



TRINITY

P R E S B Y T E R I A N

A S H E V I L L E

February 11, 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

Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Chorus

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing; shore to shore we hear them call —
the truth that cries through ev'ry age: "Our God is all in all!"

Chorus

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

* Call to Worship

from Isaiah 12

Leader: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;

All: For the LORD God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

All: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD!

All: Let us shout, and sing for joy together, for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel!

* Hymn of Praise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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* Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

GOD CLEANSSES US

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, and minds, and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4:9-10

Leader: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

* Response Song

I'll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)

For God alone I wait in silence.
My soul is still before the Lord.
He is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress strong; I trust in him.

Chorus

*I'll not be shaken, I'll not be shaken,
for all my hope is in his love.
From God alone comes my salvation;
I'll wait and trust his steadfast love.*

Put not your hope in gain of riches,
seek not your rest in empty wealth.
The rich are weak, the poor are mighty
who turn to God alone for help.

Chorus

Pour out your heart to God our refuge
and trust in him to hear you cry.
No other hope will never fail you,
no other love will not run dry.

Chorus

- 1 To you, O LORD, I call;
my rock, be not deaf to me,
lest, if you be silent to me,
I become like those who go down to the pit.
- 2 Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy,
when I cry to you for help,
when I lift up my hands
toward your most holy sanctuary.
- 3 Do not drag me off with the wicked,
with the workers of evil,
who speak peace with their neighbors
while evil is in their hearts.
- 4 Give to them according to their work
and according to the evil of their deeds;
give to them according to the work of their hands;
render them their due reward.
- 5 Because they do not regard the works of the LORD
or the work of his hands,
he will tear them down and build them up no more.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD!
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
- 7 The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.
- 8 The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
- 9 Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

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

John 15:1-17 (NASB 1995)

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

John 15:1-17

Christ, Our Assurance

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 Song

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. (*Refrain*)

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (*Refrain*)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. (*Refrain*)

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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.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, February 11

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-5th (Room 106)
 MS and HS (Modular Room 501)
Sunday School for Adults 11:00AM in Classrooms
 Westminster Confession of Faith (Worship Area)
 Sola Fide - the Gospel of John (Room 203)
Good Friday and Easter Choir Luncheon 12:00PM in Room 302
Discovery Class Luncheon 12:00PM in Room 205

MONDAY, February 12

Session and Diaconate Meeting..... 6:00PM in Room 205

TUESDAY, February 13

Knowing Jesus More Intimately through His Names 9:30AM at the Cove
Embracing Your God Given Purpose..... 6:30PM at the Cove
Missions Team Meeting 6:00PM in Room 201

WEDNESDAY, February 14

Children's Catechism 4:00PM in Room 302
No Prayer Meeting this week

THURSDAY, February 15

Band Rehearsal 7:00PM in Worship Area

UPCOMING DATES

February 18 – Haw Creek/Reynolds/Oakley Care Group Luncheon
February 25 – Sunday Night Gathering
February 29 – Wisdom for the Ages

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL

Good Friday & Easter Choir Kickoff Lunch and Rehearsal TODAY (12:00-1:30) in Room 302.

There will be no **Sunday Night Gathering** tonight. We will resume on February 25.

Opportunity for hospitality: If you would be able to house one or more of the Grove City College Choir students on tour in Asheville for the night of Thursday, February 29, please contact Chris Aitken (christopherscottaitken@gmail.com). More details in the Weekly.

WOMEN

Ladies, you invited to **"Wisdom for the Ages"** 6-8PM on Thursday evening, February 29 at the church. We are having a panel of women who will be answering different questions, helping us to better understand, love, and support one another. Please RSVP to the office.

Looking ahead: our next women's **Bible study**, taught by Adrienne King on the seven "I AM" statements in the gospel of John, will begin Thursday morning, March 7. See the women's flyer or the Weekly for more information.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Save the Date: 3rd Annual **Family Game Night** on Friday, March 8.

OFFICERS

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

DEACONS: Harold Frost, Steve Miner, Dale Slusser

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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*