



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

July 7, 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

Oh, How Good It Is

Oh, how good it is when the fam'ly of God
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity;
where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
are the fruits of his presence here among us.

(Refrain)

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;
and with one heart we'll live out his Word,
till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
for He dwells in the presence of his people.*

Oh, how good it is on this journey we share,
to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn;
for the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
when we offer the blessing of belonging.

Refrain

Oh, how good it is to embrace his command
to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives.
When we live as one, we all share in the love
of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

Refrain

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

* Call to Worship

Matthew 11:28-29

Leader: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

All: Amen! Let us worship God!

* Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

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* Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

GOD CLEANSSES US

Unison Prayer of Confession

Diebold Schwartz

I, a poor sinner, confess myself before God Almighty, that I have gravely sinned by the transgression of his commandments; that I have done many things which I should have left undone, and I have left undone that which I should have done, through unbelief and distrust in God and weakness of love toward my fellow servants. God knows the guilt I have incurred, for which I am grieved. Be gracious to me, Lord. Be merciful to me, a poor sinner. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 31:33-34

Leader: For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

* Response Song

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee when sorrows rise,
on thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.

To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone canst heal;
thy Word can bring a sweet relief for every pain I feel.

But oh! when gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine;
the springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline.
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust;
And still my soul would cleave to thee, though prostrate in the dust.

Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sov'reign grace be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sov'reign grace attends the mourner's prayer;
O may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat;
With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.

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With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.

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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.

Hymn of Preparation

The Gospel Brings Tidings

The gospel brings tidings, glad tidings indeed,
to mourners in Zion, who want to be freed
from sin, and from Satan, and Mount Sinai's flame,
good news of salvation, through Jesus the Lamb.

What sweet invitations the gospel contains,
to men heavy laden with bondage and chains;
it welcomes the weary to come and be blessed
with ease from their burdens, in Jesus to rest.

For every poor mourner, who thirsts for the Lord,
a fountain is opened in Jesus the Word;
their poor parchèd conscience to cool and to wash
from guilt and pollution, from dead works and dross.
A robe is provided, their shame now to hide,
in which none are clothèd but Jesus's bride;
and though it be costly, yet is the robe free,
and all Zion's mourners shall decked with it be.

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

Please stand for the reading of God's Word.

* Scripture Reading

Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

Mark 10:17-31

The Cure for Idolatry

Rev. Alec Cotton

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.

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

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(Chorus)

*We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire;
he is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
upheld, protected, gathered up.

Chorus

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
my soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength.

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed;
you are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
bind us together, bring shalom.

Chorus

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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

Alec and Riley Cotton | RUF at App State University

We finished out the school year with a few amazing moments. At our last Servant Team meeting at the end of April, we celebrated with our amazing student leaders and dreamt with them of where RUF might go next year. At our Senior Share night (last large group of the year) we celebrated our graduating seniors after hearing from 14 of them about God's work in their lives through RUF. That night demonstrated so clearly the beauty and power of RUF in a student's life throughout college, sustaining and growing them in faith. Then, on May 15th I got to baptize Jake Mancuso, who came to faith in Christ this year through the ministry of RUF! He has joined as a member at Crosspoint Community (PCA) Church here in Boone. Dozens of students came to Crosspoint that morning to celebrate and witness as he was welcomed into the family of God.

While this has certainly been a year of learning and adapting for me as a campus minister in a new place, there have been so many signs of God's favor. Praise the Lord with me for his wonderful works toward his children! Thank you to all who have prayed for and financially supported RUF this year!

This year we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of RUF at App State! I thank God for the ways he has provided for us and used this ministry in the lives of students since 1999. If you've been supporting RUF or are an RUF at ASU alumnus, I would warmly invite you to join us Friday evening and Saturday, September 13-14 for a reunion celebration. Together we will celebrate what God has done in and through RUF at App State over the past 25 years, and talk about how we can sustain this ministry for 25 more! The main event will be a reception Saturday evening in Grandview Ballroom, located inside of Kidd Brewer stadium.

Prayer requests: for a restful summer for our family and our two interns, Sophia Barkhouse (entering 2nd year) and Thomas Hicks (incoming from UNC Chapel Hill); for wisdom as we make plans for the start of the fall semester, especially plans for outreach to new students, and events to grow and strengthen our community; for our students as they work, reconnect with family, and serve in missions this summer; for the 25th anniversary celebration in September, that many people come and participate and that the weekend runs smoothly.

The financial support we've received this year, often from unexpected sources, has been a huge sign of God's favor towards RUF. As we look into the future and consider the needs of this growing ministry along with the loss of some support after a transitional year, we are seeking to raise an additional \$40,000/year to build up the storehouses and sustain RUF at ASU for the long haul! I humbly ask that you prayerfully consider how you can help us meet this goal, whether increasing your own giving or sharing about this ministry with others who may be able to help. The wider our support base, the healthier our future. So spread the word!

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, July 7

Sola Fide Class (Gospel of John) 9:15AM in Room 203
Worship Service..... 10:30AM in Worship Area

TUESDAY, July 9

Missions Team Meeting 6:00PM in Room 201
Pilgrim's Progress Study.....6:30-8:00PM in Room 205

THURSDAY, July 11

Band Rehearsal 7:00PM in Worship Area

SATURDAY, July 13

Men's Breakfast..... 7:30AM in Room 205

UPCOMING DATES

July 19 – Elders and Wives Dessert
July 20 – Youth Group Cookout
July 21 – Candidate for Assistant Pastor visiting
July 21 – Summer Nights at Trinity (4 of 6)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL

Welcome this morning to Alec and Riley Cotton, and their children Miles, Marlee, and Levi. Alec is the RUF campus minister at Appalachian State.

MEN

Please come out for a **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday, July 13 at 7:30AM at Trinity. A registration form was sent in Thursday's weekly. Please RSVP by Thursday, July 11. Thank you.

YOUTH

High School and Middle School Youth are invited for a cookout at the Recio home on Saturday, July 20, 4:30-7:30PM. We hope you can come out and meet our Assistant Pastor candidate and his wife, who will be here.

OFFICERS

ELDERS: Zach Ashton, Randy Bartlett, Bill Brown, Conley Brown, Tim Carlson, Steve Eargle, Bryson Fleming, Jay Pratt, Brandon Ray, Robert Recio, Norm Riddle, 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*