TRINITY
United Methodist Church



November 29, 2026

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Rev. Judy C. Oguich, *Minister of Congregational Care*
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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 our website (trinityumc.net) to learn more about Trinity and to find out how to get involved. For visitors and long-time members alike – visit our Welcome Desk just outside the Sanctuary doors to receive a visitor's gift, ask questions, learn more, and lean into life at Trinity!

Please sign the pad in the Guest Book located in each pew. Whether a visitor or member, knowing that you worshipped with us helps us care for you better.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity UMC…

Please contact one of Trinity's pastors or check in at the Welcome Desk in the Welcome Center. You can also request a membership conversation with a pastor using the attendance pad 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 kids engage with the service. Please return the worship bags to the Welcome Center. Nursery is available for children age 3 and under during 9 am worship and 10 am Discipleship Hour. During 11 am worship, nursery is available to children age 5 and under. During the 9 am service preschoolers and elementary aged kids (3 years through 5th grade) may attend Kids Church – please drop them off and pick them up in the Chapel.

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 people 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 Pastoral Care Card *(located in the Guest Book)* and drop it in the offering plate. If you would like to join the prayer chain to pray for others, please e-mail Judy Oguich at joguich@trinityumc.net

Known Member Prayer Concerns

Carol Crowder, Ellen Norris, David Hickman, Nicole Murphy, Bill Koehler, John Rollison, Mike Morris, Sarah Woody, Bruce Watson

The family and friends of Carole Boxley
The family and friends of Stuart Schmitt, brother of Steve Schmitt

Community Prayer Concerns

Loved Ones of Trinity Members:
Miller Jenkins (grandson of Steve and Judy Werner), Erik DeVriendt (brother-in-law of Jenny Larkum), Bobby Price (brother-in-law of Jan Reynolds), Jacob Clegg (nephew of Rev. Judy Oguich), Lake Curry (grandson of Dr. William Curry), Bert Cloud (husband of Rev. Gina Anderson-Cloud)

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

Worship Attendance and Financial Information

For the week of November 22, 2026: In person attendance: 239
Online attendance: 284
Offerings: $66,772.23

Technician(s)

9am: Betsy Estes 11am: Leo Kirkpatrick

Acolytes

Candlelighter: Ashby Belding Crucifer: Anna Estes

Trinity Guest Wi-Fi

You can access wireless internet by connecting to TUMC_Guest with the password John3:16

Welcome, Rev. Doug Forrester: Guest Preacher

Doug Forrester is the assistant to Bishop Sue Haupert-Johnson and Chief Operating Officer of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. Previously, he served as the founding district superintendent of the Valley Ridge District in southwest Virginia.

Doug is married to Tracy Forrester, an elementary school teacher in the Henrico County Public Schools. Together they are the parents of two beautiful daughters who are also members of Trinity.

Doug was born in Richmond, Virginia. He attended Trinity's preschool, was confirmed at Trinity by Rev. Douglas Dillard and was sent into ministry by Trinity. Doug graduated from Emory & Henry College and Duke University Divinity School. He was ordained in the United Methodist Church in 1996. He has served congregations in Newport News, Prince George (VA), Crozet, and Richmond before joining the bishop's cabinet in 2020.

Doug has been a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry and the faculty of the Virginia Conference Licensing School. He was the leader of the team that created the Virginia Clergy Leadership Program. He was one of the founders of the Lewis Center Certificate Program in Church Leadership at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Doug served as the coordinator of the Virginia Conference Calling 21 college internship program and has been a workshop leader at numerous gatherings for new clergy in the provisional process as they move towards ordination. He has also served as a member of the Virginia Conference delegation to General and Jurisdictional Conference.

Order of Worship | 9:00 am

Week One of Advent

**** Please stand as you are able***

Entrance

Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Daniel Guenther
*Passing the Peace		
*Song	*Living Hope*	
Lighting of the Advent Candle		The Walker Family
Response in Song	*What Child Is This?*	
Opening Prayer (in unison)		

Proclamation and Response

Scripture	Lamentations 3:46-57, *Luke 2 :1-5	Abbie Duenckel
Message	*What Child IS This?: King of Kings*	Rev. Doug Forrester
Response to the Word (responsive)		Rev. Gina Anderson-Cloud
Prayers of the People		Rev. Judy Oguich
The Lord's Prayer		

Thanksgiving

Generosity Lives Here Update	Mike and Deanna McCullough
God's Tithes and Our Offerings	
Offertory	
*Advent Doxology	
*Prayer of Thanksgiving	

Sending Forth

*Song	*King of Kings*
*Benediction	

Order of Worship | 11:00 am
Week One of Advent

**** Please stand as you are able***

Entrance

Chiming the Hour

Welcome and Announcements — Rev. Daniel Guenther

Prelude

*Call to Worship and Opening Prayer (responsive)

Leader: *Holy God, here, at the nativity, the advent of your birth, give us the courage to face this season with humility and hope.*

All: Open us to new understandings of the unfolding story of your presence among us.

Leader: *Show us the true meaning of the kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.*

All: We enter this holy Season with worship, thanksgiving, and prayers in the name of the Child, the One who Reigns in our hearts and lives in all seasons, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Processional Hymn — *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* — UMH 196

Lighting of the Advent Candle and Sung Response — Hunter & Kayla Shelnutt

Sung Response — *What Child Is This? (refrain)*

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

Proclamation and Response

Anthem — *While We Are Waiting, Come* — Trinity Choir

Scripture — Lamentations 3:46-57, *Luke 2 :1-5 — Mary Beth Utley

*Gloria Patri — UMH 70

Message — *What Child IS This?: King of Kings* — Rev. Doug Forrester

Response to the Word — *An Advent Creed of Hope* — Rev. Gina Anderson-Cloud

Leader: We have heard God's word proclaimed speaking of the hope we have in the King of Kings, who came to us in humility as a babe in Bethlehem. Let us now affirm the truth of this gift:
It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss—

Congregation: This is true: "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

Leader: It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction—

Congregation: This is true: Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly."

Leader: It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever—

Congregation: This is true: "Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders, his name shall be called wonderful counselor, mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of peace."

Leader: It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world—

Congregation: This is true: Jesus said, "To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the age."

Leader: It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity, of peace are not meant for this earth or for this time in history—

Congregation: This is true: Jesus said, "The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth."

Leader: So let us enter Advent in hope trusting in the promises of Jesus! In all our celebrations, let us see visions of love, peace, and justice. May we all truly embrace the reign of Jesus Christ as the true Light of the world!

All: Amen!

-amended from Allan Boesak, in Walking on Thorns (Eerdmans, 2004)

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Generosity Lives Here Update — Mike and Deanna McCullough

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

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Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn — *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* — UMH 203

*Benediction

*Postlude

Liturgy for the Advent season is derived from the work of Worship Design Studio

What's Going on at Trinity?



Trinity's first Christmas Fest is **NEXT SUNDAY**! As we bring the magic and meaning of Christmas to our community, significant volunteer needs are still available. We'll have stations of the nativity in Bethlehem Village. In Christmas Town, we'll have Santa photos, train rides, festive bounce houses, and more. Please scan the QR code or visit www.trinityumc.net/christmas for a volunteer link! We also hope that you'll invite the families in your life to attend this very special event!



On December 13 at 2:00pm, we invite you to Handel's Messiah - performed as a sing-a-long concert alongside a professional orchestra and soloists! Concert attendees are invited to sign in designated seating to sing along with voice parts, and non-singers are invited to sit in general admission. All ages are welcome, and nursery care will be provided for little ones. There will be a light reception following the concert.



Advent is a time when we may honor or memoralize loved ones by listing their names in the bulletin during the Christmas season as part of the poinsettia tribute program. The cost is $20 each, and proceeds cover the cost of the flowers. Any additional proceeds go to mission work at Trinity. Please use the QR code to send in a tribute. If you are unable to use the QR code, paper forms are located in the church office and at the Welcome Desk. Tributes are due on December 8!

Sunday:	9:00am	Modern Worship Service (Advent 1)
11/29	10:00am	Discipleship Hour, Kids Stay, Pray, and Play
	11:00am	Traditional Worship (Advent 1)
Monday:	9:30am	Monday Morning Bible Study
11/30	7:00pm	Dillard Bible Study – *by Zoom*
	5:00pm	Trustees Meeting
Tuesday:	6:00pm	Pickleball
12/1	6:30pm	Upward Coach Training
Wednesday:	6:00pm	3M Bible Study – *by Zoom*
12/2	6:30pm	Trinity Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Thursday:	9:00-2:00	"Food Thursdays" Food Collection – *Trinity Hall*
12/3	5:30pm	Connect Team Meeting
	6:00pm	UWF Circle 10 Christmas Party
Saturday:	9:00am	Conserve & Create – *Bellemeade Park*
12/5		
Sunday:	9:00am	Modern Worship Service (Advent 2)
12/6	10:00am	Discipleship Hour, Kids Stay, Pray, and Play
	11:00am	Traditional Worship Service (Advent 2)
	4:00pm	Christmas Fest
	5:00pm	Trinity Student Ministry Youth Group

For a complete schedule of events and further information, please visit our website at www.trinityumc.net/calendar

