



TRINITY

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

A S H E V I L L E

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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.

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GOD CALLS US

** Please stand as you are able.*

* Gathering Song

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice. All creation rises to rejoice!

Chorus:

*Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come, let us adore him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare, come, let us adore him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Chorus

Who has felt the nails upon his hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

Chorus

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

* Call to Worship

Psalm 118

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

All: His steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the Lord answered me and set me free.

All: The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

All: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let us give praise to the LORD Almighty!

* Hymn of Praise

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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* Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

GOD CLEANSSES US

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most gracious God, our sins are many. Even in what we are praying together now, we are just scratching the surface. Lord, we complain much too often and appreciate far too little. We worry when we should be resting in your care for us. We judge others when we should be seeking to help them. We use words that tear down when we should be building up. We find comfort in darkness when true satisfaction is in the light. We quickly grow angry despite being shown great patience. We stress under pressure when we should be taking everything to you in prayer. We settle into apathy when we should be pleading for Godly zeal. We give a home to bitterness when we ought rather to make room for forgiveness. We are concerned for ourselves rather than compassionate for others. Forgive us Lord, forgive us and teach us to feast on your eternal truth, on the hope that we have received in the gospel, we pray in the name of our great Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:10-13, John 3:1

Leader: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him...How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God.

* Song of Assurance

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

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

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
- 35 Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
- 36 Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!
- 37 Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.
- 38 Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.
- 39 Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your rules are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!
- 41 Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD,
your salvation according to your promise;
- 42 then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me,
for I trust in your word.
- 43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,
for my hope is in your rules.
- 44 I will keep your law continually,
forever and ever,
- 45 and I shall walk in a wide place,
for I have sought your precepts.
- 46 I will also speak of your testimonies before kings
and shall not be put to shame,
- 47 for I find my delight in your commandments,
which I love.
- 48 I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love,
and I will meditate on your statutes.

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

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Please stand for the reading of God's Word.

* Scripture Reading

Hebrews 2:5-18

⁵ For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶ It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?

⁷ You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,

⁸ putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹ But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹² saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

¹³ And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

For Us and Our Salvation

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 Lords 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 is 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 Hymn

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears:
the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
before the throne my Surety stands,
before the throne my Surety stands,
my name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
his all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear;
he owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
with confidence I now draw nigh,
with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

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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.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, September 17

Worship Service.....9:30AM in Worship Area
Sunday School for Children and Youth 11:00AM in Classrooms
 Twos and Threes (Room 102), Pre-K and K (Room 104), 1st-2nd (Room 105), 3rd (Room 106), 4th-5th (Room 107)
 MS and HS (Modular Room 501)
Sunday School for Adults 11:00AM in Classrooms
 The Unfolding Mystery of the Bible (Worship Area)
 Sola Fide (Room 205)
Teresa Petricka Memorial Service..... 3:00PM in Worship Area

MONDAY, September 18

Children’s and Youth Ministry Team Meeting 6:30PM in Room 201

WEDNESDAY, September 20

Children’s Catechism 4:00-5:00PM in Room 203
Prayer Meeting 5:45PM in Foyer

THURSDAY, September 21

Ecclesiastes Study 10:00AM in Room 205
Ecclesiastes Study 6:30PM in Room 205
Band Rehearsal 7:00PM in Worship Area

UPCOMING DATES

September 24 – Sunday Night Gathering
October 1 – Sunday School time with Session (Voting Age in Trinity By-laws)
October **22** – Community BBQ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL

The Congregation is invited to join Tim Petricka, the Bartletts, the Pittmans, and the Harrisons, for a **memorial service** exalting our Savior and remembering Teresa Petricka, at 3PM today at Trinity.

Growth Group and **Titus 2** sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

Save the Date: Trinity will participate in a joint Reformation Day worship service with sister churches Covenant Reformed Presbyterian, Grace and Peace, and Fairview Fellowship, scheduled for 5:00PM on Sunday, October 29, at Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church in Asheville.

WOMEN

Ladies, it is not too late to join the **Ecclesiastes study** beginning this Thursday, morning or evening (September 21 – November 16).

It is time to register for the October 20-21 **Presbytery Women's retreat**, "Comforting the Comfortless: Becoming a Balm for the Broken" with speaker Lori Sealy.

See the flyer in the foyer or go to (<https://HPWM2023FALLRETREAT.eventbrite.com>).

Please note that this Tuesday, September 19, the registration fee will increase to \$50 per person.

CHILDREN

Third – Fifth graders, please join us for Children's **Catechism**, Wednesdays, September 13-November 8, 4-5PM, as we learn about God's plan of salvation as revealed in Scripture from Genesis through Revelation. Friends and neighbors also welcome. Please register with Tish in the office.

OFFICERS

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MISSION FOCUS

Joel and Kate Ledbetter | Campus Outreach

Thank you so much for supporting us and praying for our ministry on the college campus! The first month of the semester is always very full, but it has been so encouraging and a lot of fun. We have officially "kicked off"!

One of our team's biggest prayer requests was that God would allow us to get connected to incoming international students at UWG. The International Student department graciously let us host a BBQ at one of my church friend's farm. We had over 40 international students come from all over the world (Germany, Iran, India, Japan, Korea, France, Zambia, and Nigeria). It truly was a beautiful picture of the nations!

Since then, our church and student leaders have begun to build meaningful relationships with several of these students! I have been praying that 5-10 of them would come on our fall retreat next weekend and 7 are already signed up! **Praise God!**

My vision for the fall is that God would raise up laborers in each of the areas that He has entrusted me to lead. Below are specific groups of people and prayer requests. Please pray:

- **CO Staff at UWG** (Tone, Hannah, Molly), **Berry** (Derrell, Emily, Melayne, Olivia, Jayla) & **JSU** (Ethan):
 - *Pray that each of these men and women would have vibrant and deep prayer lives.*
 - *Pray that God would allow us to share the Gospel with 215 students and model evangelism for each of our student leaders!*
- **Discipleship Group:**
 - *This year I am discipling ZyKeith, Marshall, and Nathan (pictured below with me). Each is leading their own discipleship group this semester.*
 - *Pray that each of these men would help raise up a new generation of laborers!*
- **International Students:**
 - *Pray that 3 more international students sign up for our fall retreat next weekend!*
 - *Pray that our team and student leaders would have an opportunity to share the Gospel with 10 international students and that at least one would begin to follow Jesus!*
- **Cross Country Team:**
 - *Pray that God would give me favor on the XCountry team and opportunities to share the Gospel with at least 5 runners!*
 - *Pray that one guy on the team would come to know Jesus and begin to pray earnestly with me for his teammates!*

MISSIONARIES

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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*