

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymnals are available in the back.

Hard copies of the full content of the worship service are available in the back and 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 Isaiah 40:3 and Philipians 4:4-5

LEADER: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." As we worship today, let us anticipate God's dramatic work in our hearts, in our community, and in all of creation.

ALL: Let us worship God.

LEADER: Rejoice in the Lord always.

ALL: We will say it again: Rejoice!

LEADER: The Lord is near. Rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

ALL: Let us worship God!

Prayer of Invocation

Worship Singing

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin

Psalm 130

LEADER: Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

ALL: O promised Christ:

We are a world at war. Our peace depends on Your coming.

We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on Your coming.

We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises;

our only hope of doing God's will

is that You should come and help us do it.

We believe, Lord. Cast out our unbelief!

Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for Your peace,

for Your pardon, and for Your grace.

Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:13-16

LEADER: But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

Prayer for the Church and the World

Worship through Giving

text give to 828.398.4805

Worship Singing

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

Fear Not
Luke 1:5-25 | *Fear Not, God is Love AND in Control*

Chad Smith

In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord. ⁷But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years.

⁸Now it happened that while he was performing his priestly service before God in the appointed order of his division, ⁹according to the custom of the priestly office, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰And the whole multitude of the people were in prayer outside at the hour of the incense offering. ¹¹And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. ¹²Zacharias was troubled when he saw the angel, and fear gripped him. ¹³But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. ¹⁴You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb. ¹⁶And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. ¹⁷It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

¹⁸Zacharias said to the angel, "How will I know this for certain? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years." ¹⁹The angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time."

²¹The people were waiting for Zacharias, and were wondering at his delay in the temple. ²²But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them; and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he kept making signs to them, and remained mute. ²³When the days of his priestly service were ended, he went back home.

²⁴After these days Elizabeth his wife became pregnant, and she kept herself in seclusion for five months, saying, ²⁵"This is the way the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He looked with favor upon me, to take away my disgrace among men."

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

All communing members in good standing in any evangelical church (that is, a church that believes the "evangel," the gospel of Jesus Christ)

are welcome to come forward as the elders dismiss your row.

You are free to partake of the elements as you receive them (receptacles are up front).

Please use the side aisles to return to your seat.

An elder will serve those who are unable to come forward.

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

Worship Singing

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Immanuel

GOD SENDS US

God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing

VISITORS

We are thankful to have you with us this morning. If you would like to get more information about Trinity, please fill out a simple visitor card, located on the welcome table.

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 (10:00 – 10:45 AM)

High School – Join Adults in "How Do We Love Our Neighbors"

Adults (10:00 – 10:45 AM)

How Do We Love Our Neighbors?

Rev. Chris Horne – RUF Campus Minister, App. State

(Worship Area) December 2, 9, 16

Chris will take 3 Sunday's to teach on Biblical philosophy of ministry. He will specifically highlight the presuppositions that inform the Church's approach to loving God and loving neighbor. If you wanna know what your posture should be toward your neighbor, you don't want to miss this!!

Sola Fide: Jesus in Ezekiel

Steve Eargle and Bill Ressler

(Room 203) ongoing

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.

Fear Not... Fear, Faith, and the Advent of Jesus

Trinity's Christmas Program

TONIGHT | 5:00 & 7:00 PM

Centering our lives around Jesus | Loving one another | Loving the world

WELCOME

Visitors, we are thankful to have you with us this morning. If you would like more information about Trinity, please fill out a visitor card, located on the welcome table.

At Trinity, our mission is to center our lives around Jesus, love one another, and love the world. **Our discipleship structure is organized in three levels** (large, community, and small) to further these goals, and ultimately, the Kingdom of God. The **Large Group** level is Sunday morning corporate worship. The **Community Group** level is primarily our growth group gatherings around the county for sermon discussion and fellowship. The **Small Group** level is the most intimate (around 5 men or women), seeking spiritual formation through a deeper connection with brothers and sisters in Christ. For more information about growth groups or small groups, contact Joy Voigt.

The Trinity Weekly is an email that comes out every Friday at 1:00 PM. It is the central line of communication for our church. To receive the weekly, you must subscribe by following the link on the church website: trinityasheville.com.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Prayer meeting.....7:45 AM in Room 201
 Worship Service..... 8:30 AM in Worship Area
 Sunday School for Middle School and younger.....9:45 AM in classrooms
 Sunday School for High School and Adults.....10:00 AM in classrooms
 Worship Service.....11:00 AM in Worship Area
 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Fear Not..... 5:00 and 7:00 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

Preschool.....9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
 Safety Team.....7:00 PM in Room 201

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Preschool.....9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
 Staff Meeting.....10:00 AM in Pastor's Study
 Growth Group Team.....12:00 PM in Room 201
 Ledgewood..... 3:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Preschool.....9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
 Adult Choir White Elephant Party.....6:30 PM in Worship Area

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

Preschool.....9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 10 Session Meeting | Disability Team
Dec. 11 Ledgewood Party
Dec. 14 Youth Christmas Party
Dec. 17 Diaconate Meeting | Missions Team
Dec. 18 Preschool Christmas Night
Dec. 23 ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM | No Sunday School
Dec. 24 Family Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 PM
Dec. 24-27 OFFICE CLOSED
Dec. 30 ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM | No Sunday School

ELDERS: Stephen Bates, Andrew Belz, Conley Brown, Brad Burlingham, Ned Gibson, Stephen Griffith, Tim Harrison, Paul Hawkinson, Jim Hill, Mark Jackson, Calvin Marshall, Joe Mullen, Darrell Rhoden, Chad Smith, Stephen Todd, Aaron Voigt, Lyle West **DEACONS:** Zach Ashton, Harry Buckner, Spencer Clark, Neil Clement, Adam Foss, Rick Green, Zach Holland, John Menendez, Josh Pacosa, Brandon Ray, Jim Smith, Tim Tyson, Jake Voigt, Scott Wilhelm

OFFERING UPDATE			OFFICERS ON DUTY		
Fiscal Year ending June 30	LAST WEEK	YTD	ELDER	DEACON	
GENERAL FUND GIFTS	\$13,218	\$440,752	TODAY Marshall Voigt	Frost Clement	
BUDGET	\$23,500	\$517,000	NEXT WEEK Burlingham Eargle	Holland Smith	

LONG RANGE PLAN PHASE ONE

We are collecting donations and pledge estimates for phase one of the Long Range plan adopted by our Session. The first phase is a three-story structure in the grassy quadrant between the worship area and the adult wing. This building will house new youth facilities as well as much needed classroom and office space. Please see the church website for details or contact the office with questions. To give to phase one, please include "Building Fund" on your check.

ESTIMATE FORMS TURNED IN TO DATE: 2018: \$224,400 **2019:** \$359,170

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's gift giving season again for the students at Community High School! Find all details and the student sign-up sheet in the foyer beginning today. Contact Nicole Washburn for more info.

Trinity has been serving the Veterans Restoration Quarters near Oteen for over 20 years. We serve an evening meal on the fourth Tuesday of each month. If you would like to help in this way or for more information, please contact Cathy Rogers at 676-1470 or ccrogers2@gmail.com! Each participant serves about 4 times during the year. Pot pie makers are needed especially (recipe included) but we also need fruit salad!

Your offerings of non-perishable food for distribution to the needy may be placed in the reception office. Please remember our alms giving today as well. **We collected \$2893 in alms for the month of November.** Thank you!

DEACONS

Due to Trinity's cash position rising above the 30-day operating expense threshold, the Diaconate lifted the spending freeze. And in the ongoing effort to increase our cash reserves and financial stability, the Finance team presented an amended budget (approved by the Session) that decreased budgeted expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year by approximately \$50,000. We are thankful for congregational giving and for staff and teams making ministry sacrifices during this time.

CHILDREN (contact Elaine Bonner or Tish Hawks)

An opportunity to **share the love of Christ with the Ledgewood children who come to our Tuesday Church! Christmas Party** on December 11 from 3:30 – 5:00 PM. You could participate in the following ways: **(1)** Choose a picture of one of the children on the table in the foyer and pray for them during the coming year. **(2)** Donate \$15 toward a Christmas gift for them (We purchase identical gifts for each age group) **(3)** Help with the party –sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from Room 101.

MISSION/MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

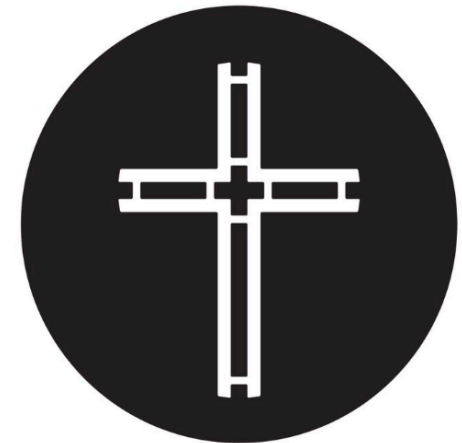
See our website for info on our supported missionaries/ministries.

This week's highlighted ministry is the **Western Carolina Presbytery**. Trinity is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America denomination. The PCA has a representative form of church government. Local churches, like Trinity, are governed by a "Session" comprised of elders elected by the members of the congregation. Pastors and representatives of local churches in a region form a "Presbytery." Our Presbytery covers the counties of North Carolina west of (and including) Alexander, Catawba, Burke, and Rutherford as well as Coker and Carter counties, TN.

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TRINITY
 PRESBYTERIAN
 ASHEVILLE

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

8:30 and 11:00 AM

Welcome! 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.

Because we believe there is no limiting condition that is outside the power of the Gospel, we have a **Disability Team at Trinity** to support and encourage individuals and families affected by disability or special needs. To learn more, contact disabilityteam@trinityasheville.com.

Devices for the hearing impaired are available at the sound booth.

There are a few options for your children. We welcome children of all ages and abilities 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 complete a contact card at the table if you would like to register your presence with us.

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