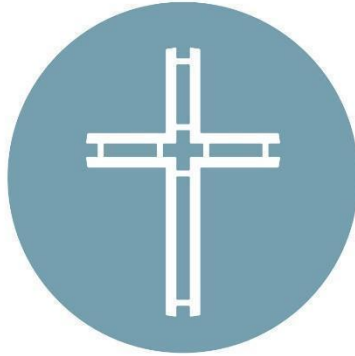




TRINITY

P R E S B Y T E R I A N

A S H E V I L L E

Order of Worship
September 13, 2026

Welcome

*In the name of Jesus, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are spiritually weak and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whomsoever will come.*

We are glad that you have joined us to worship the Living God! Please stay after the service and get to know others in our community who are calling Trinity “home.” If you have any questions about our church, feel free to contact us using the information in the back of the bulletin. We would also love to connect with you through a physical visitor card or through the QR code below.



Our Worship Service has an intentional structure designed to reflect our belief that worship is a conversation between God and His people. The service begins as we all respond to God's **calling** us to worship Him. But upon responding to that call, we realize that we must be reminded of the **cleansing** given to us through Christ. God then gives us His **charter** as we hear Him speak through Scripture. This is followed by the heavenly feast called **communion**. Finally, God dismisses us with His blessing in the **commission**.

There are a few options for your children. Whole families worshipping together is one of the chief values of Trinity. While our kids may not grasp everything that takes place, their hearts are being formed through participating in the weekly act of worship and observing the people of God singing, praying, and giving their hearts to God! We have children's bulletins available in the foyer. For our youngest kids, a staffed nursery is available, Room 101 is a dedicated cry room for nursing mothers, and children ages three through five are given the choice of attending children's worship in Room 104; dismissal is before the sermon.

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*** Please stand as you are able.**

* Gathering Song

Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

(Chorus)

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Chorus

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing; shore to shore we hear them call —
the truth that cries through ev'ry age: "Our God is all in all!"

Chorus x2

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

Calling

* Call to Worship

From Psalm 72

Leader: For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

All: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

* Hymn of Praise

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

(Refrain)

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. *(Ref.)*

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. *(Ref.)*

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home. *(Ref.)*

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* Prayer of Invocation and Adoration

Cleansing

The Law of God

Unison Prayer of Confession

Based on Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:10-13

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

* Response Song

God Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me; on your love I rest my plea.
By your vast abounding grace, my transgression all erase.
From the stain of every sin, wash, and make me clean within.

For my sins before me rise, always present to my eyes.
I have sinned 'gainst you alone, in your sight I've evil done;
So your words are proven true, righteous are your judgments, too.

Truly, I was born in sin, sinful when conceived within.
Surely you desire to find faithfulness in heart and mind;
You will, deep within my heart, wisdom unto me impart.

O with hyssop sprinkle me, and from sin I clean will be;
Wash me from its stain, and so, I'll be whiter than the snow.
Make me hear joy's cheering voice, let the bones you crushed rejoice.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

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

Children's Church (ages three through Kindergarten) may dismiss at this time.

Hymn of Preparation

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail — let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

Charter

* Scripture Reading

Mark 4:1-20

Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. ²And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³"Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. ⁵Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." ⁹And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

¹⁰And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. ¹¹And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, ¹²so that

""they may indeed see but not perceive,
and may indeed hear but not understand,
lest they should turn and be forgiven.""

¹³And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴The sower sows the word. ¹⁵And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. ¹⁶And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, ¹⁹but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²⁰But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."

Sermon Notes

The Parable about Parables | Rev. Robert Recio

Communion

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 89, 90

Q. 89. How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

Q. 90. How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?

A. That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We welcome to the table all baptized Christians who are trusting in Christ alone for their salvation, have made a public profession of faith, and are accountable members of a Gospel-believing church.

The bread and wine will be passed to you.

Please hold the elements so that we partake of them together.

All bread is gluten free.

Please note that grape juice is in the grape-colored cups and wine is in the clear cups.

Closing Song (CUP)

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, indifferent 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.

Chorus x 2

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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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Commission

* Benediction

Announcements and Contact

This Week:

09/13	Sunday School at 9:30AM
09/13	Young Professionals Gathering (at the Recio home) at 5:30PM
09/16	Prayer Meeting at 5:45PM
09/16	Wednesday Nights at Trinity at 6:30PM
09/17	Ladies Bible Study at 10AM
09/17	Band Rehearsal at 7PM
09/19	Choir Kick-off at 9AM

All ages are invited to come out for **Wednesday nights at Trinity**, 6:30-8PM, for the months of September and October. See the Weekly for more details.

For anyone interested in singing in the church choir or worship team,

there will be a meet and greet next Saturday, 19 September 2026 from 9-11:30 AM.

Please sign up in the church foyer or email Rebecca@trinityasheville.com.

Trinity Discovery Class. This fall Pastor Robert will be hosting a Discovery Class for those interested in membership or simply learning more about the church. Please sign up in the foyer or email karen@trinityasheville.com if you are interested. Dates TBD.

Upcoming Dates:

10/04 Churchwide Potluck Picnic Lunch

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