

Trinity United Church of Christ Twenty-First Sunday We Remember All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025 10:30 a.m.

In-Person Worship FB Live Streaming

The Mission of Trinity United Church of Christ: We exist to Love people where they are and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Meditation of the Week: "There is no pain so great as the memory of joy in present grief." ~John Keats ~

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Gathering

Feel the Spirit of the community. Worship is a time of both shared community and private conversation with God. Let us all come to this sacred space to enjoy both the loving fellowship of our common faith and the prayerful quiet that will allow us all to draw closer to God.

Prelude: Instrumental Music

Words of Welcome Pastor Katie

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie

*Call to Community

Shana Clark

We light a candle of LOVE

For the love we shared with those who are precious to us For the love that flows deep within us that will never end For the love that lived through changing times and events For the love that grew from small seeds into great oak trees within us

For the love that lifts are spirits and our hearts.

We light a candle of JOY Sylvia Calabrese

For the joy that gave birth to so many memories of moments, days and years

For the joy our loved ones experienced during their time here on earth

For the joy and smiles those near to our hearts gave and received

For the joy that flowed from the successes our loved ones performed and witnessed

For the joy that gave encouragement to those who followed in their footsteps.

We light a candle of MEMORIES Pastor Katie

For the memories of gatherings, holidays, and celebrations For the memories of smells, sounds and meals together that nourished our bodies and souls

For the memories of times together that reminded us what it means to be human

For the memories of faces and voices that mark our journey together with others

For the memories of people who not only gave us gifts, but who truly were gifts to us

We light a candle of TEARS Shana Clark

For the tears that flow from our eyes and down our faces at a moments notice

For the silent tears that arrive for no apparent reason, and those that no one sees are hears

For the tears of joy as remember jokes and stories that we shared with loved ones

For the tears that point us toward our true feelings and root us in time and eternity's deepest truths

For the tears that signal an inner release, a new freedom, a connection shared with those who mourn.

We light a candle of HOPE Sylvia Calabrese

For the hopes, dreams and plans we shared with those precious to us

For the hope and trust we place in the power to continue loving those whom we have lost to death

For the hopes our loved ones carried within their hearts and spirits

For the hope that brings forth in us a confidence to love others without regret

For the hope found as we look forward to the next stage of loving anew those who are close to us.

We light a candle of PEACE Pastor Katie

For the peace that we want for our loved ones and for ourselves

For the peace that is deeper than our words and feelings can express

For the peace provides focus and helps move forward in the world

For the peace that joins time and eternity as an eternal song of love

For the peace that helps heal the distance that separates us one from another.

We light a candle of STRENGTH Shana Clark

For the strength that comes from deep within me and sustains me

For the strength that allows me to live each moment to the fullest

For the strength that encourages me to live one day at a time without regrets

For the strength that allows forgiveness to heal the unfinished parts of our relationships

For the strength to remember those who have left an imprint on our hears.

*Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

Many: And also with you

Pass a sign of God's Peace to one another.

*Opening Hymn: "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" #295 NCH

Litany Remembrance (based on Hebrews 12:1)

One: We remember, O God...

Many: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,

One: We remember, O God...

Many: The tender touch of loved ones,

the example of heroes,

the healing words of comforters,

the remarkable acts of those who came before us.

One: We remember, O God...

Many: The gentle strength of grandmothers,

the faithfulness of friends,

the kindness of strangers,

the laughter of children,

the sacrificial love of parents.

One: We remember, O God...

Many: The love of Jesus,

the blessing of the Spirit,

the echo of his words through time,

the grief from his suffering and death,

and the beauty of resurrection light shining forth:

in the lives of his disciples,

young and old,

dead and living,

eloquent and silent,

strange and familiar,

brilliant and ordinary.

One: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the face of God.

Many: We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...

~silence is kept~

Growing Disciples

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

*'Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Shana Clark/ Sylvia Calabrese

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help?

Second Reading Luke 19:9-10 Pastor Katie

Zacchaeus climbs high to see Jesus

The Message Doing Faith Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

*Choral Response: Doxology, words by Mary Luti

Praise God whose love will never cease, Whose justice raises up the least And sits all creatures at the feast— God's mercy is our hope and peace! Amen.

*Blessing Our Gifts

All: With what you see before us, God, we demonstrate our deepest love. Receive our gifts and may they be the blessing to others that they have been for us. Amen

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION AND A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Invitation

One: Come; gather around the Table with a song of praise!

God be with you.

All: And with your spirit.
One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise

Litany of Remembrance

One: Today we come to this place made holy by the faith and witness of those who have inspired and taught us over the years.

All: We remember with gratitude.

One: Our mothers and fathers in the faith brought the word of God to this place. By their courage and commitment, the church here was gathered and given life.

All: We remember with gratitude.

One: Let us not forget these examples of Christian witness, whose faithful touch extends throughout the generations.

All: We remember with gratitude.

One: Remembering those Christians who have gone before us, let us follow as they followed in the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus Christ.

All: We dedicate ourselves anew to the faith that is Jesus Christ.

One: Knowing that God has made the Church God's instrument to minister to the world in all generations,

All: We dedicate ourselves anew to witness to Jesus Christ.

One: Trusting that God will continue to speak God's love for all people and that God will look to the Church today

We dedicate ourselves anew to being the Church and following in the footsteps of those who came before us.

Naming of Saints, Lighting of Candles, Ringing of Bells

One: We remember: Jen Brown, Ed Cockerham, Linda Decker, Glenn Eckley, Bonnie Greenholtz, Audrey Kuhn, Kathy Peters, Paul Henry Shaffer, Frieda Unger, James Woods.

We join them and all the angels and saints of heaven to sing a hymn of unending praise.

The Story

One: Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it and said:

All: "This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat."

One: And pouring the wine:

All: "This is my blood, spilled out for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Prayer for the Spirit

One: God of all, send your Spirit to this place so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment, may know your presence. As we eat the bread and drink of the cup, make us one with the saints, and with our sisters, siblings and brothers in faith around the world. Be with us God, not only here but in every moment of our lives. Help us To know you, To be guided by the Holy Spirit, And to live Christ. Now and forever. And may all the people join together to say...

All: Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation

"Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken" #346 NCH

Sharing the Meal

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn: "For All the Saints" #299 NCH

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

*Benediction

One: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!

All: We go out to be God's people.

One: Go in strength to be the saints of God for you will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike you, nor any scorching heat.

All: We go out to be God's people.

One: Live the way of God with confidence for God is your shepherd, and will guide you to the spring of life.

All: We go out to be God's people.

*Carrying the Light into the World

Prelude to Service: Instrumental music

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from Healing Liturgies for the Seasons of Life, by Abigail Rian Evans, pp.311-314; https://re-

<u>worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/responsive-call-to-worship-all-saints.html</u>

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<u>Leadership</u>

Katie Penick Pastor

Hannah Matthews Director of Music Shana Clark/Sylvia Calabrese Lay Readers

Deb Persinger Worship Committee

Sandy Sanders Hannah Matthews MB Brainerd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week: November 9, 2025

First Reading Haggai 2:1-2:9

I will fill this house with splendor

Second Reading John 15:12-17

Jesus' commandment of love

The Message Covenantal Love

Scrip Gift Cards

Please consider taking part in this program.

Orders go in the 1st Sunday of the month.

See Sue Myers for more information, 443-375-6788 or

wsmdem@comcast.net

For the holiday season we will be placing gift card orders on 11/2, 11/16, 11/30, and 12/14. If you haven't participated in the program and would like more information, or if you'd like a list of the various retailers, please contact Sue Myers, 443-375-6788, wsmdem@comcast.net.

Also, if I am not physically in church on the order dates, the orders will still go in. Just call me, text me or email me your order.

Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

December Newsletters - Monday, November 17

Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – November 5 @ 6 pm

Worship Comm - Third Thursday of each month @ 3:30.

Pastor Katie Sabbath Day will be on Fridays! She will not be available on that day. If there is an emergency text, her @ 240-418-8028

Budget Information:

Amount needed from all sources each week to meet our budget: \$2,436.00.

Giving for Oct 19: \$1,871.29 Attendance: 23

Giving for Last Week: \$1,125.77 Attendance: 27

Care Fund/Building: \$35.00

We offer various ways to give – cash, checks, or on-line at our website <u>www.trinityuccmanchester.org</u>. Your generous giving allows us to continue our ministries.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

Prayers are needed for our World at this difficult time and all those in need.

Prayer requests:

Joanna Garber

Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity

Shannon Gettman, daughter of Diane

Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie

Norman Greenholtz

Sandy Hall, sister of Deb Miller

Jerry Krebs, friend of Deb Persinger

Michael Kulp

Rosie Kundin

Ash Van Nuys

Jennifer Penick

Gordon Persinger

George Pietsch

Marc Pulido

Leah, friend of Donna Alban

Michael & Pat Robinette, (son & Mom) by Gloria Nethkin

Jean Simmons

Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price

Joey Stanford

Kathleen Stevens

Gina Tollini

Ronnie Williams

Nora Renee Winters

Shirley Wood

Please keep the Greenholtz family and friends in your prayers Bonnie Greenholtz, passed Monday Oct 27.

November 9:

We will collect for the Improvement Fund

November 16:

We will have Fellowship following worship

Coat Drive

Throughout the winter months, we will have a designated box in the lower narthex to collect clean, gently used winter coats. The coats will be taken to NESAP on a weekly basis. All sizes, children and adults are welcomed. Please drop your donation(s) in the box. Please contact Sandy Sanders (443)974-6723 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your donation(s)!



We will be decorating the church for Christmas on **November 23rd** in preparation to welcome guests on Black Friday.

Please plan to stay after the worship service on November 23rd to assist. There is something for everyone to do.

Light snacks will be available to nourish you while we work.

Remember- Many hands make light work.

Advent Bible Study

The light of the world: a guide to advent Starting: Tuesday Dec. 2 at 5pm each Tuesday through the 22nd.

MEET & GREET WITH SANTA

Where: Trinity

When: Saturday December 6, 2025

Time: 1pm-3pm

Santa will meet and greet children.

See the flyers in the newsletter for more information.

2026 BUDGET MEETING

We will be holding a brief congregational meeting on **Sunday**, **12/7/25**, immediately following the service. The 2026 budget will be discussed and voted on. Please plan to attend. The proposed budget will be available after 11/5/25, so if you would like a copy before the meeting please contact Sue Myers.

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