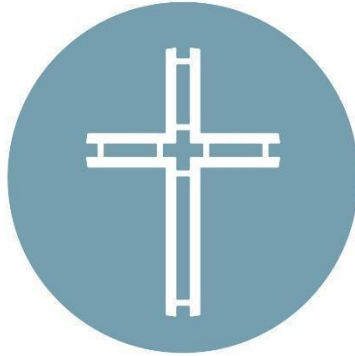




TRINITY

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

A S H E V I L L E

Order of Worship
October 25, 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 (available on the Welcome Table).

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

Calling

* 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!

**All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

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

**All: 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.**

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God,

All: And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

* Hymn of Praise

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 x2

Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

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* Prayer of Invocation and Adoration

Cleansing

The Law of God

Matthew 22:34-40

Unison Prayer of Confession

Adapted from Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.
For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.
Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight.
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior, have mercy on us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-19

Leader: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.
He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

* 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

Zephaniah 3:14-20

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

Amazing Grace!

Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

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* Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-32

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

¹¹And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them.

¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Sermon Notes

The God Who Seeks and Rejoices | Rev. Robert Recio

Communion

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 20

Q. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

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)

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
for my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

(Refrain)

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last;
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. *(Ref.)*

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied, he will hold me fast;
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast;
'til our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last! *(Ref.)*

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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:

10/25	Discovery Class (in Room 205) at Noon
10/25	Joint evening worship service at Covenant Reformed at 5PM
10/28	Wednesday Night Pizza and Salad Dinner at 5:30PM
10/28	No Prayer Meeting
10/28	Adult Choir at 6:30PM
10/28	Wednesday Nights at Trinity (final session) at 6:30PM
10/29	Ladies Bible Study at 10AM
10/29	Band Rehearsal at 7PM

Trinity will participate in a joint **Reformation Day worship service** with sister PCA churches, this evening at Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church, 281 Edgewood Road, 28804. Reception to follow. Please join us.

Our Wednesday Nights at Trinity term ends this Wednesday, and we are planning a fellowship dinner at 5:30PM before we break out into age groups. Please RSVP TODAY in the foyer or via the Weekly so that we know how much pizza and salad to prepare. Suggested: \$2/person. All are welcome.

Upcoming Dates:

11/01	Return to Standard Time
11/01	High School Bible Study
11/03	Election Day

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