



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

Sunday, January 29, 2023
9:30 a.m.

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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.

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 Hymn

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Revelation 4:8

*"Day and night they never stop
saying: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord
God Almighty, who was, and is,
and is to come.'"*

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Welcome and Announcements

(see rear pages for more information)

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:1-5

LEADER: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

**PEOPLE: Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.**

LEADER: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**PEOPLE: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.**

LEADER: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

*Prayer of Invocation (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.

*Hymn of Praise

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

GOD CLEANSSES US

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1-4; 4:1-6

LEADER: ¹ "Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the Lord of hosts. ² "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³ He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the Lord offerings in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years... **NASB '95**

¹ “For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze,” says the Lord of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.” ² “But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. ³ You will tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing,” says the Lord of hosts. ⁴ “Remember the law of Moses My servant, even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel. ⁵ “Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. ⁶ He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.” **NASB '95**

Corporate Confession of Sin

ALL: Gracious Father, we confess that we have longed for the comforts and treasures of this world rather than for your enduring Kingdom. We have loved the gifts more than the Giver. In your mercy, help us to see that the things we strive for are shadows, but you are the substance; they are quicksand, but you are a mighty rock; they are shifting, but you are steady. We plead for your forgiveness through the riches of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his riches for our poverty, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus's name. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

*Song of Assurance

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Galatians 2:16a

"...yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ..."

Glorious Day

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
one day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
dwelt among men; my example is He.
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us;
His glory revealed!

Refrain:

*Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me.
Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified freely forever.
One day, He's coming, O glorious day,
O glorious day.*

One day they led him up Calv'ry's mountain,
one day they nailed Him to die on a tree;
suffering anguish, despised and rejected,
bearing our sins; my Redeemer is He.
The hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree
and took the nails for me.

Refrain

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,
one day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose over death He had conquered.
Now is ascended, my Lord, evermore.
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him
from rising again.

Refrain

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,
one day the skies with His glories will shine.
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing;
my Savior Jesus is mine.

Refrain

O glorious day, O glorious day!

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Ellor, Arr. Howlett; Christopher Aitken, piano

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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Please stand for the reading of God's Word.

*Scripture Reading

Luke 3:1-20

¹ Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, ² in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness. ³ And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins; ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness,

'Make ready the way of the Lord,

Make His paths straight.

⁵ 'Every ravine will be filled,

And every mountain and hill will be brought low;

The crooked will become straight,

And the rough roads smooth;

⁶ And all flesh will see the salvation of God."

⁷ So he began saying to the crowds who were going out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Therefore bear fruits in keeping with repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Indeed the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; so every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰ And the crowds were questioning him, saying, "Then what shall we do?" ¹¹ And he would answer and say to them, "The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise." ¹² And some tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³ And he said to them, "Collect no more than what you have been ordered to." ¹⁴ Some soldiers were questioning him, saying, "And what about us, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse anyone falsely, and be content with your wages."

¹⁵ Now while the people were in a state of expectation and all were wondering in their hearts about John, as to whether he was the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached the gospel to the people. ¹⁹ But when Herod the tetrarch was reprimanded by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the wicked things which Herod had done, ²⁰ Herod also added this to them all: he locked John up in prison. **NASB '95**

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Following Jesus in the Gospels: Preparing the Way

Rev. Joe Mullen

GOD STRENGTHENS US

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 the Bible and what it says about Jesus.

- God so loved the world...
God loved the world is 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).

Communion Song (CUP)

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Psalm 126:1-3

"When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad."

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Refrain:

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

"He has done great things," we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire;

He is the Lord, our God.

We are not consumed by the flood;

upheld, protected, gathered up.

Refrain

In the dark of night, before the dawn,

my soul, be not afraid;

for the promised morning, oh, how long?

Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength.

Refrain

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed;

You are the faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave,

bind us together, bring shalom.

Refrain

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

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Psalm 150:6

*"Let everything that has breath
praise the LORD."*

The 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.

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.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 29

Prayer Meeting 8:45 to 9:15AM in Room 202
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 105), 1st-2nd (Room 106), 3rd-5th (Room 107),
 MS and HS (Modular Room 501)
Sunday School for adults 11:00AM in Classrooms
 Sola Fide (Room 203)
 Blessing and Praise: Benedictions and Doxologies in Scripture (Room 205)
 Officer Training (Room 202)
Evening Praise and Prayer service 6:00PM in the Worship Area

TUESDAY, January 31

Knowing God through the Revelation of His Names 9:45AM at the Cove
 9:15AM carpool from the church

WEDNESDAY, February 1

Catechism Class 4:00PM in Room 203
Adult Education Ministry Team Meeting..... 5:30PM in Room 203
Prayer Meeting 5:45PM in Room 201

THURSDAY, February 2

Band Rehearsal 7:30PM in Worship Area

UPCOMING DATES

February 21 – Trinity Ladies Caring

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL

A new class titled **Blessing and Praise: Benedictions and Doxologies in Scripture** begins this morning. The Bible contains numerous blessings from God and praises to God. These studies are full of rich theological truths for your edification and nourishment. In Blessing and Praise, Dr. H.B. Charles Jr. draws out these truths in short expositions of some of the most instructive benedictions and doxologies in Scripture. Surveying the content of each pronouncement of blessing and praise, he explains how they ought to affect our worship and daily walk with God. Dr. Charles has been the Pastor of Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida since 2008.

This evening you are encouraged to gather with us for our **Trinity Family Evening of Praise and Prayer** 6:00-7:20PM. Bring a Scripture passage to read, an answered prayer to share, and a heart to praise and thank the Lord for all of His blessings to us in Christ!

WOMEN

Trinity Ladies Caring: Ladies are invited to dinner and fellowship at the home of Susan Carlson on Tuesday, February 21, 6-8PM. Details coming.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Save the Date: **Family Game Night** on March 17, 2023.

Save the Date: Summer SeaQuest **VBS** July 31 – August 4, 2023.

OFFICERS

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

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MISSION FOCUS

Western Carolina Rescue Ministries

Happy New Year!

On behalf of everyone here at Western Carolina Rescue Ministries, we are so incredibly grateful to have you as part of our community in this new season.

The new year is always one of my favorite times at the mission. I love the reflections on everything God did this year, the expectation and planning on what is to come, and acknowledging the surprises along the way. One thing that continues to be an unexpected surprise is the incredible support we receive from the most generous donors like yourself.

When you give, it is so much more than just money. Me and my staff agree that the support is a response from faithful people with caring hearts. This inspires us to work harder, care for our clients deeper, and impact our community to the best extent we possibly can. I know it sounds cliché to say you give more than just financial support when you donate, but I hope this is proof.

This year my staff and I are praying you are blessed deeply, both in the ways you are expecting and through some unexpected surprises. We pray you and your families enjoy beautiful memories, sustaining health, and abundance of joy. Happy 2023 from all of us at the Rescue Mission.

Faithfully serving,
Micheal Woods
Executive Director
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*Men's Overnight Shelter
Men's Recovery Center
Clothing Closet
Abba's House*

*Women's & Children's Shelter
Meals Served Daily
Counseling*

*Abba's Love Center
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Sensitive area

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SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

Asheville Buncombe Com Christian Ministry

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Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

Western Carolina Rescue Ministries

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 email*