



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
December 7, 2025

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 and Bibles 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 two 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

Sing We the Song of Immanuel

Sing we the song of Emmanuel,
this the Christ who was long foretold.
Lo, in the shadows of Bethlehem,
promise of dawn now our eyes behold.
God most high in a manger laid;
lift your voices and now proclaim:
great and glorious, love has come to us;
join now with the hosts of heaven.

Come we to welcome Emmanuel,
King who came with no crown or throne.
Helpless he lay, the invincible,
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son.
Oh, what wisdom to save us all,
shepherds, sages, before him fall.
Grace and majesty, what humility;
come on bended knee, adore him.

Go spread the news of Emmanuel,
joy and peace for the weary heart.
Lift up your heads, for your King has come.
Sing, for the light overwhelms the dark.
Glory shining for all to see,
hope alive, let the gospel ring.
God has made a way, he will have the praise;
tell the world his name is Jesus.

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Welcome and Announcements

(See rear pages for more information)

Calling

* Call to Worship

from Revelation 7:9-10

Leader: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice,

**All: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
Hallelujah! Let us worship God!**

* Hymn of Praise

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
yonder shines the infant Light: *(Refrain)*

Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear: *(Refrain)*

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising
to th'eternal Three in One: *(Refrain)*

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* Prayer of Invocation and Adoration

Cleansing

The Law of God

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things— our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Matthew 1:23

Leader: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (which means, God with us).

* Response Song

Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor;
thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man;
stooping so low, but sinners raising, heav'n-ward by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.

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Installation of Teaching Elder Brandon Wilcox

Highlands Presbytery Commission

RE Conley Brown (Trinity Presbyterian Church)

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Presider: TE Flavien Pardigon (Weaverville First Presbyterian Church)

RE Norman Riddle (Trinity Presbyterian Church)

Guests

Charge: Dr. Keith Evans (Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC)

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 two through Kindergarten) may dismiss at this time.

Hymn of Preparation

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

This is He Whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord;
Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
Now He shines, the long expected, Let creation praise its Lord,
Evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessèd, when the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed His sacred face,
Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King!
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert sing,
Evermore and evermore!

Charter

* Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the Lord blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

Sermon Notes

Now He Shines the Long Expected | Rev. Robert Recio

Communion

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 his literally experiencing God's wrath

[‡] "catholic church" means the universal church

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)

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

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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:

12/10 Prayer Meeting at 5:45PM
 Youth Group at 6:30PM

Upcoming Dates:

12/14 High School Bible Study
12/21 No Sunday School
12/24 Christmas Eve Service
12/28 No Sunday School

No Men's Breakfast in December. We will gather again in January.

The Winter/Spring women's Bible study, "Daniel: God's Sovereignty over History", taught by Adrienne King, is scheduled for Thursday mornings, January 8-April 9. More information is on the flyer. Please sign up in the foyer.

ABCCM Christmas Angel: With the support of our local community, ABCCM, a church-founded volunteer-led nonprofit, was able to provide 600+ families with gifts for nearly 1,600 children in 2024. This year, they are anticipating even more. For more information about being a participant and an angel for a family in need, see our display in the foyer or contact Events Director Jordan Linkston: christmasangel@abccm.org or (828) 259-5337.

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