



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

**Sunday, March 12, 2023**  
**9:30 a.m.**

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# Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church!

## (Presbyterian Church in America)

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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](mailto:tish@trinityasheville.com). Additional information may also be found at the welcome table in the foyer or on our website: [trinityasheville.com](http://trinityasheville.com).

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## GOD CALLS US

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\*Please stand as you are able

### \*Gathering Song

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### *Sing to the King*

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign.  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.  
Life and salvation His empire shall bring,  
and joy to the nations, when Jesus is King.

*Psalm 95:1*

*"Oh come, let us sing to the LORD..."*

*Refrain:*

*Come, let us sing a song,  
a song declaring we belong to Jesus;  
He's all we need.  
Lift up a heart of praise.  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus;  
sing to the King.*

For His returning we watch and we pray;  
we will be ready the dawn of that day.  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,  
'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

*Refrain x 2*

### Welcome and Announcements

(see rear pages for more information)

### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7

LEADER: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

PEOPLE: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

LEADER: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

PEOPLE: **In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

(over)

LEADER: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

PEOPLE: **Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

LEADER: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

## \*Prayer of Invocation

### \*Hymn of Praise

Trinity Hymnal no. 302

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*Psalm 95:1*

*"Oh come, let us sing to the LORD..."*

### *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

let all with heart and voice,

before His throne rejoice;

praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

he is our Guide and Friend;

to us He'll condescend;

his love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!

life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

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## GOD CLEANSES US

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### Old Testament Reading

### Jeremiah 31:31-34

LEADER: <sup>31</sup> "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the Lord.

<sup>33</sup> "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>34</sup> They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the Lord, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." **NASB '95**

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*based on Jeremiah 31:31-34*

ALL: Heavenly Father, you have promised a new covenant through the prophet Jeremiah, who said that one day the law would be written on our hearts and all would know you. We confess that we have sinned against you, and we know that we deserve death. But, your promise throughout the law and the prophets is made alive in us. Jesus Christ our great high priest has fulfilled the law, and his blood shed on the cross has atoned for our sins. We thank you for this mighty provision of grace, and we rejoice that you will always be our God, and we will always be your people. Let us be glad, for you, our God, remember our sins no more. In Your Name we pray; Amen.

## Silent Confession

### \*Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 4:14-16

LEADER: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 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 Assurance

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*Hebrews 7:25*

*"He is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them."*

## *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
the bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears:  
before the throne my Surety stands,  
before the throne my Surety stands,  
my name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,  
his all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;  
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*Refrain:*

*MEN: Arise! // WOMEN (echo): Arise!*

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*ALL: Arise! Arise, my soul, arise!*

*MEN: Arise! // WOMEN (echo): Arise!*

*MEN: Arise! // WOMEN (echo): Arise!*

*ALL: Arise! Arise, my soul, arise!*

*Shake off your guilty fears and rise!*

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;  
they pour effectual prayers,  
they strongly plead for me.  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

*Refrain*

Prayer for the Church and for the World

# Offertory

TBD

COMPOSER TBD; 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.***

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## GOD SPEAKS TO US

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**Please stand for the reading of God's Word.**

### \*Scripture Reading

John 3:1-21

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; <sup>2</sup> this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; <sup>15</sup> so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life. (over)

<sup>16</sup> “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. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. <sup>18</sup> He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup> This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.” **NASB '95**

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Following Jesus in the Gospels: Jesus and the New Birth*

Rev. Joe Mullen



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## GOD STRENGTHENS US

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### 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).

## Closing Song (CUP)

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*Isaiah 44:24*

*"This is what the LORD says –  
your Redeemer, who formed you  
in the womb: I am the LORD,  
who has made all things."*

## *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Wonderful, merciful Savior,  
precious Redeemer and Friend;  
who would have thought that a Lamb could  
rescue the souls of men?  
oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*Refrain:*

*You are the One that we praise,  
You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace  
our hearts always hunger for,  
oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,  
Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
hopelessly lost the way.  
oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

*Refrain*

Almighty, infinite Father,  
faithfully loving Your own;  
here in our weakness You find us  
falling before Your throne.  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

*Refrain*

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## **GOD SENDS US**

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### \*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

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## **SUNDAY, March 12**

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), 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> (Room 106), 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> (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)

## **MONDAY, March 13**

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

## **WEDNESDAY, March 15**

Catechism Class ..... 4:00PM in Room 203  
Prayer Meeting ..... 5:45PM in Room 201

## **FRIDAY, March 17**

Family Game Night ..... 5:00PM in Worship Area

## **UPCOMING DATES**

**March 26** Evening Praise and Prayer Gathering

**April 6** Passover Seder meal

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **GENERAL**

Please pray for the **Recio family**, for the Christ Presbyterian Session as Robert prepares them for the transition, for the sale of their home (offer accepted!) and the purchase of a suitable home here, for a smooth adjustment for their children (Lucy, David, and Samuel), for the many details involved in moving a family across the country, for saying goodbyes to friends and ministry partners, and for Robert's successful examination by our presbytery.

Please consider our **Quarterly Missions Free Will Offering** this morning, above and beyond our regular giving. May God use our gifts to supply the needs of His church and bring Him glory!

## **WOMEN**

Save the Date: **Contentment** study begins on Sunday, March 26, 2023.

## **YOUTH AND CHILDREN**

The church is invited to **Family Game Night** 5-8PM on Friday, March 17, 2023. We will start games at 5:15PM, break for pizza at about 6PM, and finish up with more games after we eat. Please **RSVP** with the office so that we can make nametags and order enough pizza.

Save the Date: **Passover Seder Meal** hosted by the Trinity youth, on April 6, 2023.

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## **OFFICERS**

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

**DEACONS:** Adam Foss, Harold Frost, Luke Stotz

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# MISSION FOCUS

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## David and Danielle Grotton | MTW, Chile

We are looking forward to our upcoming Home Ministry Assignment (HMA), where we can share in person what the Lord is doing among us in Chile.

We are grateful to have an amazing team of financial and prayer supporters - churches, families and individuals - spread out over 18 States, but it makes it a bit tricky to try to see everyone in six months. We ask for your patience as we navigate obligations of our mission agency (MTW), as well as maintain our homeschooling schedule.

Our tentative plans include:

April 3 - Arrive in Atlanta

April 4 - 10 - Western North Carolina

April 13 - May 18 - Connecticut

May 5 - 6 - Vermont

May 7 - 8 - New Hampshire

May 20 - 24 - Western Pennsylvania

May 25 - August 9 - North Carolina / South Carolina

June - North Carolina / South Carolina

July - North Carolina / South Carolina

July 10 - 16 - Refresh Conference, Ridge Haven, Brevard, NC

August 11 - 16 - Western Pennsylvania

August 18 - August 30 - Connecticut

August 31 - September 5 - Western North Carolina

September 6 - 25 - Alabama

September 26 - October 11 - Western North Carolina

October 3 - 9 - Latin America MTW Retreat

October 12 - Return to Chile

We will prioritize visiting supporting churches on Sundays and any mid-week services or Missions Committee meetings. For all of our partner families and individuals, please reach out to us if we will be in your area! We would love to share a meal or grab a coffee, depending on your schedule.

We would appreciate your prayers as we make preparations to hand over our ministry responsibilities at CEMIPRE and Trinity Church during our time in the USA. Both are experiencing seasons of growth, which is exciting, but also creates new challenges. Pray for the staff and Board of CEMIPRE to discern which areas of growth to pursue now. Pray for members and regular attenders of Trinity Church to tithe regularly, as many are sporadic givers currently.

Thank you for your faithful support. Please get in touch so we can make plans to see one another!

With love and gratitude, the Grottons

# MISSIONARIES

## SUPPORTED BY TRINITY

**Andrew & Becc Baron**  
Cru – Australia

**David & Danielle Grotton**  
MTW – Chile

**Rob & Mary Lee Herron**  
RUF – App State

**Collin & Zury**  
West Africa

**Paul & Christie Kendall**  
Helps Ministries

**Jamie & Elizabeth Kabernick**  
Helps Ministries

**Jonah & Jennifer**  
Sensitive area

**Joel & Kate Ledbetter**  
Campus Outreach – Georgia

**Chuck & Jimmie Lynn Linkston**  
Paraclete Mission

**Flavien & Inyange**  
Sensitive area

**James & Sharon Royal**  
YWAM – Australia

**Andrew & Trish Shank**  
RUF – Western Carolina

**Dale Slusser**  
Helps Ministries

**Donnie & Kara**  
West Africa

**Steve & Rita Williams**  
MTW – New Zealand

## SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

Asheville Buncombe Com Christian Ministry

Highlands Presbytery

Mountain Area Pregnancy Support Services

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 emails*