



TRINITY

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A S H E V I L L E

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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 High the Name of Jesus

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.
Make known the power of his grace, the beauty of his peace.
Remember how his mercy reached and we cried out to him.
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

Refrain:

*Oh sing my soul and tell all he's done
'til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory.*

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.
His pow'r in us is greater than, is greater than this world.
To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace,
that all who see him shine through us might bring the Father praise.

Refrain

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light.
No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.
He opens up our eyes to see the harvest he has grown.
We labor in his fields of grace as he leads sinners home.

Refrain

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

* Call to Worship

Psalm 26:8-12

Leader: O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

All: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

Leader: But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me. My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

All: Amen! Let us worship God!

* Hymn of Praise

Join All the Glorious Names

Join all the glorious names of wisdom, love, and pow'r,
that ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore:
all are too poor to speak his worth, too poor to set my Savior forth.

Great Prophet of my God, my tongue would bless thy name:
by thee the joyful news of our salvation came,
the joyful news of sins forgiv'n, of hell subdued, and peace with heav'n.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered his blood and died;
my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside:
his pow'rful blood did once atone and now it pleads before the throne.

My Savior and my Lord, my Conqu'ror and my King,
thy scepter and thy sword, thy reigning grace, I sing:
thine is the pow'r; behold I sit in willing bonds beneath thy feet.

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* Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

GOD CLEANSSES US

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, who by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, has given eternal life to all who believe in him, and who has called us to live pure and joyful lives, we confess that we have failed to live as we ought. We have forgotten your promises and have ignored your commandments. We are profoundly sorry and would earnestly repent. Please forgive us and revive our hearts that we might with steadfast affection, glorify you in thought, word, and deed, for the glory of our Resurrected Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:24-25

Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

* Response Song

There Is One Gospel

There is one gospel on which I stand for all eternity.
It is my story, my Father's plan, the Son has rescued me.
Oh, what a gospel, oh what a peace. My highest joy and my deepest need.
Now and forever, he is my light. I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one gospel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.
For there, where justice and mercy meet, he saved me on the cross.
No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I carry the weight of sin.
For he has brought me from death to life. I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one gospel where hope is found, the empty tomb still speaks.
For death could not keep my Savior down, he lives and I am free.
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes, my life is his and his hope is mine.
For he has promised I too, will rise. I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

And in this gospel, the church is one, we do not walk alone.
We have his Spirit as we press on to lead us safely home.
And when in glory still I will sing of this old story that rescued me.
Praise to my Savior, the King of life. I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ.
I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Old Testament Scripture Reading

1 Chronicles 29:10-18

¹⁰ Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹ Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹² Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴ "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. ¹⁵ For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. ¹⁶ O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. ¹⁷ I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. ¹⁸ O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you.

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

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do—
love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude,
kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth; cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice
that in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Please stand for the reading of God's Word.

* Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16 (NASB 1995)

¹ Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, ³ being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says,

“When He ascended on high,
He led captive a host of captives,
And He gave gifts to men.”

⁹ (Now this expression, “He ascended,” what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.) ¹¹ And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

Ephesians 4:1-16

Meaningful Ministry

Rev. Joe Mullen

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

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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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

Joel and Kate Ledbetter | Campus Outreach

Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

2 Corinthians 12:9

Dear Friends and Family,

We hope this finds you well! Normally, I am writing to update you on ways God is moving on the college campus, but as I sat down to update, we could really use your prayers over a couple of family health issues that are impacting our life and ministry.

Firstly, I wanted to share an update on Kate's health. Recently, she was diagnosed with MOG, a neurological autoimmune disorder causing inflammation in her optic nerve. This news has brought unexpected challenges, but we're finding comfort from God. Please pray for Kate's healing, wisdom for her medical team, and continued strength and peace for us as we navigate this journey.

(Kate and I recently got to pull away for a couple of days to go on a very refreshing Winshape Marriage Retreat for parents of special needs children.)

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." **Isaiah 41:10**

Secondly, I am in the process of getting hearing aids after being diagnosed with a moderate hearing loss, which has been very frustrating since most of my job involves conversations. While I am very grateful for modern technology, your prayers for effectiveness in ministry efforts would be greatly appreciated. Pray that I would be able to hear well so that I can speak life into others!

Your support and prayers mean so much to us!

Sincerely, Joel and Kate

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, April 14

- 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: Gospel of John (Room 203)
- Young Adult Hangout 5:00PM at the Bashams'
If you are college age through your young thirties and are looking to connect with other young adults,
here is an opportunity just for you! Pizza and dessert will be provided.
We will meet 5-7PM at 9 Cedar Trail, Asheville, 28803 (RSVP 490-6955). We hope to see you there!

MONDAY, APRIL 15

- Children's and Youth Ministry Team Meeting 6:30PM in Room 201

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- Prayer Meeting 5:45PM in Foyer

THURSDAY, April 18

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

SATURDAY, April 20

- Highland Presbytery Women's Spring Gathering 9:00AM-12:35PM
Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2101 Kanuga Road, Hendersonville, 28739

UPCOMING DATES

- April 21 - Western Carolina Rescue Ministries (during Sunday School)
- April 21 - Sunday Night Gathering ("Last Hurrah")
- April 28 - Congregational Meeting (to dissolve relationship between Trinity and Joe Mullen,
as Associate Pastor)
- April 28 - Mountain Highway concert
- May 12 - Congregational Meeting (to elect officers)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL

The Session is pleased to announce that Arie Van Weelden, candidate for the **Assistant Pastor for Youth and Families**, and his wife Mary will be in Asheville next weekend. Arie will preach and lead the youth class Sunday morning. The Sunday Night Gathering also will serve as a meet and greet for the Van Weeldens. Youth families, in particular, are encouraged to attend the Sunday Night Gathering in order to get to meet Arie and Mary.

The Session has called for a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, April 28, in order to dissolve the relationship between Trinity and Joe Mullen, as Associate Pastor, effective June 28, 2024.

The Session has scheduled a **Congregational Meeting** for Sunday, May 12, for the purpose of electing elders. The following names will be on the ballot: Randy Bartlett, Conley Brown, Tim Carlson, Steve Eargle, Bryson Fleming, Jay Pratt, Norman Riddle, and Stephen Todd.

WOMEN

The **Highlands Presbytery Women's Spring Gathering** will be held next 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 \$15. Flyers and a sign-up sheet are in the foyer. We hope to see you there!

OFFICERS

ELDERS: Zach Ashton, Randy Bartlett, Bill Brown, Conley Brown, Bryson Fleming, Joe Mullen, Brandon Ray, Robert Recio, Stephen Todd

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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*