



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

January 14, 2024

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 following 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. 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 pastor, 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.

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GOD CALLS US

** Please stand as you are able.*

* Gathering Song

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.
All creation rises to rejoice!

Chorus:
Behold our God, seated on his throne.
Come, let us adore him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
come, let us adore him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Chorus

Who has felt the nails upon his hands,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

Chorus

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

* Call to Worship

Psalm 96

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

All: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

All: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

Leader: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth!

All: Let us worship our God!

* Hymn of Praise

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Give to our God immortal praise; mercy and truth are all his ways:
wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown:
his mercies ever shall endure, when lords and kings are known no more.

He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave:
wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vain world he guides our feet, and leads us to his heav'nly seat:
his mercies ever shall endure, when this vain world shall be no more.

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* Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

GOD CLEANSSES US

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 4:15-16

Leader: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

* Song of Response

Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)

Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down;
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you; rest in him.
He is gentle, he is lowly, he delights to bring us peace;
tender Shepherd, mighty Savior: rest in him.

Chorus:

*How sure His compassion for us!
Oh how deep is his love;
so come, come to Jesus and rest in him.*

Are you hopeless, are you guilty? Caught in shame for all your sin?
He pursues you to forgive you; rest in him.
He has paid for every failure, mercy flows in endless streams;
come and follow, freedom calls you: rest in him. (*Chorus*)

Are you waiting in your sorrows for this broken world to heal?
He is coming, soon returning; rest in him.
We will see him, we will know him, oh what heights of grace revealed;
from his kindness ev'ry promise then fulfilled;
trust in Jesus, he will keep us to the end.

Chorus:
How sure His compassion for us!
Oh how deep is his love;
so come, come to Jesus and rest in him.

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New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹ (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Please stand for the reading of God's Word.

* Scripture Reading

Psalm 1

- ¹ Blessed is the man
 who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
 nor stands in the way of sinners,
 nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
² but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and on his law he meditates day and night.
- ³ He is like a tree
 planted by streams of water
 that yields its fruit in its season,
 and its leaf does not wither.
 In all that he does, he prospers.
- ⁴ The wicked are not so,
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶ for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

Psalm 1

Life, Growth, and Fruit in Christ

Rev. Joe Mullen

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 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 Hymn

Behold the Lamb (The Communion Hymn)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away slain for us—and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ torn for you—eat and remember;
the wounds that heal the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this bread of life and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you—drink and remember
he drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond—and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.

As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

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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

PCA | Administrative Committee

Since 1973, the Administrative Committee has connected and convened the Presbyterian Church in America. We serve churches, presbyteries, and the General Assembly with timely advice and action to keep its ministries moving forward.

In the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), we often articulate that our mission as a denomination is to be “Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission.” But underneath this lies an important assumption: that we are a denomination characterized by dependence on God through prayer.

- To be faithful to the Scriptures means we “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17).
- To be true to the Reformed faith means we pray to the One who has “foreordained whatsoever comes to pass” (WSC 7).
- To be obedient to the Great Commission is in part to “pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Matt. 9:38).
- The mission of the PCA is a mission that requires us to be a praying denomination.

As the first Moderator of the PCA’s first General Assembly, Ruling Elder Jack Williamson made the following statement 50 years ago,

“We must undergird this Church with a great outgoing of prayer. We know it is far easier to fight than it is to pray. But our battle is ‘not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world against spiritual wickedness in high places.’ Only fervent prayer will prevail.”

This dear church father’s words serve as an important reminder of the priority of prayer for our health as a denomination.

At the Administrative Committee, our goal is to facilitate the unity, purity, and mission of the PCA. We believe all this requires a constant dependence on Christ and his work on our behalf. To that end, please join us in prayer as we provide practical ways for our denomination as a whole to approach God’s gracious throne through the intercession of Jesus Christ and the advocacy of the Holy Spirit.

The work of the Administrative Committee depends on the generosity of individuals and churches who want to see the unity, purity, and mission of the PCA strengthened. Please consider a gift to the Administrative Committee in addition to your ongoing prayer for our denomination.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 14

Worship Service.....9:30AM in Worship Area
Sunday School for Children and Youth 11:00AM in Classrooms
 Twos and Threes (Room 102), Pre-K and K (Room 104), 1st-2nd (Room 105), 3rd (Room 106), 4th-5th (Room 107)
 MS and HS (Modular Room 501)
Sunday School for Adults..... 11:00AM in Classrooms
 Westminster Confession of Faith (Worship Area)
 Sola Fide (Room 203)
Sunday Night Gathering..... 5:00PM in Room 205
 Please RSVP for pizza and salad/dessert!

TUESDAY, January 16

Knowing Jesus More Intimately through His Names 9:30AM at the Cove
Embracing Your God Given Purpose..... 6:30PM at the Cove

WEDNESDAY, January 17

Children’s Catechism 4:00PM in Room 302
Prayer Meeting 5:45PM in Foyer

THURSDAY, January 18

Band Rehearsal 7:00PM in Worship Area

UPCOMING DATES

January 21 – All-adult Sunday School with Alongside Families
January 28 – Congregational Meeting and State of the Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL

If you would be interested in attending a **new member's class**, please speak with Robert Recio or contact the office.

This evening, 5-7PM, is our twice-monthly **Sunday Night Gathering** for adults, youth, and children. If you have not yet done so, please sign up for pizza, so that we can order the right amount. Please bring either a salad or dessert to share.

Next Sunday the congregation is invited to hear a representative from **Alongside Families** present their ministry to us at 11:00AM in the worship area.

On Sunday, January 28, between worship and Sunday School, we will have a brief **Congregational Meeting** for a vote to extend the terms of elders Randy Bartlett, Conley Brown, Bryson Fleming, and Stephen Todd through April. We also will hear a State of the Church and Diaconal Update from our leadership.

OFFICERS

ELDERS: Zach Ashton, Randy Bartlett, Bill Brown, Conley Brown, Bryson Fleming,
Chuck Linkston, Joe Mullen, Brandon Ray, Robert Recio, Stephen Todd

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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:

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I would like to receive more info about:

- ☐ *Learning about Christianity*
- ☐ *Joining a growth group*
- ☐ *Becoming a church member*
- ☐ *Volunteering at Trinity*
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