



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

September 1, 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

Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a holy God.

(Chorus)

*Come and behold him, the one and the only.
Cry out, sing "Holy, forever a holy God."
Come and worship the holy God.*

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a holy God.

Chorus

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call him Father?
Only a holy God.
Only my holy God!

Chorus

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

* Call to Worship

Psalm 27:1, 4

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

All: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

* Hymn of Praise

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;
he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
he has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join, and point to mercy's store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles, and asks no more:
he who washed us with his blood, has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy, Lamb of God!"

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* Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

GOD CLEANSSES US

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 6:11

Leader: You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

* Response Song

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.
Free and changeless is his favor; all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us; all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation; all is well.
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,
steadfast through the Spirit's guiding; all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, "All is well."
On our Father's love relying, Jesus ev'ry need supplying,
yes, in living or in dying, all must be well.

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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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Please stand for the reading of God's Word.

* Scripture Reading

John 7:1-52

¹ After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. ² Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. ³ So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing." ⁴ For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." ⁵ For not even his brothers believed in him. ⁶ Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. ⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. ⁸ You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come." ⁹ After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

¹⁰ But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. ¹¹ The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, "Where is he?" ¹² And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, "He is a good man," others said, "No, he is leading the people astray." ¹³ Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

¹⁴ About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. ¹⁵ The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" ¹⁶ So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. ¹⁷ If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. ¹⁸ The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood. ¹⁹ Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" ²⁰ The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" ²¹ Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel at it. ²² Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. ²³ If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? ²⁴ Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

²⁵ Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? ²⁶ And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? ²⁷ But we know where this man

comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from.”²⁸ So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, “You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know.²⁹ I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me.”³⁰ So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.³¹ Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, “When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?”

³² The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.³³ Jesus then said, “I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me.³⁴ You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come.”³⁵ The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?³⁶ What does he mean by saying, ‘You will seek me and you will not find me,’ and, ‘Where I am you cannot come?’”

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

⁴⁰ When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This really is the Prophet.”⁴¹ Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee?⁴² Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?”⁴³ So there was a division among the people over him.⁴⁴ Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

⁴⁵ The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?”⁴⁶ The officers answered, “No one ever spoke like this man!”⁴⁷ The Pharisees answered them, “Have you also been deceived?⁴⁸ Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him?⁴⁹ But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.”⁵⁰ Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them,⁵¹ “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?”⁵² They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee.”

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

John 7:1-52

If Anyone Thirsts

Rev. Robert Recio

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

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

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)

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

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Ref.)*

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
this is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Ref.)*

Glory! Glory! this I sing — nothing but the blood of Jesus;
all my life, my cry shall be — nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Ref.)*

... nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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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

Ministries of Mercy

Paul writes to the Roman church: *so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.*

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality (Romans 12:5-13).

According to our Book of Church Order, the office of deacon is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus. It expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need. We thank God for our deacons and for our members who have ministered to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to those who have been in distress through prayer, encouragement, visiting, meals, errands, practical help with home/yard/car ...and other creative ways of showing mercy.

As Steve Miner encouraged us recently: If you ever are in need or know of someone in need, please contact any deacon.

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith (Galatians 6:9-10).

Thus far In 2024, (not including the current special offering), Trinity has collected \$3,895 in Alms and distributed \$7,983 among our members and others in the community. (With a surplus from years past, our account still has a healthy balance.) Thank you for your generosity and compassion!

We also support the following local ministries of mercy:

- **Ascend Women's Center** (mtnpregnancy.com)
- **Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry** (abccm.org)
- **Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry** (svcmblackmountain.org)
- **Western Carolina Rescue Ministries** (westerncarolinarescue.org)

They are often the subject of their own mission focus. If you would like to volunteer with or learn more about these ministries, please contact the office or your deacon.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, September 1

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

MONDAY, September 2 – Office closed for Labor Day

WEDNESDAY, September 4

Prayer Meeting5:45PM in Foyer

Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM in Worship Area

THURSDAY, September 5

Band Rehearsal 7:00PM in Worship Area

UPCOMING DATES

September 8 – Sunday School begins for all ages (9:30AM)

September 11 – Children’s Catechism class begins

September 12 – “From Garden to Glory” begins

September 14 – Men’s Breakfast

September 15 – Early retreat registration ends for women

September 16 – Session and Diaconate meetings

September 21 – Men’s outing: Mars Hill football game

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL

The Trinity Deacons are dedicating any mercy gifts received today to the **Rich and Lerenda Walton family**. If you would like to be part of blessing the Waltons in this way, simply place your check (to Trinity with "Mercy" (not their name) written on the memo line) in the offering plate or the Alms baskets. Thank you.

Join the Sanctuary Choir! If you enjoy singing, we want you to join us! Rehearsals begin this **Wednesday, September 4 (6:30-7:45PM)**. Please contact Dwight Basham (dwight@trinityasheville.com) if interested.

MEN

Please sign up for the September 14 Men's Breakfast by Thursday, via the Weekly.

Lenoir-Rhyne vs Mars Hill **football game at Mars Hill University** on Saturday, September 21, 1-4PM. Email johnbeaghan@gmail.com to reserve tickets (\$15/adult, \$7/17 years and younger) by next Sunday, September 8.

WOMEN

Please sign up TODAY if you want to join the women's study "**From Garden to Glory**" (by Courtney Doctor), Thursday mornings, 9:45AM-Noon, September 12 – November 21. Books \$13. See the sign-up sheet in the foyer. More details on the flyer and in the Weekly.

CHILDREN

A **Children's Catechism class** will be offered for those in third grade and older, Wednesday afternoons, 4-5PM, beginning September 11. Please register with Tish in the office.

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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West Africa

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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*