



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

**August 4, 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

*Thy Mercy, My God*

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;  
thy free grace alone from the first to the last  
hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here,  
sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
but through thy free goodness my spirits revive,  
and he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground,  
and weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own,  
and the covenant love of thy crucified Son;  
all praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine  
seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

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seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

\* Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**All: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

Leader: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**All: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

\* Hymn of Praise

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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 thy name.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosen'd tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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\* Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

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## GOD CLEANSSES US

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### Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to humanity in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:24

Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

### \* Response Song

*All I Have Is Christ*

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way;  
the sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will,  
and if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indiff'rent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.  
And I beheld God's love displayed, you suffered in my place;  
you bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace!

*(Chorus)*

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!*

*Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!*

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see  
the strength to follow your commands could never come from me.

O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose,  
and let my song forever be: my only boast is you.

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!*

*Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!*

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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

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quick'ning pow'rs;  
kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise;  
hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.

And shall we then forever live at this poor dying rate?  
Our love, so faint, so cold to you, and yours to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove, with all your quick'ning pow'rs;  
come, shed abroad a Savior's love and that shall kindle ours.

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## GOD SPEAKS TO US

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

\* Scripture Reading

John 6:1-15

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup> Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

<sup>15</sup> Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Minister:     The Word of the Lord.

**ALL:           Thanks be to God!**

# **Sermon Notes**

John 6:1-15

*A Table in the Wilderness*

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.

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

*There Is a Redeemer*

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*(Chorus)*

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

*Chorus*

When I stand in glory, I will see his face;  
there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

*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**

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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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## Steve and Rita Williams | Mission to the World

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are writing to tell you that in a few short months we finally will be coming to the end of our formal overseas missionary pilgrimage. In October 1990 we were commissioned to serve with Mission to the World, with whom we have served to this day. Over these years, while some of us have travelled in more than 50 countries and ministered in five continents, we will be ending our service on December 31, 2024. While we will greatly miss formal ministry, we also look forward to our lives ahead in Christ without all the more recognized ministry titles and roles.

Although much of our formal missionary service has involved international travel, we now plan to stay close to home in local involvement, particularly with our children and grandchildren who live near us here in New Zealand.

Please know that words cannot begin to express the love and appreciation that we have for so many of you who have prayed and sacrificed financially to support us through these many years. It has been a privilege, and we wish to give God all the glory. Our pilgrimage has had many joys as well as sorrows, and you have been right there beside us along the way. We especially thank all of you who have held our children, April and Stefan, before our Lord in prayer. Their lives today testify to your love and support for them.

Thank you for praying for us and hundreds of other MTW missionaries serving throughout the Asia Pacific area. We felt truly blessed by God to have had one last opportunity to enjoy worship and fellowship together in a retreat setting. The theme was "Worship - Rest - Connect."

Our Australasia Team farewelled us and three other missionary units retiring soon. Not only did we enjoy catching up with our Australasia colleagues, but it was great to visit with others whom we have known through the years, including one couple who went through MTW assessment with us about 34 years ago and a couple from one of our supporting churches who attended the retreat as volunteers. It was a special time away!

Please know that we will always cherish each of you and never forget that we look forward to spending eternity with you! (Although our emails may change in 2025, you may continue to contact us through WhatsApp.)

# THIS WEEK

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## **SUNDAY, August 4**

Sola Fide Class (Acts) ..... 9:15AM in Room 203  
Worship Service..... 10:30AM in Worship Area  
Summer Nights at Trinity ..... 5:00PM in Worship Area  
*Pastoral Care and Discipleship* for Adults and Youth in Worship Area  
Children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger in Room 105  
N-Z bring main dish; A-M bring a side dish and dessert to share, served in the Library  
Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets; water provided. We hope to eat outdoors.

## **TUESDAY, August 6**

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

## **THURSDAY, August 8**

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

## **SATURDAY, August 10**

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

## **UPCOMING DATES**

August 12 – Session and Diaconate Meetings  
August 18 – Summer Nights at Trinity (6 of 6)  
August 22 – Trinity Ladies Caring

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## GENERAL

This evening 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. 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. Please RSVP via the Weekly.

## WOMEN

Ladies, if you would like to attend the **women’s fellowship** hosted by Marilyn Brown on August 22, 6-8PM, please sign up in the foyer. More details on the flyer and in the Weekly.

It is not too early to sign up for the women’s study **“From Garden to Glory”** (by Courtney Doctor), Thursday mornings, 9:45-Noon, September 12 – November 21. Books \$13. See the sheet in the foyer. More details on the flyer and in the Weekly.

## CHILDREN

We are excited to open the **infant/toddler nursery** during worship beginning Sunday, September 8. If you are willing to volunteer on a monthly basis, please contact Tish in the office. (One note: the service will be zoomed on a laptop in the nursery so that workers can hear the service while the babes are happily playing or being held.) We also have volunteer openings for Children’s worship (ages two through kindergarten). Thank you.

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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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Ascend Women's Center (formerly MAPS)  
Asheville Buncombe Com Christian Ministry  
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PCA | Administrative Committee  
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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*