



TRINITY

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

A S H E V I L L E

March 31, 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

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

How can it be the One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice,
to conquer ev'ry sting of death? Sing, sing "Hallelujah!"

For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive he stands, their Friend and King: Christ, Christ, he is risen!

Chorus

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!

Oh, sing "Hallelujah!"

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed:

"Christ is risen, he's risen indeed!"

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw him and their hearts believed;
but blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing "Hallelujah!"

Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace
and pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting!

Chorus

The power that raised him from the grave now works in us to powerfully save;
he frees our hearts to live his grace. Go, tell of his goodness!

Chorus

He's alive, he's alive! Heaven's gates are opened wide!

He's alive, he's alive! Now in heaven glorified.

(REPEAT)

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

* Call to Worship

Matthew 28:6

Leader: He is not here, for he has risen.

All: He is risen, indeed!

* Hymn of Praise

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!
sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

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* Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

GOD CLEANSSES US

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 24:5-7

Leader: And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

* Response Song

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: he the perfect Son of Man,
in his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory: grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come behold the wondrous mystery: slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him; praise the Lord, he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.

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Boswell | Papa | Bleecker

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Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalms 118:1-24

- 1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."
- 3 Let the house of Aaron say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."
- 4 Let those who fear the LORD say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."
- 5 Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me free.
- 6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?
- 7 The LORD is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
- 8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.
- 9 It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.
- 10 All nations surrounded me;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- 11 They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!
- 12 They surrounded me like bees;
they went out like a fire among thorns;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

- 13 I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the Lord helped me.
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
- 15 Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
16 the right hand of the LORD exalts,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"
- 17 I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
- 20 This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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.

Offertory Anthem

Christ Arose!

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior!
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

(Refrain)

*Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o'er his foes!
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign;
He arose! He arose! Christ arose!*

Vainly they watched his bed, Jesus my Savior!
Vainly they sealed the dead, Jesus, my Lord! (*Ref.*)

Death could not keep it's prey, Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord! (*Ref.*)

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

Please stand for the reading of God's Word.

* Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-25

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Notes

1 Corinthians 15:12-25

Why the Resurrection Matters

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

In Christ Alone (with The Solid Rock)

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all-in-all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied –
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand.
All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.
(REPEAT)

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand:
till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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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, March 31

Worship Service.....9:30AM in Worship Area

MONDAY, APRIL 1 - Office Holiday

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Safety Team Meeting..... 7:00PM in Room 201

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Prayer Meeting..... 5:45PM in Foyer

THURSDAY, April 4

"I AM" Bible Study 9:45 AM in Room 205

Band Rehearsal 7:00PM in Worship Area

UPCOMING DATES

April 8 - Session and Diaconate Meetings

April 21 - Sunday Night Gathering ("Last Hurrah")

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL

Mission Focus: **MTW Compassion Fund** annual offering (see bulletin insert). Through the years, Compassion funds have enabled Mission to the World to respond quickly to crises that touch our missionaries and their communities around the world. Urgent needs are met with medical and construction assistance, food and shelter for displaced families, and personal care and counseling for victims of natural disasters. And most recently with assistance to those impacted by devastating wildfires in Viña del Mar, Chile and a New Year's Day earthquake in Japan. In each case, your gifts were connected to church-planting efforts.

Thank you for sharing with us in showing the compassion of Christ toward those who are suffering and for enabling the spread of the gospel through word and deed.

WOMEN

The **Highlands Presbytery Women's Spring Gathering** will be held Saturday, April 20, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, NC. Our speaker is Paula Miles. On staff at Clemson Presbyterian, Paula is a conference speaker and serves on the PCA Discipleship Ministry Team as a trainer. Her topic will be "Then Sings My Soul" with teachings from the Psalms. The cost is \$10 (unless you wait until after April 12, at which time the cost will increase to \$15). Flyers and a signup sheet are in the foyer. We hope to see you there!

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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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*