



TRINITY

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

A S H E V I L L E

May 5, 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

Rejoice

Rejoice in the Lord, now and always; sing it again, we rejoice.
Delight in the love he has shown us, gratefully lift up your voice.
His gentleness among us will join our hearts with praise.
We gather in his goodness; a family of grace.

Chorus

*With each breath he's given, praise the Lord!
In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord.
Throughout ev'ry season, I am sure
we have every reason to praise the Lord.*

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing, praying for all that you need.
Come with a song of thanksgiving; lay your requests at his feet.
His peace will fall upon us, to guard our hearts and minds
in Christ, who reigns eternal; the Shepherd of our lives.

Chorus

Rejoice in the Lord, now and always; tell of the good he has done.
Worship the Lord to remember all of the joy yet to come.
The hope that burns within us the dark cannot destroy.
With praise that's never ending, we say again, "Rejoice!"

Chorus

We have every reason to praise the Lord.

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

* Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:6 and 58:9

Leader: People of God, seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.

All: Then you shall call and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, "Here I am." Let us worship God!.

* Hymn of Praise

From All That Dwell below the Skies

From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more.

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* Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

GOD CLEANSSES US

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief. I have failed to find your mind in your Word and neglected to seek you in my daily life. My transgressions and short-comings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless you that they will not stand against me for all have been laid on Christ. Go on with your patient work. Purge me from every false desire, every base aspiration, everything contrary to your rule. And grant me continued grace to take up the cross, to die daily, and to rise to follow you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9-2:1

Leader: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

* Response Song

Yet Not I but through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer;
there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom;
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;
for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken;
for by my side, the Savior he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing;
for in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me;
through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
the future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon;
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated;
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus;
for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me;
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;
all the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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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 Choir Anthem

Alleluia, We Adore You

We adore you.
Lord, we love you,
and we've come to reverence your holy name.
You are King of kings,
you are Lord of lords,
And we've come to worship you with hearts of joy.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

Please stand for the reading of God's Word.

* Scripture Reading

Psalm 51 (NASB 1995)

For the choir director.

A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

- 1 Be gracious to me, O God, according to your lovingkindness;
according to the greatness of your compassion blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you, you only, I have sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified when you speak
and blameless when you judge.

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin my mother conceived me.

6 Behold, you desire truth in the innermost being,
and in the hidden part you will make me know wisdom.

7 Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladness,
let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me away from your presence
and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with a willing spirit.

13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will be converted to you.

14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation;
then my tongue will joyfully sing of your righteousness.

15 O Lord, open my lips,
that my mouth may declare your praise.

16 For you do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it;
you are not pleased with burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

18 By your favor do good to Zion;
build the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then you will delight in righteous sacrifices,
in burnt offering and whole burnt offering;
then young bulls will be offered on your altar.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

Psalm 51

Guilt and Grace

Rev. Joe Mullen

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Confession of Faith

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

The Apostles’ Creed

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.

You are welcome to come forward as you are able.

You are free to partake of the elements once all in the circle receive them (receptacles are up front). Please use the side aisles to return to your seat.

An elder will serve those who are unable to come forward.

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

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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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, May 5

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)

TUESDAY, May 7

Highlands Presbytery Meeting 9:00AM at First Presbyterian Church, Weaverville

WEDNESDAY, May 8

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

THURSDAY, May 9

“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 – Young Adult Hangout Lunch
May 19 – Summer Nights at Trinity begins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL

The Session has scheduled a **Congregational Meeting** for next 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.

Summer Nights at Trinity is a whole-church gathering that will meet on six different Sunday evenings at 5 PM beginning on May 19th. The purpose of the gathering is two-fold: discipleship and fellowship. We will spend the first hour discussing what it means to think biblically and redemptively about issues relating to sexuality and gender identity. Following our discussion, we will gather for a potluck meal enjoying the summer evenings we're looking forward to and our company with one another. More details in the Weekly.

WOMEN

Join us this summer for a study of the classic **"Pilgrim's Progress"** by John Bunyan. Mariana Glass will facilitate our discussion. 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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

VBS Registration and Youth Volunteer forms are available in the foyer (and in the Weekly).

OFFICERS

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

DEACONS: Harold Frost, Steve Miner, Dale Slusser

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David & Danielle Grotton
MTW - Chile

Alec and Riley Cotton
RUF - App State

Collin & Zury
West Africa

Jamie & Elizabeth Kabernick
Helps Ministries

Jonah
Sensitive area

Joel & Kate Ledbetter
Campus Outreach - Georgia

Chuck & Jimmie Lynn Linkston
Paraclete Mission

Flavien & Inyange
Sensitive area

James & Sharon Royal
YWAM - Australia

Andrew & Trish Shank
RUF - Western Carolina

Dale Slusser
Helps Ministries

Donnie & Kara
West Africa

Steve & Rita Williams
MTW - New Zealand

SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

Asheville Buncombe Com Christian Ministry

Highlands Presbytery

Mountain Area Pregnancy Support Services

PCA | Administrative Committee

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*