



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

April 28, 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

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
thy free grace alone from the first to the last
hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here,
sin would reduce me to utter despair;
but through thy free goodness my spirits revive,
and he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground,
and weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own,
and the covenant love of thy crucified Son;
all praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

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seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

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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

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

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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

2 Corinthians 8:9

Leader: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

* Response Song

O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,
did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me
through the gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your name through me.

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- 14 Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
- 15 The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
- 16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
"Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
- 17 The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.
- 18 I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.
- 19 Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
- 20 At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes," says the LORD.

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

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Please stand for the reading of God's Word.

* Scripture Reading

John 3:16-21

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

John 3:16-21

For God So Loved He Gave ...

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

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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* 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

David and Danielle Grotton | MTW Chile

We told you about wildfires that affected our city in February of this year, destroying anywhere between 8,000 and 16,000 homes (depending on the source). Sadly, 135 people lost their lives. Since February, our team has been actively involved in meeting physical and spiritual needs. Because of your generosity with gifts to the CEMIPRE Project, we have purchased and distributed: clothing, mattresses, food, and construction materials.

In March, we received an MTW Disaster Assessment Team who helped us to prioritize the needs and set goals. Since their assessment, we have begun to receive construction teams from the U.S.

Are you skilled in carpentry, plumbing, and electrical work and are available to help repair and rebuild homes destroyed by wildfires here in Viña del Mar? We need you! Dates are flexible. Approximate cost is \$1,000 plus airfare to Santiago, Chile. Get in touch with any questions: <https://mtw.org/opportunity-details/chile-disaster-response-teams> .

Gospel Fellowship PCA (Valencia, PA) sent a team of four individuals highly-skilled in carpentry, plumbing, and electrical work. Only four days after they arrived, Claudia (a widow) and her family have a safe, dry place to call "home". In addition, their team has purchased and distributed food, bedding, and construction materials for other families with the funds from their church and from the Compassion Fund. Please continue to give! We will keep building and distributing supplies!

A second construction team arrives on April 14. Pray for continued safety and for God to be glorified in their work. Give thanks to God for all the ways that we see Him at work.

David is excited to begin to mentor A.M., a university student, meeting regularly to discuss the Bible and how to live it in our daily lives. Pray for David (language, wisdom, and trust in the Lord).

The regular cycle of in-home Bible studies has resumed with a study of the gospel of Mark. We have the privilege of hosting a group in our home, with the extra blessing of having lots of children! Pray for visitors and seekers to experience God's peace and to know His love personally.

After a pause in March to assist with wildfire relief, we welcomed an almost entirely new group of CEMIPRE participants this year. May they grow in knowledge, abilities, and in relationship with the Lord. Pray for our staff to be patient and quick to forgive one another...

Thank you for your prayers and financial support! We are so grateful for your partnership.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, April 28

Worship Service.....9:30AM in Worship Area
Congregational Meeting..... 10:45AM 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)
Young Adult Hangout 5:00PM at Basham home
 9 Cedar Trail, 28803; RSVP to Pepper!
Mountain Highway concert..... 6:00PM in Worship Area

WEDNESDAY, May 1

Prayer Meeting 5:45PM in Foyer
Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM in Worship Area

THURSDAY, May 2

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

UPCOMING DATES

May 12 – High School Senior recognition
May 12 – Congregational Meeting
May 13 – Session and Diaconate Meetings
May 14 – Pilgrim’s Progress begins
May 19 – Summer Nights at Trinity begins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL

The Session has called for a **Congregational Meeting** this morning, in order to dissolve the relationship between Trinity and Joe Mullen, as Associate Pastor, in the light of his retirement, effective June 28, 2024. We will also vote on electing Joe as Pastor Emeritus.

Please come back tonight to enjoy a **Mountain Highway** concert. Mountain Highway is a musical family group performing bluegrass, country, and gospel music with a banjo, guitar, mandolin, and electric bass. A love offering will be collected.

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. Officer nominee bios are on the Welcome Table in the foyer. Also, you are encouraged to meet/speak with these men over the next two weeks, so that you are prepared to vote.

WOMEN

Join us this summer for a study of the classic **"Pilgrim's Progress"** by John Bunyan. Mariana Glass will facilitate our discussion on what the Lord is teaching us through this study. 6:30-8PM, Tuesdays, May 14 – August 6. Participant cost of materials: \$15 (cash or check, payable to Trinity). Your payment is your registration. Note: you will need the books before the first class. More details in the Weekly.

OFFICERS

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

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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*