



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

**July 28, 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

*Our Song from Age to Age*

Oh God of power, living Word, the One who made the stars,  
who with your glory filled the earth, from dust made beating hearts.  
You loved us when we fell away, poured mercy on our souls;  
and promised grace would come to save, to loose death's iron hold.

*Chorus 1*

*You are our song from age to age,  
our voices unite to recount your praise again and again.*

Oh God of promises fulfilled, the God who took on flesh,  
who did all that the Father willed, was humbled unto death.  
You bore our cross of sin and shame, endured our agony.  
With gladness we now bear your name and worship at your feet.

*Chorus 2*

*You are our song from age to age, our voices unite to recount your praise again and again.  
You are our song from age to age, we will proclaim your power to save again and again.*

Oh God, who surely guides our steps through tempests and through trials,  
our Shepherd King, your way is best, though tears now veil our eyes.  
Your steadfast love, our perfect hope, our eyes are fixed on grace.  
We have no doubt you'll lead us home to finally see your face!

*Chorus 2*

Oh God of all of history, enthroned in realms of light,  
what eyes of faith have strained to see will one day fill our sight.  
With all the saints we'll lay our crowns before the Savior's feet,  
and sing as all the heav'ns resound for all eternity.

*Chorus 2*

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

\* Call to Worship

Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

**All: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

**All: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

Leader: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**All: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. 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

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## GOD CLEANSSES US

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### Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, may your Spirit speak in me that I may speak to you. I have no merit; let the merit of Jesus stand for me. I am undeserving, but I look to your tender mercy. I am full of infirmities, wants, sin; you are full of grace. I confess my sin, my frequent sin, my willful sin. All my powers of body and soul are defiled; a fountain of pollution is deep within my nature. I have gone from one odious room to another, walked in a no-man's land of dangerous imaginations, pried into the secrets of my fallen nature. O my God, have mercy on me. Rescue me from my love of sinning, and grant me grace to follow after my Master and Lord, your Son, Jesus Christ. In his name I pray, Amen.

### Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

John 7:37-38

Leader: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

#### \* Response Song

*His Mercy Is More*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

*(Refrain)*

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

*(Refrain)*

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

*(Refrain)*

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## Old Testament Reading

## Psalm 111

- 1 Praise the LORD!  
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.
- 4 He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy;
- 8 they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name!
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!

## 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

## *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.

Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,  
my never-failing treas'ry filled with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death.

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## GOD SPEAKS TO US

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

\* Scripture Reading

John 5:30-47

<sup>30</sup> "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>31</sup> If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. <sup>32</sup> There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. <sup>33</sup> You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. <sup>34</sup> Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. <sup>35</sup> He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. <sup>36</sup> But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. <sup>37</sup> And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, <sup>38</sup> and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. <sup>39</sup> You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, <sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. <sup>41</sup> I do not receive glory from people. <sup>42</sup> But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. <sup>43</sup> I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. <sup>44</sup> How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? <sup>45</sup> Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. <sup>46</sup> For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. <sup>47</sup> But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

Minister:     The Word of the Lord.

**ALL:           Thanks be to God!**



# **Sermon Notes**

John 5:30-47

*Can I Get a Witness?*

Rev. Robert Recio

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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.

**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

*Behold the Lamb (The Communion Hymn)*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away slain for us: and we remember  
the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ torn for you: eat and remember;  
the wounds that heal the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this bread of life and we drink of his sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember  
he drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life and we drink of his sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember  
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.

As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

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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.

# MISSION FOCUS

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**Collin and Zury | West Africa**

# THIS WEEK

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## **SUNDAY, July 28**

Sola Fide Class (Acts) ..... 9:15AM in Room 203

Worship Service..... 10:30AM in Worship Area

## **TUESDAY, July 30**

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

## **THURSDAY, August 1**

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

## **UPCOMING DATES**

August 4 – Summer Nights at Trinity (5 of 6)

August 10 – Men's Breakfast

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## GENERAL

We are delighted to announce that Brandon Wilcox has accepted the Session's offer to become Trinity's **Assistant Pastor of Youth and Family**. We look forward to the Wilcoxes moving down to Asheville this fall when Brandon will begin work as our full-time youth director as he prepares for his ordination exams with our presbytery. Please be in prayer for the Wilcox family as they prepare for a big move with all that it entails and give thanks with us for God's provision to our congregation.

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

## MEN

Please plan to attend our next men's **breakfast** Saturday morning, August 10.

## WOMEN

**Ladies, SAVE THE DATE!** The Highlands Presbytery Women's Ministry **2024 Fall Retreat** will be Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at Ridge Haven in Brevard, NC. Our speaker will be Susan Tyner. Please note the flyers posted throughout your church to learn more about Susan. Also, if you would like to help with snacks, crafts or the podium décor at the Retreat, please let Marcia Bartlett know.

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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:**

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**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*