



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Reign of Christ
Thanksgiving Sunday
November 23, 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 The place to improve the world is first in one's own heart and head and hands. ~ Robert M. Persig~

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** (inspired Joel 2) Marge Bailey

One: Blow the trumpet in Zion!

Sound the alarm on God's holy mountain.

Call all the people together—young and old.

**Many: For the day of the Lord is coming,
a day unlike any other.**

One: Even now, God says, return to me with all your heart;
change your life, not just your clothes.

**Many: Let us return to our God, and to God's ways.
For our God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and full of compassion and mercy.**

***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: "Come, O Thankful People, Come"
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First Reading

Psalm 126

Marge Bailey

God has done great things for us

One: When God restored the fortunes of Zion, then we were like the ones who dream.

**Many: Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our
tongues with shouts of joy.**

One: Then they said among the nations. "God has done great things for them!"

**Many: God has done great things for us! And we are glad
indeed.**

One: Restore our fortunes, O God, like the watercourses of Negeb

Many: Those who sowed with tears will reap with joy.

One: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.
~silence is kept~

Growing Disciples

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Reading Joel 2:21-27 Marge Bailey
The promise to restore Jerusalem

Third Reading Matthew 6:25-33 Pastor Katie
God Will Take Care of You

The Message Thankful *Pastor Katie*

***Hymn of grace: "Now Thank We All Our God"**
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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**

One: For all the ways you love us, we say

Many: THANK YOU!

One: For the ways you provide for us, we say

Many: THANK YOU!

One: For the opportunity to give, we say

Many: THANK YOU!

One: For the kingdom work this offering will do, we say

Many: THANK YOU!

One: For letting us be a part of your work, we say

Many: THANK YOU!

**All: May the thankful words on our lips
and the thankful meditations of our hearts be
acceptable to you, O God, our rock and our
redeemer. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***Recessional Hymn "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"**
(REPEAT) – Taizé
(We will recess and gather at the Prayer Garden)

PRAYER GARDEN BRICK DEDICATION

***Benediction**

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/call-to-worship-litany-joel-2.html>, <https://yptheology.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Inclusive-Psalter.pdf>,
<http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/>

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Leadership

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| Katie Penick | Pastor |
| Hannah Matthews | Director of Music |
| Marge Bailey | Lay Reader |
| Deb Persinger | Worship Committee |
| Sandy Sanders | |
| Hannah Matthews | |
| MB Brainerd | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week: November 30, 2025

The First Sunday of Advent

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

A righteous branch springs from David

Second Reading Luke 21:25-36

Watch for the coming of the Son of Man

The Message **And so We Wait...**

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 **11/30, 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

January Newsletters - Monday, December 29

Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – December 3 @ 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 Last Week: \$781.39

Attendance: 25

Care Fund/Building: \$35.00

We offer various ways to give – cash, checks, or on-line at our website www.trinityuccmanchester.org. 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

Ash Van Nuys

Jennifer Penick

Gordon Persinger

George Pietsch
Marc Pulido
Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Jean Simmons
Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price
Kathleen Stevens
Gina Tollini
Ronnie Williams
Nora Renee Winters
Shirley Wood

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)!

2025 Poinsettia Order Form

It's time to order your poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Forms are available in the narthex.

The plants are available in red and white and 3 sizes as outlined on the form.

Checks should be made out to Trinity UCC. Payment is due when you order. The deadline for orders is **December 1, 2025**. Please give your order to Deb Persinger or Sandy Sanders.

TODAY!



You're Invited

Trinity UCC Prayer Garden
Brick Dedication

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Church Service: 10:30 AM
concluding with a walk outside
for the dedicaiton.
(approx. 11:30 AM)

Join us for the dedication of 10 newly installed bricks to our walkway. May the names and messages etched into these bricks remind us of the many who are loved, honored and cherished. We hope that you can join us for this special dedication.

3229 York Street, Manchester, MD

We will be decorating the church for Christmas today in preparation to welcome guests on Black Friday. Please plan to stay after the worship service 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 6pm**
each Tuesday through the 23rd.

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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