



**TRINITY**  
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A S H E V I L L E

**July 14, 2024**

# Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church!

## (Presbyterian Church in America)

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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](mailto:tish@trinityasheville.com). Additional information may also be found at the welcome table in the foyer or on our website: [trinityasheville.com](http://trinityasheville.com).

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## GOD CALLS US

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*\* Please stand as you are able.*

### \* Gathering Song

### *Christ Our Glory*

Our rest is in heaven, our rest is not here.  
Then why should we tremble when trials draw near?  
Be still and remember, the worst that can come  
but shortens our journey and hastens us home.

*(Chorus 1)*

*Christ our glory, Christ our hope.*

*Christ our King forevermore.*

*Be still and remember, the worst that can come  
but shortens our journey and hastens us home.*

No hours should be wasted on seeking our joy,  
and placing our hope in what will be destroyed.  
We look for a city that hands have not raised.  
We long for a country that sin has not stained.

*(Chorus 2)*

*Christ our glory, Christ our hope.*

*Christ our King forevermore.*

*We look for a city that hands have not raised.  
We long for a country that sin has not stained.*

Though trouble and anguish increase all the more,  
they cannot compare to the glory in store.  
Come joy or come sorrow, whatever befalls,  
the light of the Savior will outshine them all.

*(Chorus 3)*

*Christ our glory, Christ our hope.*

*Christ our King forevermore.*

*Come joy or come sorrow, whatever befalls,  
the light of the Savior will outshine them all.*

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

\* Call to Worship

from Isaiah 12

Leader: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;

**All: For the LORD God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.**

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

**All: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD!

**All: Let us shout, and sing for joy together, for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel!"**

\* Hymn of Praise

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing  
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one.  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

\* Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

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## GOD CLEANSSES US

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### Unison Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, and minds, and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

### Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4:9-10

Leader: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

#### \* Response Song

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
when the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
for my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

*(Chorus)*

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;  
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast.  
Precious in His holy sight, he will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last;  
bought by Him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;  
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
justice has been satisfied, he will hold me fast;  
Raised with Him to endless life, he will hold me fast;  
'til our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last!

### *Chorus*

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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

### *Psalm 1 (That Man Is Blessed)*

That man is blessed who does not walk as wicked men advise,  
nor stand where sinners meet, nor sit where scorners pose as wise.  
Instead he is the one who makes the LORD's law his delight,  
and in that law he meditates by day and in the night.

He's like a deeply planted tree beside a water stream,  
which in its season bears its fruit, whose leaves stay fresh and green.  
In all he does he will succeed. The wicked are not so,  
but they are like the scattered chaff swept by the winds that blow.

The wicked therefore will not stand when time of judgment comes,  
nor will the sinners stand among assembled righteous ones.  
Because the LORD the righteous loves; the path they walk he knows.  
The wicked walk a different path, that to destruction goes.

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## GOD SPEAKS TO US

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*Please stand for the reading of God's Word.*

\* Scripture Reading

Romans 8 (NASB 1995)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup> For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, <sup>7</sup> because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. <sup>10</sup> If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

<sup>12</sup> So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — <sup>13</sup> for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of

God,<sup>17</sup> and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

<sup>26</sup> In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; <sup>27</sup> and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; <sup>30</sup> and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; <sup>34</sup> who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> Just as it is written,

"For Your sake we are being put to death all day long;  
We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup> But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## **Sermon Notes**

Romans 8

*Blessed Assurance*

Rev. Joe Mullen

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## GOD STRENGTHENS US

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### 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.

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

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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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**

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\* 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.

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# MISSION FOCUS

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## Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry

We have moved our headquarters to consolidate some of our services and expand our capacity to feed families and help families with furniture and household items .. all in a huge warehouse. Our new address is: 1845 Brevard Road, Arden, NC 28704.

This was effective July 1. All other ministry services will remain where they are. You can still take donations to the Crisis Ministry warehouses, but our main warehouse services will be at the new location. We are consolidating these offices: ABCCM Servant Leadership Center – Veterans Services of the Carolinas – and centralizing the warehouse operations of the Donations Ministry.

ABCCM began with Crisis Ministry services in 1969 and has expanded to meet needs as they arose. The newest expansion requires much more space. ABCCM is a partner in The Healthy Opportunities Program that serves Medicaid families. This program allows us to reach our low-income neighbors who are experiencing health challenges and provides support need to help them stay stable and healthier. The Statewide report showed this approach was a big success. These families receive a healthy food box that is delivered weekly. The program also provides financial assistance for first month's rent/ deposit and/or utility assistance. A Food Navigator and a Housing Navigator were added to each Crisis Ministry site to deliver these services, along with our faithful and committed volunteers.

Since January, the combined Crisis Ministry sites have been giving away about 18,000 bags of food a month, with 6,000 bags for Medicaid families, but 12,000 bags from the churches and community to help all the other families in need. Thanks to all the volunteers and churches, ABCCM is impacting thousands. Currently we are serving 550 Medicaid families weekly with a healthy food box filled with fresh produce, staple items, proteins and dairy. We are serving about 200 families monthly with housing and sustaining resources to keep them supported during difficult times.

Veterans Services of the Carolinas serves Veterans and their families with homeless prevention and rapid rehousing, job training and placement, suicide prevention, and outreach services. They serve all 100 NC counties with a call center which connects Veteran with services they need, which may require multiple calls by VSC to make the right connection for the Veteran.

This Servant Leadership team includes the officers who support the operations of all seven ministries. This includes financial accounting, plus church shepherding, fund raising, special events, printing and mailing, data services, and personnel.

...You are welcome and even encouraged to send a gift to help with this huge transition... ABCCM is truly church owned and volunteer led... Please keep us in your prayers in the months ahead.

# THIS WEEK

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## **SUNDAY, July 14**

Sola Fide Class (Gospel of John) ..... 9:15AM in Room 203  
Worship Service..... 10:30AM in Worship Area  
Bonner Memorial Service ..... 4:00PM in Worship Area

## **TUESDAY, July 16**

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

## **THURSDAY, July 18**

Band Rehearsal ..... 7:00PM in Worship Area

## **SATURDAY, July 20**

Youth Group Cookout ..... 4:30PM at Recio home

137 Reynolds School Road, 28803  
Please RSVP to the office (or via the Weekly)

## **UPCOMING DATES**

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## GENERAL

Last Saturday, Trinity member and former staff member, Elaine Bonner, departed this earthly life for heaven. **This afternoon at 4:00PM, there will be a memorial service at Trinity**, followed by a reception in Room 205. Trinity members please park in the back lot, to leave room in front for family and guests. Thank you to all who are bringing food for the reception.

Next Sunday our next candidate for the **Assistant Pastor** position will be our guest preacher.

Next Sunday 5-7PM, we will have our fourth **Summer Nights at Trinity**. Please join us! Following our discussion ("Temptation, Sin, and Repentance"), we will gather for a potluck meal enjoying the summer evening and our company with one another. Those with last names A-M, please bring a main dish; N-Z, please bring a side dish and a dessert to share.

## MEN

**Save the date:** our next men's breakfast will be Saturday, August 10.

## 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 with us. Please RSVP to the office so that we have enough food prepared.

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## 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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# MISSIONARIES

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**Andrew & Becc Baron**  
Cru - Australia

**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

Ascend Women's Center (formerly MAPS)  
Asheville Buncombe Com Christian Ministry  
Highlands Presbytery  
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*