



**TRINITY**

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

A S H E V I L L E

Order of Worship  
March 9, 2025

# Welcome

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*In the name of Jesus, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whomsoever will come.*

We are glad that you have joined us to worship the Living God! Please stay after the service and get to know others in our community who are calling Trinity “home.” If you have any questions about our church, feel free to contact us using the information in the back of the bulletin.

**Our Worship Service** has an intentional structure designed to reflect our belief that worship is a conversation between God and His people. The service begins as we all respond to God’s **calling** us to worship Him. But upon responding to that call, we realize that we must be reminded of the **cleansing** given to us through Christ. God then gives us His **charter** as we hear Him speak through Scripture. This is followed by the heavenly feast called **communion**. Finally, God dismisses us with His blessing in the **commission**.

**There are a few options for your children.** Whole families worshipping together is one of the chief values of Trinity. While our kids may not grasp everything that takes place, their hearts are being formed through participating in the weekly act of worship and observing the people of God singing, praying, and giving their hearts to God! We have children’s bulletins and Bibles available in the foyer. For our youngest kids, a staffed nursery is available, Room 101 is a dedicated cry room for nursing mothers, and children ages two through five are given the choice of attending children’s worship in Room 104; dismissal is before the sermon.

**TPC welcomes to the Lord’s Table** all baptized Christians who are trusting in Christ alone for their salvation, have made a public profession of faith, and belong to a church where the Gospel is proclaimed and cherished. The Lord’s Supper is a time of fellowship between the risen Lord Jesus Christ and His church. It is not a private take-out meal. To receive the Supper rightly you must belong to Him by faith, and to His covenant people.

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**\* 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)

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# Calling

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## \* Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:22-24

Leader: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;

**ALL: His mercies never come to an end;**

Leader: They are new every morning; great is his faithfulness.

**ALL: "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."**

## \* Hymn of Praise

*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!

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.

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!

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## \* Prayer of Invocation

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# Cleansing

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## The Law of God

Titus 2:7-10

Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

## Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Forgive us for our lack of gratitude. Forgive us for our lack of contentment in both Christ and the many blessings you provide us. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

Titus 2:11-14

Leader: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

\* Response Song

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore,  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and pow'r.

*(Refrain) I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty; come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify,  
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. (Refrain)

Lo! th'incarnate God ascended, pleads the merit of his blood;  
venture on him, venture wholly; let no other trust intrude.

*(Refrain) I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 113

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

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

Choir Offertory

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Psalm 23)*

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever. Amen.

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## Charter

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### \* Scripture Reading

John 8:12-30

<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." <sup>13</sup> So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." <sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. <sup>16</sup> Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. <sup>17</sup> In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. <sup>18</sup> I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." <sup>19</sup> They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." <sup>20</sup> These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

<sup>21</sup> So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>22</sup> So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come?'" <sup>23</sup> He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup> I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." <sup>25</sup> So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. <sup>26</sup> I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." <sup>27</sup> They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. <sup>28</sup> So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. <sup>29</sup> And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." <sup>30</sup> As he was saying these things, many believed in him.



## **Sermon Notes**

*I Am the Light of the World* | Rev. Robert Recio

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# Communion

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## Confession of Faith

## The Apostles' Creed

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 his literally experiencing God’s wrath

‡ “catholic church” means the universal church

## Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

We welcome to the table all baptized Christians who are trusting in Christ alone for their salvation, have made a public profession of faith, and are accountable members of a Gospel-believing church.

The bread and wine will be passed to you.

Please hold the elements so that we partake of them together.

We offer gluten free crackers in the paper liners of each tray.

Please note that grape juice is in the grape-colored cups and wine is in the clear cups.

\* Closing Song (Cup)

*Before the Throne of God Above*

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea:  
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands. My name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart;  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there, who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free.  
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me;  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb! My perfect spotless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.  
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God;  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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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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## Commission

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\* Benediction

# Announcements and Contact

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## This Week:

- 3/12 Prayer meeting at 5:45PM  
Youth Group at 6PM  
Choir Rehearsal at 6:30PM
- 3/13 Band Rehearsal at 7PM

**All are invited to our annual Family Game Night** 5-8PM-Noon on Friday, March 21 at the church (serving pizza and salad at about 6PM; games before and after). Please RSVP with Tish in the church office. All ages are welcome!

## Save the Dates:

- 4/2 Wednesday Evening Discipleship resumes  
4/3 Men's and Women's Bible Studies begin  
4/5 Highlands Women's Spring Gathering  
4/18 Good Friday service  
6/17-19 Theological Foundations for Youth  
7/21-25 Vacation Bible School

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