Trinity United Methodist Church

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

November 15, 2026 9:00 a.m. 25th Sunday After Pentecost

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE "Look at the World" J. Rutter
"Simple Gifts" R. Widmar

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: Oh God, the gift of your Son is the life-changing treasure that is truly beyond all value.
C: Your generosity and goodness astound us!
L: Inspire us to teach your commandments and share your gospel,
A: that all may enter into the joy of Christ. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER** *(In Unison)*
Good morning, Lord. We welcome the new day, for it is a gift from you. Our fears are nothing in the face of your love; in the warmth of your wisdom our anxieties melt away. Make us more faithful than we can be on our own, and use us to reflect your light, for there are so many who need to know of your grace. Walk with us and show us your way, Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "O Worship The King" No. 73

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT Jay Kitzrow

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 123
A Song of Ascents:

1 I lift up my eyes to you, to you who sit enthroned in heaven.
2 As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he shows us his mercy.
3 Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy on us, for we have endured no end of contempt.
4 We have endured no end of ridicule from the arrogant, of contempt from the proud.

***GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 25:14-30
The Parable of the Bags of Gold

14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them.
15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.
16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more.
17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more.
18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.
20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'
21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'
22 "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'
23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'
24 "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.
25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'
26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?
27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.
28 "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.
29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.
30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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	"The Church's One Foundation" Sounds of Praise Bell Choir Based on the hymn tune AURELIA	arr. K. Thompson
***DOXOLOGY**	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	No. 95
***HYMN OF PREPARATION**	"We Gather Together"	No. 131
SERMON	"How Do You Picture God?"	Rev. Benita Harris
***HYMN OF INVITATION**	"Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"	No. 671
***BENEDICTION**		
***POSTLUDE**	Rigaudon	A. Campra

**Invitation to Stand*

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(A United Methodist Congregation)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWER BELL RINGER: Tracy Shannahan
9:00 A.M. HEAD USHER: Bill Doyle
9:00 A.M. USHERS: Joyce Dunn, Nancy Horner, Joe Burris, Patty Burris
Marissa Farrell, Kiera Vickers, Kenny Vickers, Laura Orbino
9:00 A.M. READER: Connie Taylor
9:00 A.M. WORSHIP LEADER: Tammy Paxton
9:00 A.M. NURSERY: Marissa Dickerson, Maureen Williams
9:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER: Michael Moore
10:30 A.M. USHERS: Debbie Hesen, Bobby Allen, Jr.
THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God in loving memory of Nancie Myers Booth, wife and mother to a few and a friend to many, on her birthday, November 21st, by her daughters, Jenna, Kyle, and Natalie.

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 – No Sunday School today. The children will be attending and ushering at the 9:00 a.m. worship service.
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

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.
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/85731076162?pwd=Sr4yGWL3eslEPg2olhqloFvuGwSC4x.1
PLEASE NOTE: The last Prayer Zoom Meeting for 2026 will be on December 17th. Zoom Meetings will resume with a new Zoom link after the first of the year in 2027.
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

STEWARDSHIP/THANKSGIVING SUNDAY – November 22nd. Bring your Stewardship Response cards to church. We will be having a Ministry Fair between the church services. You will an opportunity to get more information about each ministry before completing your response card.
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.
TRINITY'S GIVING TUESDAY - Please support the many local missions of Trinity UMC through your special contributions on Trinity's Giving Tuesday, December 1st to help to grow Trinity's Local Missions budget. You can make your contributions by cash, check (payable to "Trinity UMC") or electronically. All proceeds will be used to support the following missions: Salisbury Urban Ministries; Joseph House Café; God's Kitchen (Grace Church); Trinity-Choices Academy Partnership (TCAP) Ministry; Homeless Shelter; Santa's Angels; HALO Café; Lazarus Food Pantry; HOPE; and Water for Good/ Lifewater International. You can also indicate which of these missions you want your donation to support. Call Kelly Shannahan at (410) 546-1237 if you have any questions. God Bless You for your generosity and support.
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.
UMW CHRISTMAS LUNCEON on Tuesday, December 8th at Green Hill Yacht and County Club at Noon.
SANTA'S ANGELS GIFT WRAPPING EVENT - Trinity is pleased to support the annual Santa's Angels Program by hosting a gift-wrapping event on **Friday, December 11, from 9:00–11:00 a.m. in the JMB.** Bring a roll of wrapping paper, scissors, and tape, and enjoy fellowship and refreshments with your Trinity friends while supporting a wonderful holiday cause! If you are available to help, please contact Maureen Williams at mowilliams@comcast.net or Monta Kutchen at kutchen7@comcast.net. We hope you can join us!
POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS are now available in the pews. All forms are due back to the church office by Monday, December 14th.
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.

AROUND TOWN

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