



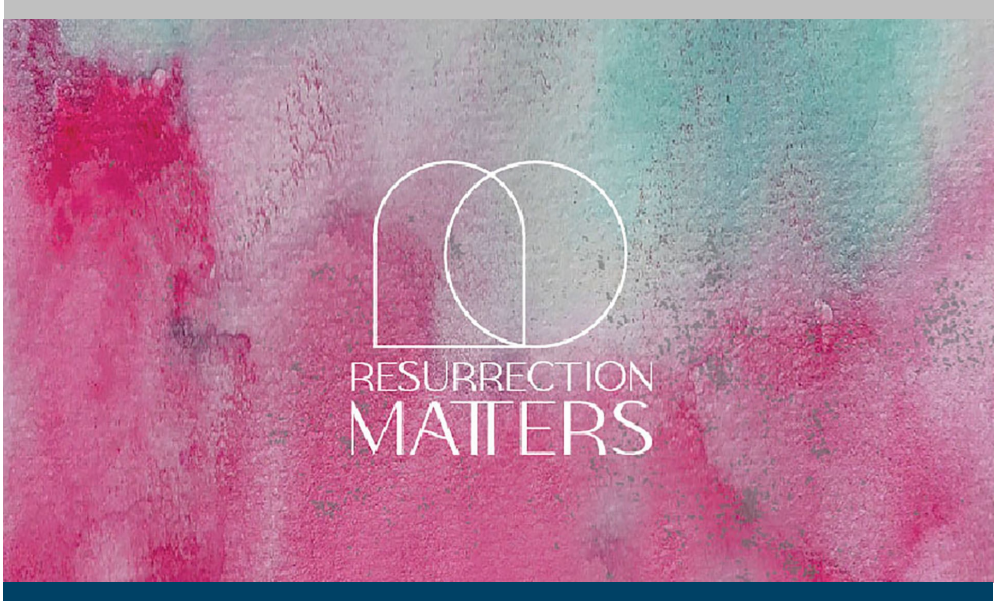
Sunday, March 3, 2024

CO-SENIOR PASTORS:
Rev. Catherine Fluck Price & Rev. Steve Price

ASSOCIATE PASTOR:
Rev. Marisa Gertz Copeland

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8:00 AM

EARLY WORSHIP | CHAPEL

Greeting

Welcome Home! | Mission Focus: Food 4 Kids | Stand and Greet

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to worship—those who have doubts and questions, those who cannot always find their way.

People: We bring ourselves to this holy place.

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People: We bring ourselves to this holy place.

Leader: It is here where Jesus' light is revealed among us, and we hear him say, "Peace be with you."

All: Peace be with you!

Hymn

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee" #452

Sermon

"The Struggle in All of Us"

John 20:24-28

Rev. Catherine Fluck Price

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

Leader: We confess that we far too often want proof for everything, O Lord.

All: We want proof that someone loves us; we want proof that we can trust in others; we want proof that everything in life is going to turn out all right.

Leader: It is easy for us to point our finger at Thomas who was honest about his fears. He had seen so much healing and hope. But those hopes seemed dashed when Jesus died. Even the news of the Resurrection did not completely lift the darkness from his life. Jesus said to him, just as he says to us, "Peace, be still. Do not doubt but believe!"

All: Lord, forgive our unbelief! Forgive the many times when we think and act in ways which are hurtful. Heal our wounds. Bind up our spirits in the cords of your compassion. Help us to fully place our trust in you, with our whole hearts, and minds, and spirits, and souls. For we ask this in your blessed Name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hymn

"Be Still My Soul" #534

Benediction

We have listened to your word, Lord. Grant us ears to hear what you would have us know. We have watched you at work in the world, Lord. Grant us eyes to see what you would show us. You have touched us, Lord. Grant that we may feel your presence, and follow your guidance. Amen.

CONNECT WITH US!



We're so glad you're here! So that we may have a record of your visit, **please complete a Connect Card** and place it in the offering plate when coming forward to receive communion or in the offering box on your way out. You can also **scan this QR code, or go to trinitygnv.org/connect** to fill it out online or through the Trinity App available from the App Store, Google Play or **trinitygnv.org/trinity-app**. Thank you!



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Sunday Morning Worship

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Series: "Resurrection Matters"

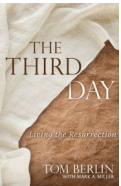
Title: "The Struggle in All of Us"

Scripture: John 20:24-28

By: Rev. Catherine Fluck Price

On the third day, Jesus was raised from the dead. What difference does his resurrection make? Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas walked with Jesus in those last days and felt the despair of losing him. Yet surprise and joy awaited them in the resurrection. During the season of Lent, we'll look at events around these and other characters, and how the resurrection transformed their lives.

Worship with us in-person on Sundays at 8:00 AM Traditional, Chapel | 9:30 AM Modern & 11:00 AM Traditional, Worship Center | You can also worship with us online at anytime trinitygnv.org/online.



Growing as you Worship: As part of Trinity's 2024 focus on spiritual growth, we encourage you to read ***The Third Day*** by **Tom Berlin**, Bishop of the Florida United Methodist Conference. Our Lenten sermon series is based on this book and following along in the chapters will enhance the lessons from the pastors' sermon each Sunday.

Copies are available in the Trinity Bookstore in the Atrium after each service on Sundays.

Mission Focus

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Food4Kids



This morning's Mission Focus is on the **Food4Kids Backpack Program**. Thousands of area students depend upon free lunch programs for the majority of their meals. On weekends and holidays when school isn't in session, these kids often go hungry – and they return to class too undernourished to focus on learning. Food4Kids sends these students home with food to help them bridge that gap, be it a standard weekend or the long summer break. Because when hunger ends, learning begins.

To **support this ministry**, go to trinitygnv.org/give.

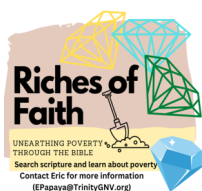
Wednesday Night Dinner, Classes & Worship



Wednesday Night Dinners – the best deal in Gainesville. For \$8 there's salad, soup, entrée, sides and dessert. Bring the family and join us for delicious food, and fun fellowship. Dinner is served starting at **5:00 pm**.

Advance **registration** helps us plan: trinitygnv.org/food. **Menu for March 6: Chicken stir-fry, rice, soup, salad, roll, and dessert.**

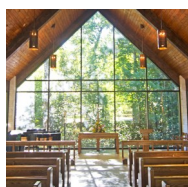
The **Small Groups/Classes** held in the Trinity Education Building following the dinner (**6:30 pm**) will give you the opportunity to grow in your faith, make new friends and receive encouragement and support in a smaller group setting with others who have similar interests. Check out the full class listing here trinitygnv.org/adults.



New Class Starting Soon at Trinity: Riches of Faith | Unearthing Stories of Poverty in the Bible - March 13

Description: What does the Bible say about poverty? As Christians, how we talk and think about poverty should be based in what scripture shows us about God's relationship to humanity. Join this six-week Old Testament Bible Study which will explore different stories of God's response to poverty and participate in contextual learning about poverty in Gainesville. This class is also being offered by four other local United Methodist Churches as we strive to learn how God calls us to love our neighbor and do all the good we can. (This class will combine biblical study and reflection with experiential learning in our local context). **Curriculum written by Rev. Clair Carter.**

Facilitator: Eric L. Papaya | Dates: Wednesdays, 3/13/24 – 4/17/24 (six weeks) | **Time:** 6:30 – 7:30 PM | **Contact:** Eric Papaya (epapaya@trinitygnv.org) | **Register** at trinitygnv.org/adults



6:35 pm Worship: Third Wednesday in Lent – **March 6** |

"Jesus Shows Us How to Live" with Rev. Marisa Gertz Copeland. The season of Lent is a time in the life of the church where we are preparing our hearts for Jesus' death and resurrection on Easter Sunday. In this time we clearly and boldly claim that Christ is our savior. But what does that really mean? How is Christ the savior of our lives then, now, and forever? We are using Magrey DeVega's Book, "Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross," if you are interested in following along. Join us for worship this Wednesday night at 6:35 pm in the Trinity **Chapel** or online anytime at trinitygnv.org/online.

Missions



Family Promise: This week is our week to prepare meals for Family Promise families, if you are able to **donate gas or grocery gift cards** to supplement these meals, they would be very appreciated! You may leave these at the front **reception desk** in the Education Building anytime **between now and March 7.**

Peaceful Path: During the month of **March**, we'll be **collecting** items for individuals receiving care from Peaceful Paths. They are in need of specific **kitchen & bathroom items**, please click here to see the full list. You may drop these donations in the **blue bins** in the Education Building Lobby or the Narthex.

Mission Trip to Guatemala: Harvey Baxter will be leading a trip **October 5-13** with Organization for the Development of the Indigenous Maya (**ODIM**). This trip will be part **medical** and part **stove building**, **\$1,900/person**. For more information, **contact** Harvey at **hb964@hotmail.com**.

Outreach



Thursday A.L.E.R.T. Luncheon - March 7: A.L.E.R.T.

(Adults Leisurely Enjoying Retirement Together) meets

typically at **11:00 am** on the first Thursday of each month in Trinity's **Worship Center** for a delicious lunch and a planned program that follows. **Menu:** Rueben with potato wedges, coleslaw, soup, and dessert. **Reservations:** To make lunch reservations, please contact Dar Holley at **352-380-9251**.

Care and Support



GriefShare: Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. Your journey from mourning to joy. Trinity Grief Support 11-week session begins Wednesday, **March 6, 6:45-8:15 pm, Room E211**. For more information, **contact Patti Drew** at **352-339-3685** or (**ptdrew@hotmail.com**).

Women's Ministry

[TRINITYGNV.ORG/UWF](https://trinitygnv.org/uwf)



Spiritual Enrichment Day - Saturday, March 16, 2024.

North Central District (NCD) Program, UWFaith: Instruments of Change. Dr. Lorraine Mayfield-Brown, Assistant Dean for Mission u, will be our speaker. **Check-in: 9:30 - 10:00 am | Program: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Trinity Youth Building.**

Reservations are required. **Lunch is \$10.00 per person.** If you do not plan to have lunch, please state that on the form. Payment for lunch can be made at the door or pre-pay using a check payable to NCD United Women in Faith. **Deadline** for reservations to be received is **March 8, 2024.** For the **registration form** and program details, please go to **trinitygnv.org/uwf**.

Careers

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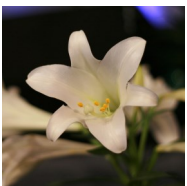
Accountant Wanted: The Accountant is responsible for safeguarding and accounting for the financial assets of Trinity United Methodist Church. **Learn more go to trinitygnv.org/careers** or contact Bobbi Korner, Interim Director of Operations (**bkorner@trinitygnv.org**).

Trinity Bookstore

The **bookstore** is **open** on **Sundays** from **9:00 to 9:30 am, 10:30 to 11:00 am and 12:00 to 12:30 pm.** We are also open on **Wednesdays** from **6:00 to 6:30 pm** (before classes). Come and check out our new arrivals section. For more information, **contact Jim Cook** at **352-665-2013** or (**jimcook6244@gmail.com**).

Easter Lily Dedications

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The Easter Lilies that will beautify our Worship Center on Easter Sunday morning are available for purchase and dedication (To honor a loved one). **To order, fill out the form online or contact Alice Person** at **352-416-3016** or (**aperson@trinitygnv.org**). The cost is \$15 per plant. You may pick up your dedicated Easter lily(s) after the 11:00 am Easter Sunday service.