



**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 29, 2026

# 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. We would also love to connect with you through a physical visitor card or through the QR code below.



**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.

**\* 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 x2*

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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

from Zechariah 9:9-10

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

**All: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Leader: I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations.

**All: His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. Amen! We worship you, O Christ!**

### \* 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 and Adoration

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# Cleansing

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## The Law of God

### Unison Prayer of Confession

O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of your kingdom treasonous. For we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and our known sins. For our treason you died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer to you in this holy week, that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears, and our hearts, the wonder of your grace. By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

### Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

From Psalm 118

Leader: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."  
Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.  
The Lord has become my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.  
I shall not die, but live, and recount the deeds of the Lord!

\* 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.

*(Refrain)*

*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. *(Ref.)*

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! *(Ref.)*

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New Testament Reading

Galatians 5:1-18

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.***

## Hymn of Preparation

*Speak, O Lord*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail — let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—  
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

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## Charter

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### \* Scripture Reading

Exodus 7:14-25

<sup>14</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. <sup>15</sup>Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water, and stand on the bank of the Nile to meet him. Take in your hand the staff that turned into a serpent. <sup>16</sup>And you shall say to him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, "Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness." But so far, you have not obeyed. <sup>17</sup>Thus says the Lord, "By this you shall know that I am the Lord: behold, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall turn into blood. <sup>18</sup>The fish in the Nile shall die, and the Nile will stink, and the Egyptians will grow weary of drinking water from the Nile.'"<sup>19</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, their canals, and their ponds, and all their pools of water, so that they may become blood, and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.'"

<sup>20</sup>Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood. <sup>21</sup>And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. <sup>22</sup>But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts. So Pharaoh's heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said. <sup>23</sup>Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart. <sup>24</sup>And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink the water of the Nile.

<sup>25</sup>Seven full days passed after the Lord had struck the Nile.

# Sermon Notes

*The River That Could Not Save* | 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.<sup>†</sup>

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<sup>‡</sup> church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

<sup>†</sup> "descended into hell" means his literally experiencing God's wrath

<sup>‡</sup> "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.

All bread is gluten free.

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

## Closing Song (Cup)

## *The Power of the Cross*

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

*(Chorus 1)*

*This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow.

*Chorus 1*

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows his head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life — "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

*Chorus 1*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suff'ring I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through your selfless love.

*(Chorus 2)*

*This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the 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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## Commission

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## \* Benediction

# Announcements and Contact

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## This Week:

03/29	Family Worship Forum at 5PM
04/01	<u>No</u> Prayer Time this week
04/01	<u>No</u> Youth Group this week
04/02	Women's Bible Study at 9:45AM
04/02	Band Rehearsal at 7PM
04/03	<b>Good Friday Service</b> at 7PM
04/05	<u>No</u> Sunday School (Easter Sunday)

**Family Worship Forum:** Trinity Families are invited to gather here at the church this evening, at 5 p.m. We will share a meal, consider together the topic "Discipleship in the Home," and spend time praying together. All ages are welcome. Please sign up!

Ladies, please register for the Highlands Presbytery **Women's Spring Gathering:**  
<https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/HPWM2023/HPWM-springgathering-2026>.

## Upcoming Dates:

04/08	Wednesday Night Discipleship Spring Term begins
04/11	Men's Breakfast
04/12	Young Professionals
04/12	High School Bible Study
04/18	Highlands Women's Spring Gathering
04/26	Congregational Meeting to re-elect officers

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