



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

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9:30 a.m.

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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.

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.

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GOD CALLS US

** Please stand as you are able.*

* Gathering Song

O for a Thousand

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name!

Refrain:

WOMEN: O for a thousand! MEN: O for a thousand!

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ALL: tongues to sing.

The name of Jesus charms our fears, it bids our sorrows cease;
it's music in the sinner's ears, it's life and health and peace.
He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

Refrain

He speaks and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
Hear him, you deaf! You voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ.
You blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, you lame, for joy!

Refrain

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

* Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times;

All: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

All: let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

All: and let us exalt his name together!

* Hymn of Praise

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts today:
with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls away.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

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* Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

GOD CLEANSSES US

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, insolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, and legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name, amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

* Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7

Leader: In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of [God's] grace.

* Song of Assurance

Nothing but the Blood

What can wash away my sin? nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing this I see — nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon this my plea — nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

This is all my hope and peace — nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness — nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Glory! Glory this I sing — nothing but the blood of Jesus.
All my life, my cry shall be — nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain x 2

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Old Testament Reading

Psalm 133

- 1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
- 2 It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

Rev. Joe Mullen

Ruling Elder: Bill Brown
Deacon: Adam Foss, Dale Slusser, Luke Stotz

Offertory

It Is Well with My Soul

Judy Sullivan, Piano

Phillip Bliss | arr. Martha Mier

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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Please stand for the reading of God's Word.

* Scripture Reading

Luke 9:23-27 (NASB 1995)

²³ And he was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake, he is the one who will save it. ²⁵ For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. ²⁷ But I say to you truthfully, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

- 4 The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of disciples,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary one with a word.
He awakens me morning by morning,
he awakens my ear
to listen as a disciple.
- 5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear;
and I was not disobedient
nor did I turn back.
- 6 I gave my back to those who strike me,
and my cheeks to those who pluck out the beard;
I did not cover my face
from humiliation and spitting.
- 7 For the Lord GOD helps me,
therefore, I am not disgraced;
therefore, I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I will not be ashamed.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Definition of Discipleship

Rev. Mullen

GOD STRENGTHENS US

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 the Bible and what it says about Jesus.

- God so loved the world...
God loved the world is 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).

* Communion Hymn (CUP)

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

Amidst us our Beloved stands,
and bids us view his pierced hands;
points to the wounded feet and side,
blest emblems of the Crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board,
when at his table sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,
when Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled and dim,
we see the signs, but see not him;
O may his love the scales displace,
and bid us see him face to face!

O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,
your present smile a heav'n imparts!
O lift the veil, if veil there be,
let every saint your glory see!

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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 21

Prayer Meeting 8:45 to 9:15AM in Room 202
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 105), 1st-2nd (Room 106), 3rd-5th (Room 107),
MS and HS (Modular Room 501)
Sunday School for adults 11:00AM in Classrooms
Sola Fide (Room 203)
Contentment (Room 205)
Right-Side-Up Worship (Room 204)
Family Growth Group 5:00PM in Room 205
Please RSVP to Brandon Ray

WEDNESDAY, May 24

Prayer Meeting 5:45PM in Room 201

THURSDAY, May 25

Band Rehearsal 7:30PM in Worship Area

UPCOMING DATES

May 28 – No Sunday School
May 29 – Office Holiday
June 4 – Last day of Sunday School for all ages
June 4 – Robert Recio Installation Service
June 11 – Promotion Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL

All Trinity members are encouraged to attend a special evening service on Sunday, June 4, to **install Robert Recio as Trinity's pastor**. Please bring a plate of finger foods (ie. Sandwich quarters, mini quiche, cut vegetables, fruit pieces, cheese and crackers, cookies or brownies) to share for the reception following the 6PM worship service.

Please remember to come to a complete stop at the **three-way stop** when entering and leaving Shawnee Trail.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Upcoming Dates:

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| June 4: | Last day of Sunday School |
| June 11: | Promotion Sunday |
| June 11: | Summer Playground Fellowship begins |
| June 25: | Kickball and evening Picnic |
| July 31-August 4: | Vacation Bible School |

OFFICERS

ELDERS: Zach Ashton, Randy Bartlett, Conley Brown, Bryson Fleming,
Chuck Linkston, Joe Mullen, Brandon Ray, Stephen Todd

DEACONS: Adam Foss, Harold Frost, Luke Stotz

TRINITY STAFF

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Office Manager & Children's Ministry Assistant Tish Hawks | ext. 305 | tish@trinityasheville.com

Bookkeeper Karen Pick | ext. 302 | karen@trinityasheville.com

MISSION FOCUS

Asheville Buncombe County Christian Ministry

Dear friends of Trinity Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of ABCCM, thank you for your wonderful gift for ministry, which helps us come together as a family of servant leaders to care for larger family needs in our community. In Romans 15:1, He calls those of us “who are strong to bear the infirmities of those who are weak.” In verses 5 and 6, “May the God of encouragement and steadfastness grant us to live in harmony together and glorify God with one voice.” Thank you for coming together through ABCCM to care for one another, so that all we do glorifies God.

At the Crisis Ministry, over 8,700 bags of food were given last month to help hungry families. We are part of a pilot project helping families with two or more health conditions (who are on Medicaid) to have boxes of healthy food, with fresh produce each week for 3 months. In addition, we offer healthy menus and nutrition guides that speak to their chronic conditions, so that they improve their health. One woman shared that being a single mom, working when she can, plus being taxi mom makes it so hard to get to ABCCM, but thanked God for the volunteers who delivered the food to her. After just one month of healthy food boxes, she exclaimed how she and her two kids all feel better, have more energy, and hadn't had a cold or been sick.

At Transformation Village and the Veterans Restoration Quarters, younger Veterans are coming to live with us. One woman shared over dinner how she could not find a job that would pay her enough to live. After graduating from an industrial sewing class, she was hired right away and, after only two months, is making over \$20/hour and able to save money. She said, “One of the church ladies is fixing up an apartment and she lives just four blocks from my work; I know God is moving in my life.” As I gave a tour with a pastor at the VRQ, a man came up to me in the lobby and said he wanted to tell us something: “This place has been just what I needed. I went to the classes, I go to the Bible study, and one of the volunteers helped me get a great job as mechanic. Then one of the Case Managers got me tools and work clothes. Look at these boots! I was so beaten down, I didn't think I would ever get to do what I like to do, which is fix cars. Thank you all so much!”

At the Medical Ministry, we are seeing more patients with complex needs. As I walked by one man, who was waiting to get his medication, he asked a question: "How to you do it here? Is this a government thing, although I doubt it because you're all so nice and I didn't have to fill out pages of forms?" I shared how the churches and doctors, nurses, and pharmacists are all volunteers and we stretch the dollars and recover unused medicine so that he and all our patients have what they need. He looked up with amazement and said, "I always thought that someone ought to do something like that but could never figure out how it could be done. Thanks for figuring it out! It has really helped me! I told everyone I saw thanks already, but please tell everyone else thanks for me!"

A volunteer at the jail told me and several Board members how thankful he was to be back offering a Bible study in the Buncombe County Detention Center. Before covid, he would ask men on the cell block, "Who wants to go with me to the classroom?" Sometimes only four or five would come, but now the classroom is full with ten (or more, if the Jailer on duty allows). Now they are hungry for the words of hope and reconciliation. He thanked the Board and ABCCM for working in partnership with the Sheriff to make this possible.

A Navy Veteran, Gary, hadn't been homeless very long and had been going to church and learning how much God loved him. He found an apartment and went to ABCCM's Veteran Service of the Carolinas to see if they could help him get it, and amazingly, it happened very quickly. When the Case Manager visited him in his new place, he heard that Gary was living on rice because he had used all his money to move and did not have food stamps. I saw a video of Gary in his kitchen with food bags all over his kitchen floor. He had a big smile and just kept saying, "You are my Easter Angel, thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"

All these thanks belong to you. You are amazing! Thanks for all you continue to make possible in the lives of our larger FAMILY, the family of God.

In his service, Reverend Scott Rogers, Executive Director

MISSIONARIES

SUPPORTED BY TRINITY

Andrew & Becc Baron
Cru – Australia

David & Danielle Grotton
MTW – Chile

Rob & Mary Lee Herron
RUF – App State

Collin & Zury
West Africa

Paul & Christie Kendall
Helps Ministries

Jamie & Elizabeth Kabernick
Helps Ministries

Jonah & Jennifer
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

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*