



TRINITY
P R E S B Y T E R I A N
A S H E V I L L E

January 12, 2025

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church!

(Presbyterian Church in America)

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. Please use this worship bulletin as an aid in following the service. 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. Christian Education classes are available for all ages prior to the worship service.

Devices for the hearing impaired are available. Please go to the sound booth in the sanctuary if you would like one.

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. Infants and Toddlers may be brought to the nursery in Room 100-B at any time during the worship service. Children ages two through five are given the choice of attending a children's worship time in Room 104; 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.

The Trinity 'Weekly' is an email that comes out every Thursday evening. It is the central line of communication for our church. To receive the Weekly, please subscribe at the bottom of the church website home page.

To connect with our church, please feel free to speak with our pastors, elders, or greeters. They can give you information on our small group Bible studies and other ministry opportunities. You may also complete a contact card (found on the back page of this bulletin) or send an email to tish@trinityasheville.com. Additional information may also be found at the welcome table in the foyer or on our website: trinityasheville.com.

GOD CALLS US

** Please stand as you are able.*

* Gathering Song

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall;
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall;
we'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all;
we'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

* Call to Worship

Psalm 18:1-3, 6, 46

Leader: I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

All: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

Leader: In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

All: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.

* Hymn of Praise

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;
he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
he has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join, and point to mercy's store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles, and asks no more:
he who washed us with his blood, has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy, Lamb of God!"

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* Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

GOD CLEANSSES US

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Forgive us, Lord. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 34:18, 22

Leader: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

* Response Song

O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,
did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me
through the gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your name through me.

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New Testament Scripture Reading

Revelation 15

¹ Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.

² And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. ³ And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

“Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations!

⁴ Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

⁵ After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven was opened, ⁶ and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests. ⁷ And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever, ⁸ and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

Pastoral Prayer (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

The offering isn't about our monetary gifts alone, since the Gospel demands a much deeper response: God demands "our all" – every ounce of who we are. This act of 'worship through giving' is a spiritual discipline – and a joy – in offering ourselves as "living sacrifices" to God (Romans 12:1), and giving cheerfully out of our thankfulness to him (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Online Giving: Text any dollar amount to 84321

Children's Church (ages two through Kindergarten) may dismiss at this time.

Hymn of Preparation

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quick'ning pow'rs;
kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise;
hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.

And shall we then forever live at this poor dying rate?
Our love, so faint, so cold to you, and yours to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove, with all your quick'ning pow'rs;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love and that shall kindle ours.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Please stand for the reading of God's Word.

* Scripture Reading

Zechariah 8

¹ And the word of the LORD of hosts came, saying, ² "Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. ³ Thus says the LORD: I have returned to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts, the holy mountain. ⁴ Thus says the LORD of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of great age. ⁵ And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. ⁶ Thus says the LORD of hosts: If it is marvelous in the sight of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also be marvelous in my sight, declares the LORD of hosts? ⁷ Thus says the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will save my people from the east country and from the west country, ⁸ and I will bring them to dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness."

⁹ Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Let your hands be strong, you who in these days have been hearing these words from the mouth of the prophets who were present on the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built. ¹⁰ For before those days there was no wage for man or any wage for beast, neither was there any safety from the foe for him who went out or came in, for I set every man against his neighbor. ¹¹ But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as in the former days, declares the LORD of hosts. ¹² For there shall be a sowing of peace. The vine shall give its fruit, and the ground shall give its produce, and the heavens shall give their dew. And I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. ¹³ And as you have been a byword of cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you, and you shall be a blessing. Fear not, but let your hands be strong."

¹⁴ For thus says the LORD of hosts: "As I purposed to bring disaster to you when your fathers provoked me to wrath, and I did not relent, says the LORD of hosts, ¹⁵ so again have I purposed in these days to bring good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah; fear not. ¹⁶ These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace; ¹⁷ do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares the LORD."

¹⁸ And the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, ¹⁹ "Thus says the LORD of hosts: The fast of the fourth month and the fast of the fifth and the fast of the seventh and the fast of the tenth shall be to the house of Judah seasons of joy and gladness and cheerful feasts. Therefore love truth and peace.

²⁰ "Thus says the LORD of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, even the inhabitants of many cities. ²¹ The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, 'Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD and to seek the LORD of hosts; I myself am going.' ²² Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the LORD. ²³ Thus says the LORD of hosts: In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'"

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Notes

Zechariah 8

God in Our Midst

Rev. Robert Recio

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Confession of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.†
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic‡ church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

† “descended into hell” means Jesus Christ literally experiencing God’s wrath

‡ “catholic church” means the universal church

The Apostles’ Creed

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Trinity Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have made a public profession of faith and are members of any Bible-believing church to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us.

**Gluten free crackers are in the paper liners of each bread tray.
Cups of wine are in the inner circles; grape juice in the outer circle of each drink tray.**

Understanding the Gospel

John 3:16 tells us: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

This passage answers basic questions of who, what, why, when, and how. Please ask any of our church leaders to talk with you about what the Bible says about Jesus.

- God so loved the world...
God loved the world in such a way to rescue people from their sins against Him (John 3:17; II Corinthians 5:21).
- He gave His only begotten Son...
He sent His Son to live among us, to show us His love, and to pay the penalty for our sins through His death on the cross (Romans 5:8; 6:23).
- That whoever believes in Him...
Believing in Christ means trusting in Him as the One who fully paid for our sins and turning from our sins (including trusting in ourselves). It means receiving His free gift of salvation and full forgiveness and trusting His Lordship in our lives (John 1:12; Ephesians 2:8-10; I John 5:11,12).
- Shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

Through faith in Jesus, we have eternal life and a family relationship with God as our Father. Because we trust Jesus as the One who died for our sins, we are rescued from God's judgment and have new life in His name (John 5:24; John 10:10; John 11:25, 26).

Closing Song (CUP)

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

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* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him, above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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GOD SENDS US

* Benediction and Dismissal

The LORD always has the final word in our worship service.
This “bene” (good) “dictos” (word) is always a promise
of His presence and blessing for all those who are in Him.

MISSION FOCUS

Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry

All four Crisis Ministry locations had individuals coming in for help following the storm. The help started with food and water and then quickly escalated to baby food, diapers, and shelf-stable milk. The needs have expanded again to respond to those requesting generators, heaters, warm clothes, shoes and boots. Clean up tools like gloves, shovels, hoses, batteries, and a host of paper products have been given out to thousands of people and families. Thanks for your support that is part of meeting these needs.

Transformation Village stayed open thanks to four staff who literally camped out in the early days post Helene. All the staff came back with pure passion and with the support of volunteers who were also super troops, we were able to provide food and water, and then flushing water and then hook to a well and then power. Several of our residents were also instrumental in pitching in wherever needed as well as sharing their survival skills from living in the woods. This is a good example of why ABCCM's motto is "Serving one another in the name of Christ."

Medical Ministry was open the Monday following the storm as the only Clinic available responding to critical medical needs and to help with lost medications. The volunteers and staff found their way around the closed streets and into the Clinic so that healing medications and connection to health care could be served.

Veterans Restoration Quarters had all residents evacuated on Friday morning of the storm through the police, EMS, fire trucks and National Guard who got them to safety. Residents were tracked over the early days as they were spread out among 4 shelters. Their single request was to come back together to care for one another and restore the community that they enjoyed at the VRQ. By October 15, ABCCM brought them all together under one roof at the Quality Inn, thanks to the generosity of Bob Patel and Himanshu Kavir. Volunteers have rekindled their wonderful Cook Teams, and one of them said to me, "Been eating real GOOD!"

Thank you for responding with immediate care, compassion and generosity. In the midst of unthinkable disaster and devastation, you met our basic necessities and sustained us and then began our recovery. All of us forgot about the struggles of the world and have focused only on how to care for our neighbor. The courage and miracles of God's hands in all this have had us walking in amazement and praise instead of despair. We keep thanking God for YOU!

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 12

Sunday School for Children and Youth9:30AM in Classrooms
Twos and Threes (Room 102), Pre-K-2nd (Room 105), 3rd-5th (Room 107)
MS (Room 403) and HS (Room 402)

Sunday School for Adults9:30AM in Classrooms
Progress of Redemption – Acts (Room 205)

Worship Service..... 10:30AM in Worship Area

MONDAY, January 13

Session and Diaconate Meetings 6:00PM in Room 205

TUESDAY, January 14

Missions Team meeting 6:00PM in Room 201

WEDNESDAY, January 15

Prayer Meeting 5:45PM in Room 201

Wednesday Night Discipleship.....6:00PM in Classrooms
Nursery-2nd (Room 105), 3rd-5th (Room 106)
MS and HS (Room 403); Adults (Room 203)

THURSDAY, January 16

Men’s Bible Study 7:30AM in Room 205

Women’s From Garden to Glory Study 9:45AM in Room 205

Band Rehearsal 7:00PM in Worship Area

UPCOMING DATES

January 27 – Children’s and Youth Ministry Team Meeting

February 5 – Choir Rehearsal resumes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL

During the month of January, the Session is receiving **nominations** for both elder and deacon. Please prayerfully consider this responsibility and privilege. Forms are in the foyer.

Continuing this Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 6:00-7:30PM, we will be hosting **mid-week discipleship for the whole family**. The classes will be as follows:

- nursery-2nd grade (The Apostles' Creed);
- 3rd-5th grade (Catechism);
- 6th-12th grade (Youth Group); and
- Adults.

These classes will meet for 8/9 consecutive weeks, followed by at least a 4-week break, with the following schedule:

- Term 1: 01/08-02/26 (8 weeks) OFF – March
- Term 2: 04/02-05/28 (9 weeks) OFF – June-August
- Term 3: 09/03-10/29 (9 weeks) OFF – November-December

Please feel free to reach out to Brandon Wilcox with any questions.

OFFICERS

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CONTACT CARD

*We are thankful to have you with us this morning.
Please fill out this card if you would like to let us know
you were here or if you would like to update your contact
information with us. **We ask that you place contact
cards in the offering plate or turn them in at the
welcome table or church office.***

- I am new to church
- I am new to Trinity
- I am a regular attendee
- Please update my contact info

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss.

Name:

Email:

Spouse:

Spouse email:

Children (names & ages):

Street Address:

City/State/ZIP:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

I would like to receive more info about:

- Learning about Christianity*
- Joining a growth group*
- Becoming a church member*
- Volunteering at Trinity*
- I would like to receive church emails*