



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

March 24, 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.

GOD CALLS US

** Please stand as you are able.*

* Gathering Song

Lift Up Your Heads (Psalm 24)

The earth is the LORD's and ev'rything in it,
the world and all who call it their home.
he made the sea, the sky without limit, the work of his hands
where truth is made known.

Chorus

*Lift up your heads, O you gates,
be lifted up, you ancient doors;
that the King of glory may come in.*

Rejoice in the King, receiving the blessing,
his hands are clean and his heart is pure.
Climbing the hill, he reaches the city
where he will reign, our holy Savior!

Chorus

Who is this glorious King? The LORD who is strong, the LORD, mighty.
Who is this glorious King? The LORD who is strong, the LORD, mighty.

Chorus

... that the King of glory may come in.

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

* Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

Leader: Let us bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in our mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the LORD with me,

All: and let us exalt his name together!

* Hymn of Praise

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present:
to thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

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* Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

GOD CLEANSSES US

Unison Prayer of Confession

I, a poor sinner, confess before you, my God and Creator, that I have sinned gravely and in various ways against you, not only with outward gross sins, but much more with internal, innate blindness, unbelief, doubts, faintheartedness, impatience, pride, evil, greed, secret envy, hatred and jealousy, as well as other evil emotions. You, my Lord and God, recognize this in me very well, but sadly I cannot recognize them sufficiently. I feel sorrow and regret for them and wholeheartedly desire grace through your dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 4:15-16

Leader: 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.

* 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.

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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Old Testament Scripture Reading

Malachi 3

¹ "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare 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 refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. 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.

⁵ "Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶ "For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷ From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' ⁸ Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. ¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. ¹¹ I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. ¹² Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

¹³ "Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' ¹⁴ You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts?' ¹⁵ And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evil-doers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape."

¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷ “They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

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

My Song Forever Shall Record (Psalm 89)

My song forever shall record the tender mercies of the Lord;
thy faithfulness will I proclaim, and ev’ry age shall know thy name.
I sing of mercies that endure, forever builded firm and sure,
of faithfulness that never dies, established changeless in the skies.

Behold God’s truth and grace displayed, for he has faithful cov’nant made,
and he has sworn that David’s Son shall ever sit upon his throne.
“For him my mercy shall endure, my cov’nant made with him is sure;
his throne and race I will maintain forever, while the heav’ns remain.”

The heavens and earth, by right divine, the world and all therein, are thine;
the whole creation's wondrous frame proclaims its Maker's glorious name.
Blest be the Lord forevermore, whose promise stands from days of yore,
his Word is faithful now as then; blest be his name. Amen. Amen.

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

Please stand for the reading of God's Word.

* Scripture Reading

John 2:13-25

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Notes

John 2:13-25

A Day of His Coming

Rev. Robert Recio

GOD STRENGTHENS US

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 Jesus Christ literally experiencing God's wrath

‡ "catholic church" means the universal church

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

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

How I love the voice of Jesus on the cross of Calvary.
He declares his work is finished; he has spoken this hope to me.
Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost,
Christ had triumphed over evil. It was finished upon that cross.

Now the curse, it has been broken; Jesus paid the price for me.
Full, the pardon he has offered. Great, the welcome that I receive.
Boldly I approach my Father, clothed in Jesus' righteousness.
There is no more guilt to carry. It was finished upon that cross.

Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me.
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed.
Free from ev'ry plan of darkness, free to live and free to love.
Death is dead and Christ is risen. It was finished upon that cross.

Onward to eternal glory, to my Savior and my God.
I rejoice in Jesus' victory. It was finished upon that cross.

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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.

MISSION FOCUS

Donnie and Kara | West Africa

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, March 24

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..... 11:00AM in Classrooms
 Westminster Confession of Faith (Worship Area)
 Sola Fide – the Gospel of John (Room 203)
Choir Rehearsal 12:00PM in Worship Area
Sunday Night Gathering..... 5:00PM in Room 205
 PLEASE RSVP (number/variety of pizza slices) to the office!
Young Adult Hangout 5:00PM at Basham home
 RSVP to Pepper this morning!
 9 Cedar Trail, 28803 (behind Reynolds High School)

WEDNESDAY, March 27

No Prayer Meeting this week
Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM in Worship Area

THURSDAY, March 28

"I AM" Bible Study 9:45 AM in Room 205
Band Rehearsal 7:00PM in Worship Area

FRIDAY, March 29

Good Friday Worship Service 7:00PM in Worship Area

UPCOMING DATES

March 31 – Easter Service (no Sunday School)
April 1 – Office Holiday
April 8 – Session and Diaconate Meetings

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL

This evening Adults, Youth, and Children are invited back for our **Sunday Night Gathering**. After sharing a supper together, we break up into three groups: children's group, youth group, and adult sermon discussion and prayer. Please RSVP (if you have not).

If you are 18-ish through your twenties and are looking to connect with other young adults, here's an opportunity just for you! Tonight, 5-7PM, the Bashams and the Smiths are facilitating a **Young Adult Hangout**. Pizza and dessert will be provided. We will meet at the Bashams' house at 9 Cedar Trail, Asheville, 28803 (RSVP 490-6955). We hope to see you there!

Good Friday Service: Please plan to join us on **March 29 at 7:00 p.m.** as we gather to remember the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. The service will include Scripture readings, congregational hymns, and Choir anthems that will focus our attention upon the crucifixion of Jesus. We will be dismissed quietly after the final reading of the service.

WOMEN

The **Highlands Presbytery Women's Spring Gathering** will be held Saturday, April 20, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, NC. Flyers are in the foyer.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Vacation Bible School will be June 24-28, 2024. We are gratefully receiving adult volunteers for teaching, games, crafts, snacks, and floating. Please contact Tish in the office.

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*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:

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Spouse email:

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I would like to receive more info about:

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