



TRINITY

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

A S H E V I L L E

November 19, 2023

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

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(Chorus)

*We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire;
he is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
upheld, protected, gathered up.

Chorus

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
my soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength.

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
you are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
bind us together, bring shalom.

Chorus

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

* Call to Worship

from Psalm 108

Leader: My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being!
Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!

All: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

All: That your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by your right hand and answer us! Amen! Let us worship God!

* 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. *(Refrain)*

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

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

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* Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

GOD CLEANSSES US

Unison Prayer of Confession

based on Daniel 9

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways. We have rebelled against your wisdom. We have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance. We have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Revelation 1:5-6

Leader: "To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever, Amen."

* Hymn of Assurance

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee when sorrows rise,
on thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.

To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone canst heal;
thy Word can bring a sweet relief for every pain I feel.

But oh! when gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine;
the springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline.

Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust;
And still my soul would cleave to thee, though prostrate in the dust.

Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sov'reign grace be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sov'reign grace attends the mourner's prayer;
O may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat;
With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.

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With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.

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Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,
- 2 for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.
- 5 He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
- 8 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
- 10 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

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

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth; cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice
that in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Please stand for the reading of God's Word.

* Scripture Reading

Revelation 2:1-7

¹ "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands:

² "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. ³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶ Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Notes

Revelation 2:1-7

Remember

Rev. Andrew Shank

GOD STRENGTHENS US

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 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

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,
sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was he;
full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die, "It is finished!" was his cry:
now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

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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, November 19

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 Worship Area
Andrew Shank (Room 205)
Sola Fide (Room **203**)

WEDNESDAY, November 22

NO Prayer Meeting this week.....

THURSDAY, November 23 – Office Holiday

UPCOMING DATES

November 26 – No Sunday School
December 2 – Christmas luncheon (for ladies 5 and up)
December 3 – Christmas Carols and Desserts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL

Coffee will be served in Room 205 this morning. Robert's class and others are invited to hear from Andrew Shank about his college ministry during Sunday School.

Please come out for **Christmas Carols and Desserts** on Sunday evening, December 3, at 6PM. After singing together, we will have a dessert fellowship. Please bring a dessert to share.

WOMEN

Trinity Ladies Caring: Take the chill out of your winter, cozy up with hot soup, sandwich, and more at our **women's Christmas luncheon** on Saturday, December 2, noon to 2PM. Also, we are receiving donations for gifts (for all ages of ladies); there is a drop box in the Library (Room 204) until Friday, December 1 (but please don't wait that late!). Start out the season with fellowship and good food. Please sign up in the foyer. All ladies, ages 5 and up, invited!

OFFICERS

ELDERS: Zach Ashton, Randy Bartlett, Bill Brown, Conley Brown, Bryson Fleming, Chuck Linkston, Joe Mullen, Brandon Ray, Robert Recio, Stephen Todd

DEACONS: Adam Foss, Harold Frost, Steve Miner, Dale Slusser, Luke Stotz

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MISSION FOCUS

Andrew and Trish Shank | RUF, Western Carolina Univ.

College is a marketplace of ideas. For millions of students, it's a time when their beliefs are challenged, new perspectives are encountered, and major life decisions are made. This is where RUF shows up. Ministry staff head to campus each day to love students, teach the scriptures, and build communities that embody Christ's love. The impact of RUF stretches beyond the college years; it prepares students to love Jesus for a lifetime.

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RUF (Reformed University Fellowship) reaches college students at universities in the US with the hope of Christ and equips them for a lifetime of flourishing and service in the church, their community, and the wider world. Almost 20 million students live, learn, and lean into their adult endeavors on college campuses each year.

RUF sends ordained and seminary-trained pastors to build healthy student communities that grow up into and live out of the transforming grace of God in Christ. Campus staff and interns play an integral part in building relationships and developing vibrant student-led ministry on campus.

We partner with local churches and individuals to share the vision and task of the vital ministry of loving the college campus next door. We also seek to connect and commend students to a life lived out in community with the church.

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Andrew Shank grew up in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, but ever since his family moved to Charlotte, NC right after his 13th birthday, he's called North Carolina "home." Andrew is a graduate of NC State, and after his college days, interned with RUF at Virginia Tech before returning to Charlotte to attend Reformed Theological Seminary. It was during these RTS days that he met, wooed, and wed his wife, Trish. After finishing seminary, Andrew spent three years as the Pastor of Discipleship at Hilton Head Presbyterian Church before moving to WCU in the summer of 2017.

Andrew and Trish have three daughters, Sophie, Maggie, and Emmaline, and together they enjoy the outdoors, board games, reading, music, making pizza together, and going on adventures.

MISSIONARIES

SUPPORTED BY TRINITY

Andrew & Becc Baron
Cru – Australia

David & Danielle Grotton
MTW – Chile

Alec and Riley Cotton
RUF – App State

Collin & Zury
West Africa

Paul & Christie Kendall
Helps Ministries

Jamie & Elizabeth Kabernick
Helps Ministries

Jonah
Sensitive area

Joel & Kate Ledbetter
Campus Outreach – Georgia

Chuck & Jimmie Lynn Linkston
Paraclete Mission

Flavien & Inyange
Sensitive area

James & Sharon Royal
YWAM – Australia

Andrew & Trish Shank
RUF – Western Carolina

Dale Slusser
Helps Ministries

Donnie & Kara
West Africa

Steve & Rita Williams
MTW – New Zealand

SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

Asheville Buncombe Com Christian Ministry

Highlands Presbytery

Mountain Area Pregnancy Support Services

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*