



TRINITY

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

A S H E V I L L E

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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 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

God Is for Us

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night.
We will walk the valley with you by our side.
You will go before us; you will lead the way.
We have found a refuge; only You can save.

Chorus:

*Sing with joy now; our God is for us.
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress!
Raise your voice now; no love is greater.
Who can stand against us if our God is for us?*

Even when I stumble, even when I fall,
even when I turn back, still your love is sure.
You will not abandon, you will not forsake.
You will cheer me onward with never-ending grace.

Chorus

Neither height nor depth can separate us.
Hell and death will not defeat us.
He who gave his Son to free us
holds me in his love.

Chorus

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

* Call to Worship

Psalm 72

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!
May he have dominion from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth!
May kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

All: For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

Leader: From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight. May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun!
May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!

All: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!

* Hymn of Praise

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts today:
with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls away.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

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* Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

GOD CLEANSSES US

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, God of love, in humbleness of heart we confess our sins. We forget to love and serve you, and we wander from your ways. We are careless of our lives and the lives of others; we talk of concern for others, but fail to match our words with actions. We are silent when we ought to speak, we are closefisted when we ought to be open-handed, we shout and raise our voices when we ought to be silent. Lord, have mercy on us sinners. Forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7-10

Leader: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight, making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

* Response Song

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
for my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

Chorus

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last;
bought by Him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

Chorus

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied, he will hold me fast;
Raised with Him to endless life, he will hold me fast;
'til our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last!

Chorus

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New Testament Reading

Ephesians 5:1-21

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled

with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

God has spoken by his prophets, spoken his unchanging Word,
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord!
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor holds us fast:
God eternal reigns forever, God the first and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate, God of God, ere time was born;
Light of light, to earth descending, Christ, as God in human form.

God is speaking by his Spirit, speaking to our hearts again;
in the age-long Word declaring God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast:
God abides, his Word unchanging, God the first and God the last.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Please stand for the reading of God's Word.

* Scripture Reading

2 Kings 6:1-23

¹ Now the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See, the place where we dwell under your charge is too small for us. ² Let us go to the Jordan and each of us get there a log, and let us make a place for us to dwell there." And he answered, "Go." ³ Then one of them said, "Be pleased to go with your servants." And he answered, "I will go." ⁴ So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. ⁵ But as one was felling a log, his axe head fell into the water, and he cried out, "Alas, my master! It was borrowed." ⁶ Then the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" When he showed him the place, he cut off a stick and threw it in there and made the iron float. ⁷ And he said, "Take it up." So he reached out his hand and took it.

⁸ Once when the king of Syria was warring against Israel, he took counsel with his servants, saying, "At such and such a place shall be my camp." ⁹ But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are going down there." ¹⁰ And the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God told him. Thus he used to warn him, so that he saved himself there more than once or twice.

¹¹ And the mind of the king of Syria was greatly troubled because of this thing, and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me who of us is for the king of Israel?" ¹² And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." ¹³ And he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and seize him." It was told him, "Behold, he is in Dothan." ¹⁴ So he sent there horses and chariots and a great army, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" ¹⁶ He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see." So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. ¹⁸ And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha prayed to the Lord and said, "Please strike this people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elisha. ¹⁹ And Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, and

this is not the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he led them to Samaria.

²⁰ As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, "O Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." So the Lord opened their eyes and they saw, and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. ²¹ As soon as the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I strike them down? Shall I strike them down?" ²² He answered, "You shall not strike them down. Would you strike down those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master." ²³ So he prepared for them a great feast, and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the Syrians did not come again on raids into the land of Israel.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

2 Kings 6:1-23

All Problems Great and Small

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 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

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Refrain:

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Refrain

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

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 18

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 **107**)
 MS and HS (Modular Room 501)
Sunday School for Adults: ABCCM 11:00AM in Worship Area
Haw Creek/Reynolds/Oakley Lunch 12:00PM in Room 205

TUESDAY, February 20

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

WEDNESDAY, February 21

Children’s Catechism 4:00PM in Room 302
Prayer Meeting 5:45PM in Foyer
Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM in Worship Area

THURSDAY, February 22

Band Rehearsal 7:00PM in Worship Area

UPCOMING DATES

February 25 – Sunday Night Gathering
February 29 – Wisdom for the Ages
February 29 – Childcare registration deadline for spring women’s study
March 3 – East/Far East/Swannanoa Care Group Lunch
March 5 – North Carolina Primary
March 7 – “I AM” Women’s Bible study begins
March 8 – Family Game Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL

Adults, please stay for Sunday School in the worship area following worship this morning. A representative from **Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry** will be presenting this ministry to us.

WOMEN

Ladies are invited to **"Wisdom for the Ages"** 6-8PM on Thursday evening, February 29 at the church. We are having an intergenerational panel of women who will be answering different questions, helping us to better understand, love, and support one another. Please bring a plate of hors d'oeuvres to share and 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 (9:45AM - noon). Childcare is available with pre-registration by February 29. Class registration ends March 5. See the women's flyer or the Weekly for more information.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Family Game Night: The church family is invited to our Family Game Night on Friday, March 8, from 5-8PM (serving pizza at about 6PM). Please RSVP with Tish in the church office. All ages are welcome!

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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*