



*The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins, William Blake, 1822*

Trinity United Methodist Church  
Alexandria, Virginia

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
November 12, 2017  
Eleven o'clock in the morning



CONNECTING  
GROWING  
SERVING  
CELEBRATING

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

✠ *Please stand in body and/or spirit.*

*Out of reverence for God and respect for fellow worshipers, please silence all electronic devices.  
Childcare for children age 3 and younger is available in our nursery (room 210). Please see an usher for more information.*



### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bill Davis

*Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. God's love be in us and among us as we greet all who enter our doors as children of God.  
Please take a moment to complete the Connection Card and prepare to place it in the offering plate later in the service.*

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Chorale Prelude on "Wachet auf"*

Johann Gottfried Walther

### INTROIT

*This is the Day the Lord Hath Made*

### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Marianne Vannatta

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the very gate of heaven.**

The hour is coming, and now is,  
when true worshipers will worship the Eternal in spirit and truth,  
for such our gracious God seeks to worship him.

**Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,  
and the courts of the Most High with praise!**

**Give thanks to God, and bless God's holy name!**

### ✠ OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, God of mercy and kindness,  
for you illumine our way through life with the words of Christ  
who instructs us to keep awake for the Bridegroom's return.  
Because we do not know the day or the hour,  
keep us ready as the vigil of history unfolds;  
and make the light we are given at baptism to shine forth,  
your church resplendent with faith, hope, and love,  
ready to run out to meet Jesus  
and to enter the wedding feast of the Christ  
who was, who is, and who is to come:  
your only-begotten Son, who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God forever and ever. **Amen.**

### ✠ HYMN

*Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

Hymnal no. 662

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Bill Davis

**God of life and holiness,  
you call us to watch and wait,  
trusting in your presence and promises.  
We confess that we often grow impatient  
and lose our focus on serving you above all.  
Accustomed to speed and the spectacular,  
we frequently become frustrated  
with quiet rhythms and subtle movements  
that serve as harbingers of your graceful reign.  
Forgive us our impatience and foolishness,  
awaken us to signs of your presence and activity,  
and give us hearts to seek you and to serve you;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Love. Amen.**

*(Silence for reflection and confession)*

God awakens us to new life in Christ,  
forgives us and reconciles us in lavish mercy,  
and guides us to prepare for God's coming reign.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**Glory to God. Amen.**

✠THE PEACE

We discover true peace when, by God's grace,  
we choose life and walk in the ways of God.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*All exchange signs and words of Christ's peace.*

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Tom Tyler

*We encourage children to stay and participate in worship. If necessary, however, preschool-age children (those not yet in kindergarten) and younger may go upstairs to the Nursery in room 210. Worship bags for elementary age children can be obtained from an usher.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Pew Bible, OT, Page 215 Marianne Vannatta  
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Keep Your Lamps!* arr. Andre Thomas  
*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh. Keep your lamps...*

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Pew Bible, NT, Page 204 Marianne Vannatta  
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

✠GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please sing before and after the Gospel Lesson.)*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

✠GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-13 Pew Bible, NT, Page 28 Pastor Bill Davis  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "Wake-Up Call" Pastor Bill Davis

SERVICE OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT Baptismal Covenant I Hymnal no.33

✠HYMN *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* Hymnal no. 611

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church  
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Bill Davis

A pause follows each prayer, which ends with: *Leader: Lord, in your mercy...* *People: **Hear our prayer.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Jill Robinson and Liz Williams

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Pastor Bill Davis

OFFERTORY

*Order My Steps*

Glenn Burleigh/Jack Schrader

*Order my steps in your Word, dear Lord, lead me, guide me, every day. Send your anointing, Father, I pray. Humbly I ask Thee, teach me your will, while You are working, help me be still. Though Satan is busy, God is real! I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill. And I'll do your blessed will. The world is ever changing but You are still the same. If You order my steps, I'll praise your name. Order my tongue, guide my feet, wash my heart, show me how to walk in your Word. When I need a brand new song to sing, show me how to let your praises ring, in your Word...*

✠THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal no. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, God of eternal righteousness,  
for in Christ you enfold us in your grace.  
Receive these offerings as signs of our love  
and as celebrations of your presence in our lives.  
Shine through our gifts and our ministry  
that others may receive light for their journey  
and celebrate your love  
in the good company of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠HYMN

*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

Hymnal no. 720

✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Bill Davis

✠CHORAL RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE

*Chorale Prelude on "Sleepers, Awake"*

Ludwig Krebs

# TRINITY UMC'S WEEKLY NEWS

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## Those Assisting in Worship Today:

**Acolyte:** Taylor Hoganson

**Counters:** Rich McKinney

**Crucifer:** Dylan Hoganson

**Greeters:** Marcia and Mike Summers

**Guest Musician:** Bill Richards, percussion

**Liturgist:** Marianne Vannatta

**Pew Duty:** John Ploch

**Sound:** Harley Hopkins

**Ushers:** John Wesley Collins, Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher), Eric Schilling, Kelsey Shannon, Alva Smircina

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Linda Popovich's first granddaughter, Emerson Olivia Popovich-Judge on September 28<sup>th</sup> to proud parents, Sarah Judge and Matthew Popovich.

**Today's anthem** is a spiritual arranged by Andre Thomas for choir and conga drums and takes as its text the passage of scripture in which Jesus tells the story of the wise and foolish virgins. Dr. Thomas is Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Music Education (choral) at the Florida State University School of Music. **Today's offertory** is a gospel style anthem by Glenn Edward Burleigh. (1949-2007) arranged by Jack Schrader. It was recorded by the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir and was nominated for Song of the Year in 1995. Inspired by *Psalms 119:133* "Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me," this passionate plea for guidance is one of the most popular titles in the gospel genre.

**Today we present** for the Sacrament of Baptism Simon Patrick Ralston Darlington, son of Jenny Rebecca Darlington, born on November 16, 2016 in Alexandria, Virginia. We also receive into professing membership Jenny Rebecca Darlington by transfer of membership from New Wilmington United Methodist Church, New Wilmington, PA and Linda Diane Darlington by transfer of membership from the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Alexandria.

**Trinity's Table:** Join us on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall where Mark Sakuta prepares and serves delicious meals for us.

**Wednesday's Menu (11/15): French Classics:** Soup au pistou- hearty vegetable soup w/pesto; Beef Bourguignon- beef Burgundy; Coq au vin blanc- braised chicken; Gratin potatoes; Ratatouille-French provincial vegetables

**Cost:** \$8 per adult/\$5 per child (12 & younger)/\$25 for family of 4 or more (2 adults & children). Please RSVP on the Connection cards and place in the offering plate or contact the church office: [office@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:office@trinityalexandria.org).

**Adult Christian Formation Opportunities** - Exciting things are happening for Adult Christian Formation! Sunday mornings bring you two options.

Our *Rise & Shine Intergenerational Forum* continues next Sunday at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall with guest speaker and author Chris Ullman. He is sharing his heart-warming simple gift that touches hearts and changes lives and challenging us all to "Find Your Whistle!" Breakfast will be served.

In addition, Pastor Bill leads *Intersections – Faith Meets Life*, a formational series in the Parlor each week on Sunday morning at 9:30 and on Wednesday evening at 7:00. For the next five weeks, our theme is Consumerism.

The following dates and topics help us to examine habits of consumerism and to consider how we can be formed in fidelity, other-centeredness, and proper joy as a Christian counter to the ethos of consumerism:

November 15 – Mastering Mammon

November 19 – Relationships in the Age of Consumerism

November 26 and 29 – Discovering Our True Identity

December 3 and 6 – Beyond Candy Cane Lane

**Sign Up For Trinity's Semi-Annual Community Blood Drive.** Trinity's Semi-Annual Blood Drive will be held this Saturday, November 18, from 8:00 to 11:30 am. The Trinity Pancake Breakfast is the same morning from 8:00 to 10:00 am. The pancakes are great, so come and bring your friends and neighbors for a good pancake breakfast before donating blood!

The blood drive will be held again in Inova's bloodmobile and Inova Blood Donor Services continues to have an immediate need for most blood types. You are also invited to donate double red cells — please contact Carol Bowers for more information. Remember to eat a good breakfast before donating and bring a photo ID to present to INOVA personnel. Please let me know if you need child care in order to donate.

It must be at least 56 days (8 weeks) since you last donated, so you can't have donated since September 23. Most healthy people can be blood donors and must be at least 16 years old, with signed parental consent form, or 17 years old and up with no consent form (no upper age limit), well for 3 days (no symptoms of illness, including colds), and 110 pounds minimum. Please consider participating in this worthy mission. To make an appointment, contact Carol Bowers at [carol\\_bowers@cox.net](mailto:carol_bowers@cox.net).

Volunteers are needed for signing up donors by phone and after the church service, reminder calls, registration the day of the drive, and to provide baked goods for the event. To volunteer visit [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0B48ADAF2FA3FB6-blood2](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0B48ADAF2FA3FB6-blood2).

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## NOVA Reconciling and Welcoming UM Gathering

Join us Saturday, November 18 from 9:30 AM to 11 AM for a gathering of NOVA reconciling and welcoming United Methodists. We meet in the Fellowship Hall of Fairlington United Methodist Church, 3900 King Street Alexandria. For more information, contact Mark Elder at [markuselder@gmail.com](mailto:markuselder@gmail.com).

**Empty Bowls Alexandria!** Please join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Empty Bowls Alexandria! on Saturday, November 18 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Durant Arts Center 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA. Fill a Bowl, Fill a Need. Choose a bowl handmade by local artists. Enjoy a simple supper provided by area restaurants and bakeries. Keep your bowl as a reminder that you are helping to fill bowls, alleviate suffering and build stronger futures for children, families and individuals living in poverty and with hunger in the city of Alexandria. All proceeds will provide food, shelter, emergency help and education for at-risk Alexandrians. To buy tickets, become a sponsor or make a donation visit: [www.app.etapestry.com/cart/Alive/default/index.php](http://www.app.etapestry.com/cart/Alive/default/index.php). For more information about sponsor opportunities, contact Allison at [acoles@alive-inc.org](mailto:acoles@alive-inc.org).

**Salvation Army Angel Tree:** Unwrapped gifts in your unsealed plastic bag (provided) are due to the Church Office by Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. The Salvation Army also accepts monetary donations. Please feel free to make your check payable to "Trinity UMC" and annotate "Angel Tree" on the check in the memo line. Thank you for helping make this Christmas a little brighter for a child in need. If you have any questions feel free to contact, Jon or Michelle Hoganson: [lovaszhoganson@icloud.com](mailto:lovaszhoganson@icloud.com), or Jen Bemisderfer: [jenbemisderfer@gmail.com](mailto:jenbemisderfer@gmail.com).

**Please join us** Sunday, December 3 for one of the fellowship highlights of the year – the Annual Christmas Luncheon! This year our luncheon will be right after worship and the theme is 12 Days of Christmas. Please join us and bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP on your Connection Card. For more information contact Judith Andrews, co-Chair of our Connecting Team at [jujubean84@gmail.com](mailto:jujubean84@gmail.com).

Church Leaders:  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
Stay tuned for details!

**January 13, 2018**  
**Bi-District Training Day**

Workshops  
Speakers  
Networking  
Training

**Courageous Leadership:** featuring Mike Slaughter  
Ginghamburg Church

EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION OPENS NOV. 15

## Financial Report for our Trinity Members November 2017

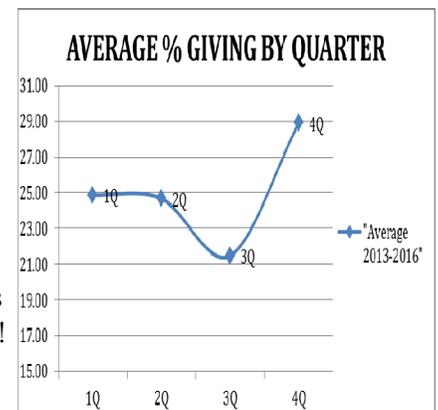
Here is the financial status through October 2017.

	Month of October	Year to Date	Last Year to Date
Total Receipts	\$41,510	\$397,711	\$406,053
Total Expenses	\$44,696	\$387,659	\$421,635
Net	\$(3,186)	\$10,052	\$(15,582)

The result for September was a negative balance of about (\$3,186), which was about \$1000 better than last month. Our total balance for the year is positive at about \$10,000. The main reason we have a positive balance for the year is our expenses are lower but our expenses tend to increase for the last few months as well. Last month I mentioned that the summer months were our low giving months. To show how our giving varies over the course of the year, I made a chart that shows the average percent giving by quarter. You can see how it really dips during the summer and then rebounds the last quarter of the year. Virtually all of this rebound occurs during the month of December. Almost 30% of our giving occurs during the last quarter and half of that happens in December! Last year we asked that you consider an extra month of giving to help us through the year and you really responded as we balanced the budget for the year! I ask that you prayerfully consider this again to help us balance this year.

All of your giving helps us do everything we do at Trinity. Our staff, missions, music programs (like the wonderful All Saints Day service), or contributions to United Methodist agencies like UMCOR, which is currently engaged in relief efforts in Texas (Hurricane Harvey), in Syria (civil war), Sierra Leone (mudslides) and many other places around the world. Thank you for your support and giving. Your financial support is greatly appreciated!

Rich McKinney  
Financial Secretary



# THIS WEEK AT TRINITY UMC

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/12/17</b>	<b>Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	9:30 AM	Nursery Opens (Room 210)
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School (Room 206)
	9:30 AM	Youth Sunday School (Chapel)
	9:30 AM	Rise and Shine Adult Forum: <i>Am I Giving Enough in a World of Too Much?</i> (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 AM	Intersections – Faith Meets Life: <i>Mastering Mammon</i> (Parlor)
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	12:30 PM	Choristers Rehearsal (Music Suite)
	3:00 PM	Cadet Troop #6098 Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	3:00 PM	Junior Troop 5041 Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 PM	Commission on a Way Forward Meeting (Floris UMC)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/13/17</b>	
	7:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting (Parlor)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/14/17</b>	
	4:30 PM	Daisy Troop #60044 Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop #113 Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 PM	Della Somerville Circle Meeting (Off Site)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/15/17</b>	
	2:30 PM	Trinity Church Staff Meeting (Parlor)
	5:30 PM	Trinity's Table (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 PM	Centering Prayer (Chapel)
	6:15 PM	Trebles Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)
	6:30 PM	Christian Formation Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	7:30 PM	Intersections - Faith Meets Life: <i>Mastering Mammon</i> (Fellowship Hall Classroom)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/16/17</b>	
	6:15 PM	Trinity Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11/17/17</b>	
	11:30 PM	Trinity Preschool Fruitful Feast (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/18/17</b>	
	8:00 AM	Trinity Pancake Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00 AM	Invoa Blood Drive (Inova Bloodmobile)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/19/17</b>	<b>Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	9:30 AM	Nursery Opens (Room 210)
	9:30 AM	Rise and Shine Intergenerational Forum: <i>Find Your Whistle!</i> (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 AM	Intersections - Faith Meets Life: <i>Relationships in the Age of Consumerism</i> (Parlor)
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	Noon	Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)
	12:30 PM	Choristers Rehearsal (Music Suite)
	3:30 PM	Brownie Troop #1193 Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 PM	Trinity Youth Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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## **The Welcome Statement of Trinity United Methodist Church is:**

*"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."* Matthew 10:40

*Trinity United Methodist Church is committed to be a congregation of Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors. We believe all people are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. As God's love extends to all, we welcome everyone without exception, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, family structure, socio-economic or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, faith history or life experience. We recognize that we are all different, and those differences make us a stronger community of faith as we worship together to grow in our relationship with God and one another.*

## **The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is:**

*Building a strong Christian community to find, share, and celebrate the love of Christ in our hearts, neighbors and our world.*

# TRINITY UMC'S SAVE THE DATES

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November 18: Trinity UMC's Pancake Breakfast and INOVA Blood Drive at 8 AM.

November 19: Acolyte Training at noon.

November 21: Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship at Westminster Presbyterian at 7:30 PM.

November 23 and 24: Trinity Church Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

November 28: UMC #GivingTuesday

December 3: Annual Christmas Luncheon

December 10: Annual Christmas Music Program *Voices of the Nativity* during worship at 10:45 AM.

December 24: Sunday Morning Worship at 11 AM - Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24: Christmas Eve

~ Family Service and Children's Pageant at **3:30 PM**

~ Service of Holy Communion and Candlelight at 9PM

December 25: Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Christmas Day.

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### Trinity United Methodist Church Staff

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