



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

Sunday, December 4, 2022
9:30 a.m.

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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.

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 Hymn

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Psalm 24:7

*"Lift up your heads, O you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in."*

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near,
the Savior of the world is here.

A helper just he comes to thee,
his chariot is humility,
his kingly crown is holiness,
his scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heav'n's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

Welcome and Announcements

(see rear pages for more information)

Silent Preparation

Scripture for Meditation:
Psalm 29:11

"May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!"

Choral Introit

Emmanuel

Hutchins, sung by Christ Presbyterian Academy (CPA) Choir

*Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Peace

The Pratt Family

*Carol of Praise

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Luke 2:10

"Do not be afraid.

*I bring you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people."*

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior
was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan's pow'r
when we were gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father,
a blessèd angel came;
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born
the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

GOD CLEANSES US

Corporate Confession of Faith and Sin

Heidelberg Catechism
question no. 36

LEADER: How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

PEOPLE: **He is our mediator and, in God's sight, he covers with his innocence and perfect holiness my sinfulness in which I was conceived.**

Silent Confession of Sin

*Carol of Confession

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God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

"Fear not, then," said the angel,

"let nothing you affright;

this day is born a Savior

of a pure virgin bright,

to free all those who trust in him

from Satan's pow'r and might."

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,

O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings

rejoicèd much in mind,

and left their flocks afeeding,

in tempest, storm, and wind:

and went to Beth'lem straightaway,

the Son of God to find.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,

O tidings of comfort and joy.

*Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:1

LEADER: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Choral Response

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. Wohlgemuth, sung by CPA Choir

Offertory

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

arr. Casting Crowns/Jung, sung by CPA Choir

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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Please stand for the reading of God's Word.

*Scripture Reading

Revelation 3:7-13

⁷ "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.' ⁸ "I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹ Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. ¹² The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. ¹³ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

God Loves the Powerless

Rev. Rob Herron

GOD STRENGTHENS US

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.

You are welcome to come forward as you are able.

You are free to partake of the elements once all in the circle receive them (receptacles are up front). Please use the side aisles to return to your seat.

An elder will serve those who are unable to come forward.

Gluten free crackers are in the paper liners of each tray.

Understanding the Gospel

When you think about the Gospel, think about Jesus. Romans 5:8 says, "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." The Bible says God loved sinners so much that, even while we were his enemies (evidenced by our thoughts, words, and deeds), He sent His Son to die on the cross and provide that full payment for our sins against Him. Jesus showed us the Father's love in His life, in His words to us, and in His death on the cross. Because He was the sinless Son of God, He qualified himself as the perfect payment to satisfy God's just wrath against sin.

Think also about God's amazing grace shown to us through His Son, Jesus. Ephesians 2:8,9 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Notice your works can't make you right with God. The salvation God provides for us is a free gift (not earned or deserved). Here, the Bible tells us not to trust in ourselves or in our works; rather, to turn to Christ and trust in His work for you, on the cross (1 John 1:9). Only His atoning death cleanses us of our sins so that we may have full forgiveness!

Think also about God's promise of everlasting life. John 3:16 tells us, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." By turning to Jesus as our Savior we not only experience forgiveness of our sins, but also are given new life, a new relationship with God through Christ (1 John 5:11-13). The Bible teaches that God's Spirit leads us to faith in His Son, and then continues to help us grow in that faith. Please see one of the leaders in our church and we will help you learn more about God's love for us in Jesus!

Special Music

All Is Well

Kirkpatrick/Smith, arr. Huff; sung by CPA Choir

Communion Song

Immanuel

Townend

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John 4:42b

*"...and we know that this [Jesus]
is indeed the Savior of the world."*

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
by the Spirit and a virgin's faith,
to the anguish and the shame of scandal,
came the Savior of human race.
But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n.
Shepherds listen as the angels tell
of the gift of God come down to man,
at the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the friend of sinners,
humble servant in the Father's hands,
filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain,
joys, and sorrows that I know so well;
yet His righteous steps give me hope again.
I will follow my Immanuel.

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
He was lifted on a cruel cross.
He was punished for a world's transgressions;
He was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, He fights for me,
loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
and with a shout, our souls are free;
death defeated by Immanuel.

Now He's standing in the place of honor,
crowned with glory on the highest throne,
interceding for His own beloved
'til His Father calls to bring them home.

Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds
hope of heaven or the fear of hell.
But the bride will run to her Lover's arms,
giving glory to Immanuel.

Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds
hope of heaven or the fear of hell.
But the bride will run to her Lover's arms,
giving glory to Immanuel.

*Closing Hymn

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Genevan Psalter
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The 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.

Psalm 150:6

*"Let everything that has breath
praise the LORD."*

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, December 4

Prayer Meeting8:45 to 9:15AM in Room 205
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 105), 1st-2nd (Room 106), 3rd-5th (Room 107),
 MS and HS (Modular Room 501)
Sunday School for adults 11:00AM in Classrooms
 Sola Fide (Room 203)
 Alive, How the Resurrection of Christ Changes Everything (Room 205)
Lessons and Carols Service 6:00PM in Worship Area

WEDNESDAY, December 7

Adult Ed Team Meeting 5:30M in Room 203
Prayer Gathering..... 5:45PM in Room 201

THURSDAY, December 8

Band Rehearsal 7:30PM in Worship Area

UPCOMING DATES

December 11 – Quarterly Missions Offering
December 11 – Youth and children’s families caroling
December 12 – Session and Diaconate Meetings
December 18 – Family Growth Group
December 25 – Worship at 10:30AM; no Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL

Welcome to the **Christ Presbyterian Academy Choir**, all the way from Nashville! The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Lynn Jung. As in years past, the choir has spent the weekend visiting the Asheville area, performing at the Biltmore Estate and collaborating with the Asheville Christian Academy Upper School Choir (tomorrow). We are grateful for their wonderful contributions to our worship service this morning. Please stop by and greet them before they leave.

All are invited to our **Lessons and Carols** service this evening at 6:00PM.

During the month of December, the Session will be receiving **nominations** for both elder and deacon. Please prayerfully consider this responsibility and privilege. Forms are in the foyer.

Next Sunday, we will collect our **Quarterly Missions Offering**. As you are able, please give generously above your tithe.

WOMEN

Trinity women are invited to join the **Bible studies at the Cove** this winter: "Names of God" on Tuesday mornings, 9:45-11:30, taught by Patty Stump. "Unrestrained" on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:30, taught by Kendra Graham.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Please RSVP to the office if your family will be joining us for caroling next Sunday afternoon, December 11.

OFFICERS

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

DEACONS: Adam Foss, Harold Frost, Luke Stotz

TRINITY STAFF

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MISSION FOCUS

Dale Slusser | Helps Ministries

... And now, for a brief report on my design projects since 2019:

- In 2019, I prepared a Master Plan for a small indigenous children's home, **Rancho de Esperanza** in Rio Dulce, Guatemala. COVID and the lack of funding has since stalled this project.
- Next came **Brilliant Primary School** in Kyarusenzi, Kyenjojo, Uganda. This project had come through an affiliate Helps Ministries ministry, Knickers for New Life (<https://knickersfornewlife.org>). In 2019, I completed drawings for a new seven-classroom building for this school.
- The next project, was for an addition on a small house, that will be the base for **Yuma Free Clinic** in Cuernavaca, Mexico. The enlarged house will be used by visiting ministry teams from the US, and will serve as the center of community outreach to the nearby communities.
- Also in 2019, I began a Master Site Plan and preliminary design drawings for a new campus for an Aids Children's orphanage called, **A.L.I. Uganda**, in Entebbe, Uganda. However, the project halted in the Spring of 2020 due to lockdown during the height of the COVID pandemic. Providentially, this was good (God's) timing, as A.L.I. Uganda eventually was not able to obtain a clear title to the property which they had purchased for the new campus. But, then in December of 2021, after purchasing a new site, we started again, on a revised design. Drawings were completed in February, 2022, and construction has begun.
- Another project from 2021 was the design of a new deck and folding glass doors to be added onto an existing "lodge" at **Lutherock Camp** in Newland, NC. I completed the drawings in March 2021 and the construction was completed for their summer camps. The construction was done the by camp maintenance man and skilled volunteers!
- Recently, I finished a design for a new two-story clinic and hospital to be called **Emmaus Clinic**, to be built in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

I am grateful for the continued financial and prayer support of my friends and family, for without you I could not continue, by the Grace of God, in the Service of the King of Kings,
Dale

MISSIONARIES

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Andrew & Becc Baron
Cru – Australia

David & Danielle Grotton
MTW – Chile

Rob & Mary Lee Herron
RUF – App State

Collin & Zury
West Africa

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Helps Ministries

Jamie & Elizabeth Kabernick
Helps Ministries

Jonah & Jennifer
Sensitive area

Joel & Kate Ledbetter
Campus Outreach – Georgia

Chuck & Jimmie Lynn Linkston
Paraclete Mission

Flavien & Inyange
Sensitive area

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West Africa

Steve & Rita Williams
MTW – New Zealand

SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

Asheville Buncombe Com Christian Ministry

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*