

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymnals are available in the back.
Hard copies of the full content of the worship service are available in the back as well as on the church website.

GOD CALLS US

Gathering Song *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Welcome, Greeting, and Announcements

*Childcare is available during the worship service.
 Infants/Toddlers (nursery); Two and Three year olds (Rooms 102, 103)*

Call to Worship based on Psalm 50:1-3, 6

Prayer of Invocation

Worship Singing *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin Psalm 130

Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 2:13-16

Prayer for the Church and the World

Worship through Giving: Worship Singing *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon Immanuel: How is God with Us? Chad Smith
 Matthew 1:1-17 | *God with Us in the Old Testament*

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Gluten/Soy-free crackers are in the paper liners of each tray.

*You are welcome to come forward as the ushers dismiss your row.
 Please partake of the elements when you receive them. Trash receptacles are available up front.
 An elder will bring the bread and cup to those who are unable to come forward.*

Worship Singing *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
 Holy Spirit Living Bread of God
 Immanuel*

GOD SENDS US

God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing

VISITORS
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Immanuel: How is God with Us? Matthew 1:1-17 (NASB) | *God with Us in the Old Testament* Chad Smith

1 The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:
 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. 3 Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram. 4 Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon. 5 Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse. 6 Jesse was the father of David the king. David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah. 7 Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa. 8 Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah. 9 Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. 10 Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah. 11 Josiah became the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.
 12 After the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah became the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel. 13 Zerubbabel was the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor. 14 Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud. 15 Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob. 16 Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.
 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children – Middle School (9:45 – 10:45 AM)

Infants-Toddlers – 100	Kindergarten – 105	Fourth Grade – 302
Preschool I – 102	First Grade – 107	Fifth Grade – 304
Preschool II – 103	Second Grade – 106	Middle School Girls – 403
Pre-K – 104	Third Grade – 303	Middle School Guys – 402

High School – Adults (10:00 – 10:45 AM)

High School – High School building

Adult Classes

From Family to Community: Discipling Your Family with a Kingdom Perspective

Joe & Brenda Mullen; Steve & Joanne Wright (Room 205)

We are covering topics such as: sorting out our idols so we see Christ more clearly, discerning between the flesh and the Spirit as we seek to parent our children, understanding a biblical concept of authority and discipline, learning how to give and receive forgiveness, and dealing with conflict among our family members. This course is geared mainly to families with younger children and we will have follow up opportunities to address issues that may not be fully covered in the class.

The Heidelberg Catechism | Stephen Griffith, Eric Freeman, Judy Venning (Room 204)

Lord's Day 34: A New Way to Live! The authors of the Heidelberg Catechism regard the Ten Commandments as a summary of God's will for the Christian. Not condemnation, but encouragement.

Sola Fide: Jesus in Jeremiah | Steve Eargle and Bill Ressler (Room 203)

In this course, we seek to learn more of what God is teaching us in each book of the Old Testament, especially as we clearly see the centrality of Jesus in the persons, events and symbols throughout Redemptive History.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Prayer meeting7:45 AM in Room 205
 Worship Service8:30 AM in Worship Area
 Sunday School for Middle School and younger9:45 AM in classrooms
 Sunday School for High School and Adults10:00 AM in classrooms
 Worship Service11:00 AM in Worship Area
 Christmas Program: *Immanuel – God with Us*5:00 PM in Worship Area
 Reception6:15 to 7:00 PM in Room 205
 Christmas Program: *Immanuel – God with Us*7:00 PM in Worship Area

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Preschool9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
 Security Team6:30 PM in Room 203
 Disability Team6:30 PM in Room 204
 Missions Team6:30 PM in Room 201

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Preschool9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
 Staff Meeting10:00 AM in Room 202
 Ledgewood3:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Preschool9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
 Middle School Guys Breakfast for Dinner6:00 PM
 Adult Choir: White Elephant Party6:30 to 8:30 PM in Worship Area

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Preschool9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

High School Girls Bible Study4:30 to 6:00 PM at Elizabeth Kerns' home
 Middle School Girls Bible Study5:30 PM at Edwards' home

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Men's Breakfast8:00 AM at church

UPCOMING DATES

December 11: Session Meeting	December 12: Ledgewood Party
December 13: Personnel Team	December 14: Ladies Lunch Preschool Christmas Party
December 15: Youth Christmas Party	December 17: Lessons and Carols Service

OFFERING UPDATE			OFFICERS ON DUTY		
Fiscal Year ending June 30	LAST WEEK	YTD	ELDER	DEACON	
GENERAL FUND GIFTS	\$22,388	\$425,056	TODAY	Bates Mullen	Bruns Wilhelmi
BUDGET	\$23,300	\$512,600	NEXT WEEK	Burlingham Eargle	Tyson Clark

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We plan to have a **simple reception** in Room 205 following the first performance of the Christmas program tonight. So that we can show the hospitality of Christ to our guests that evening, Trinity members, please plan to bring one plate of finger food, ready to serve. Thank you!

Trinity Safety Team: A team to discuss security concerns and to propose solutions will meet for the first time on Monday, December 4, at 6:30PM in Room 203. All interested members are welcome to attend and join the team. Please contact Jim Smith with questions gardens2design@gmail.com.

Veterans Quarters: Trinity has had the privilege of serving a hot meal monthly at the Veterans Restoration Quarters for the last 20+ years. We are looking for new cooks to help on a rotating basis for 2018 (flexible schedule options). If you are interested or want more information, please contact Cathy Rogers (676.1470 or ccrogers2@juno.com).

Service of Lessons and Carols - Sunday night, December 17 at 6:00 PM. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols celebrates the birth of Jesus through nine Bible readings and carol singing, covering the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus.

Informal Messiah Singalong - Friday night before Christmas (December 22), from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at Trinity. We have books. Just come ready to sing!

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Friends, Kids, and Families, if you took one of the **Habitat for Humanity banks**, we are collecting them outside the reception office through the end of the year.

Community High School (CHS): Trinity is partnering with Community High School in Swannanoa to give all of their students a gift for Christmas. Thank you all for the tremendous response to this project!

- Please bring your wrapped presents to the church by next Sunday, December 10.
- Tape tag with student number and gift list to package.
- Feel free to add a Christmas card, candy, etc. to the gift.
- The Christmas party for the kids is on the 19th at 1:00 PM at the school in Swannanoa. Contact Nicole (nwasburn77000@yahoo.com) if you would like to attend.

Thank you for being light in these kids' lives, for showing them in a tangible way the love Jesus has for them.

WOMEN (contact Joy)

CHRISTMAS COOKIES NEEDED!!! If you cannot attend the luncheon but can send cookies, please drop off to the church office on Tuesday or Wednesday, (or Thursday before 11:00 AM) December 12-14.

Ladies Christmas Cookie Lunch | Thursday, December 14 | 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Come celebrate the season around a meal together and then help put together cookie platters for our local police and fire stations. Let's show some Christmas love to our community workers! Your \$7 registration to the church office is due by next Sunday. Childcare provided if registered.

CHILDREN (contact Elaine or Tish)

The Ledgewood Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 12 from 3:30 - 5:00 PM. Help is needed with games, snacks and escorting children from one activity to another. Please sign up in the foyer or contact Elaine or Tish.

MISSION FOCUS



Trinity's Christmas Program TONIGHT | 5:00 and 7:00 PM.

At creation, Adam and Eve were given a life of perfection with profound intimacy with God their creator. As we read through Genesis 3, this relationship is damaged through Adam and Eve's sin in the garden. Their fellowship with God is broken, but not destroyed, for God promises their descendent will defeat sin once and for all. While scripture teaches that God is present everywhere, He does manifest His specific presence in different ways throughout the Old Testament. God did not merely reach out to save us, but took on our humanity, our flesh and became one of us. Jesus was the image of the invisible God. When He was born, thousands of years of Messianic prophecy began to be fulfilled. The angel of the Lord even uses the words of the prophet Isaiah to convince Joseph to stay with Mary:

"Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and they shall call His name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).
Matthew 1:20-23

Through His death and resurrection Immanuel did save His people from their sins. Although Jesus ascended to heaven, He guaranteed His ongoing and tangible presence with His people by giving His Holy Spirit. Jesus continues to intercede for us with His Father. He purifies our prayers, our praises, and even our good works until we are glorified with Him in heaven.

"Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."
Revelation 21:3-6

As you come to the Christmas season this year, remember that we worship a God who is with us, who is for us, and who even lives within us by His Spirit. Immanuel is the promise of Christmas and the hope of heaven to come.

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TRINITY ASHEVILLE

CENTERING OUR LIVES AROUND JESUS
LOVING ONE ANOTHER
LOVING THE WORLD

December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent
8:30 and 11:00 AM

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church!

We are glad that you are with us this morning! We hope you feel welcome. Please let us know if we can help you in any way. Our Worship Service lasts for about 75 minutes. We hope you will find the service accessible whether you have spent your whole life in church or are attending for the very first time.

There are a few options for your children. We welcome children of all ages to remain with their parents in worship. We have children's bulletins and Bibles available in the foyer. Room 101 is a dedicated cry room for nursing mothers. Childcare is provided during the entire service for children up to age three. Children ages four and five are given the choice of attending a children's worship time in Room 105; dismissal is before the sermon. We love children here at Trinity. For their safety, please do not leave them unattended in or outside the building.

Additional information is available at our welcome table in the foyer. Please speak with someone at the table if you have questions. You may also complete a contact card (found on the stands in the back) or send an email to visitor@trinityasheville.com.

To connect with our church, please feel free to speak with one of our pastors, greeters, or welcome table attendants. They can give you information on our small group Bible studies and other ministry opportunities. Information may also be found at the welcome table in the foyer or on our website: trinityasheville.com.

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