Rev. Marsha Carpenter

***HYMN OF INVITATION** "What Gift Can We Bring" No. 87

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Toccata in G-Major" W. Walond

**Invitation to Stand*





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(A United Methodist Congregation)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWER BELL RINGER: Dick Robinson
9:00 A.M. HEAD USHER: Steve Trader
9:00 A.M. USHERS: Gil Dunn, Joyce Dunn, Carroll Thamert, Ginny Riffle
9:00 A.M. READER: Barry Tull
9:00 A.M. WORSHIP LEADER: Stephanie Willey
9:00 A.M. NURSERY Claire Radford, Erin West
9:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER: Dawn Manship
10:30 A.M. USHERS: Alice Kilgour, Rhonda Evans
THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God in loving memory of Elizabeth "Lib" Betts on her birthday, November 10th, by her family: Linda Nelson and the Shannahan Family.
THE PEDESTAL FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God in loving celebration of Shelly Messick's birthday, November 8, by her family.

TODAY AT TRINITY

OFFERING MADE EASY – Just scan this code to go directly to Pushpay where you can
CHURCH NURSERY is available every Sunday for the 9:00 a.m. worship service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL for Pre-K through Grade 5 in the Parker Building at 9:00 a.m. We are partnering with Bethesda UMC for our children's Sunday School ministry.
THE COMBINED YOUTH GROUP is part of our Bethesda/Trinity Ministry Partnership. The youth group meets every Sunday from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Bethesda.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TRINITY THREADS OF LOVE will be meeting the 2nd Monday of each month, beginning on November 9th, in the church parlor from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. This group will be hand sewing blankets, hats, scarves, and prayer shawls to bless those who may be facing illness, grief, loneliness, etc. For more information, please call Ginny Riffle at (208) 420-8600 or Cindy Lawson at (443) 235-5844.
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST MEN (TUMM):
- Monday, November 9th - The November dinner meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Deli at Pecan Square. All men are invited to attend.
- Tuesday, November 10th - Volunteers from the TUMM are needed to upload the MD Food Truck for the Lazarus Food Pantry at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers can sign up at the November 9th dinner meeting.

UMW CIRCLE GROUPS:
"Ruth" – Tuesday, November 10th at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor
INVITATION TO PRAYER FOR PASTOR HAYDEN – Every Thursday at 8:45 a.m. by Zoom. This will be approximately 15 minutes devoted to prayer, asking God to strengthen Rev. Hayden's body, grant him peace for each new day, give wisdom to those caring for him, and remind him that he is deeply loved by God and by the people he has faithfully served. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87122036119?pwd=hlphPqGcuBe2KXkyVTKNgAVeTRaQNu.1
ALTAR GUILD MEETING – Thursday, November 12th at 9:30 a.m. in the back of the sanctuary.
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR will rehearse every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We invite you to visit us and see if you might enjoy singing in our choir. Feel free to call Phyllis if you have any questions or comments at (410) 845-0212.

THE WEEKS AHEAD

CHRISTIAN LADIES BOOK CLUB – Wednesday, November 18th at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor.
THE ABC STUDY GROUP will start a new study, "Unbreakable Courage" by Max Lucado. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. Contact Jenny Roser 443-735-6838. Our next meeting is Thursday, November 19th, at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Jenny Roser.
PRAYER GROUP – Tuesday, November 24th, at 2:00 p.m. in the church chapel.
ANNUAL THANKSGIVING GATHERING - Would you like a place to gather, eat and fellowship with others on Thanksgiving Day? Join Trinity on Thursday, November 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Jo Jo's Family Restaurant. All are welcome. You will order and pay for your own meal. Please contact Karen Albright (443-235-5585) or the church office (410-749-5562) for more information.
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – November 26th and 27th in observance of Thanksgiving.
GRIEFSHARE – This year we will be offering GriefShare's Surviving the Holidays two times. The second session will be held on Sunday, **December 6th at 2:00-4:00 p.m.** in the church parlor. If you are interested in joining us or have questions contact Liz MacFarlane at (443) 614-9232.
SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS – The UMW are once again filling Christmas Stockings for the Salvation Army. If you would like to fill a stocking, you can get one in the back of the sanctuary or in the church office.
SALISBURY URBAN MINISTRIES – Donations of non-perishable food, snacks, water, and hygiene items/gloves can be put in the container in the back of the Sanctuary during each Sunday Service or dropping them off at the Church or SUM Offices.

AROUND TOWN

MATHER INSTITUTE - "10 Tips to Sleep Well" suggests ways to foster better sleep at 2026 Sleep Tip Sheet