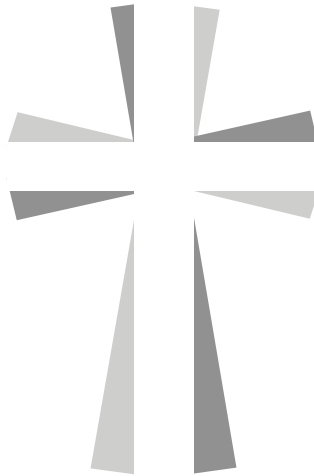


TRINITY

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April 26, 2026

**Honor God.
Welcome All.
Embody Christ's Reign.**

Welcome

Whether this is your first time at Trinity or you have been coming for a while, we are so glad you are here. Trinity Presbyterian Church is a church filled with sinners who have been saved and are being made new by the grace of Jesus Christ. We believe that every human being, including you, has been created by God to glorify him and enjoy him forever - and that purpose finds its fulfillment in worship. Whether you are a committed Christian or just exploring the Christian faith, we invite you to join us in worshipping God this morning.

You should see a Connect Card in one of the seat backs in front of you. We would love for you to fill out a card so we can get to know you better and give you more information about Trinity. You can drop your Connect Card in the offering plate when it comes by about 30 minutes into the service, or you can fill it out online by scanning the QR code.

We have provided some answers to questions about Children's Ministry and Christian Education in the right column, but you can also feel free to ask the person sitting next to you or one of the Deacons in the lobby (you'll recognize them by their name tags) if you have any further questions. If you think of some questions later, feel free to email our church administrator Bob Alley at admin@trinityboro.com.

We pray you are encouraged by the Gospel of Jesus as you worship with us this morning!

With Joy,



Mitchell Carter, Senior Pastor

Children at Trinity

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service. We believe that Jesus welcomes even the little children to come to him. Though their worship and engagement will look different as they grow, we are glad for them to begin learning now.

We also recognize that there may be times when they need a break from the larger gathering. For that we have the following options:

Nursery

Birth - Pre K

Overflow Room

A room with video feed of the service for anyone who might need a break from the larger gathering.

Nursing Mother's Room

Just outside the sanctuary double doors, immediately to your left.

Christian Education (CE)

(after worship)

Children (Infant - 6th grade) meet from 11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Infant-4th grade meet in the children's hallway and 5th-6th grades meet in room 201 in the youth wing.

Youth (7th-12th grade) meet in the youth wing from 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. and are taught by Pastor Ryan Hudson.

Adults (older than high school) meet in the sanctuary from 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. and are taught by Pastor Mitchell Carter or one of our ruling elders.

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers a welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Entering God's Presence

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** Rev. Mitchell Carter

Our help is in the name of the LORD!

For he is the Maker of heaven and earth!

The LORD says, "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

"Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?"

"Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live"

From Isaiah 55:1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

*Hymn of Adoration..... "Holy, Holy, Holy"

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord— God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord— God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see;
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826); Music: John B. Dykes (1861).

Confession of Sin..... Rev. Ryan Hudson

Let us now confess our sins together:

Holy Father, we confess that we have sinned against you by rejecting your ways and following our own ways. Instead of trusting you as God, we want to be our own gods. And so, we have not worshipped you rightly; we have failed to honor authority; we have hated others; we have lusted after that which is not ours; we have stolen, lied, and coveted.

Merciful Lord, we beg your forgiveness, not for our goodness or remorse, but for your mercy and the sacrifice of Jesus. And we ask that by the power of your Holy Spirit, you would help us to see your law as beautiful and our sin as detestable. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession..... “Kyrie”

***Assurance of Pardon & Comfort**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, new creation! The old has passed away, behold, the new has come!

From 2 Corinthians 5:17

***Extending God's Welcome of Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

At this time we greet those around us by saying "The peace of Christ be with you." This reminds us that the peace and forgiveness we have been freely given by Jesus also enable us to extend peace and forgiveness to others.

*Song of Renewal....."Thine Be the Glory"

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with -

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness
 - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes,
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Words: Edmond Budry (1884), translated by Richard B. Hoyle (1923);
 Music: from George Frederick Handel *Judas Maccabaeus* (1747).

Committing to God's Kingdom

*Confession of Faith

Christian, in whom do we believe?

**We believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic¹ church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Apostles' Creed

Scripture Reading.....Rev. Mitchell Carter

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 23

A PSALM OF DAVID.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading - John 10:1-11

¹ “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

This is the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Glory be to you, Lord Christ!

Prayer of Intercession (followed by a time of silent prayer) Kim Sokoya

Common Prayer

Let us now join our voices together praying:

Almighty God, you make the minds of all faithful to be of one will—grant to your people, that they may love the things which you command, and desire that which you promise; that among the diverse and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Listening to God's Word

“We Do Not Wrestle Against Flesh and Blood”

Rev. Mitchell Carter

Sermon Series: Daniel: Citizens of Heaven

Daniel 10

¹ In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar. And the word was true, and it was a great conflict. And he understood the word and had understanding of the vision.

² In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. ³ I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks.

⁴ On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris) ⁵ I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. ⁶ His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude. ⁷ And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. ⁸ So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength.

⁹ Then I heard the sound of his words, and as I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground.

¹⁰ And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

¹¹ And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹² Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words.

¹³ The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, ¹⁴ and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”

¹⁵ When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was mute. ¹⁶ And behold, one in the likeness of the children of man touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke. I said to him who stood before me, “O my lord, by reason of the vision pains have come upon me, and I retain no

strength. ¹⁷ How can my lord's servant talk with my lord? For now no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me."

¹⁸ Again one having the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me.

¹⁹ And he said, "O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage." And as he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me." ²⁰ Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia; and when I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come. ²¹ But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince."

Kingdom Giving & Song of Meditation.....“A Mighty Fortress”

1. A might-y for-ress is our God, a bul-wark ne-ver fail-ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our stri-ving would be los-ing;
 3. And though this world, with de-vils filled should threat-en to un-do us,
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a-bi-deth;

Our help-er He, a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing,
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing,
 we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri-umph through us.
 the Spi-rit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sid-eth.

For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great,
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is He; Lord Sa-ba-oth, His Name,
 The prince of dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we can en-dure,
 Let goods and kip-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so; the bo-dy they may kill.

and, armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e-qual.
 from age to age the same, and He must win the bat-tle.
 for lo, his doom is sure, one lit-tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a-bid-eth still; His king-dom is for-ev-er.

Words and Music: Martin Luther (1529).

*Doxology

Feasting at God's Table

Holy Communion

Trinity Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust in Jesus for salvation, and who are members in good standing of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Baptized covenant children who have not made profession of faith before the elders should abstain from communion until they are received as communing members by the Session. TPC serves wine and grape juice for communion. The clear cups contain wine and the purple cups contain grape juice. The communion bread in the purple cups is gluten free. Please hold your cups and we will take them all together.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

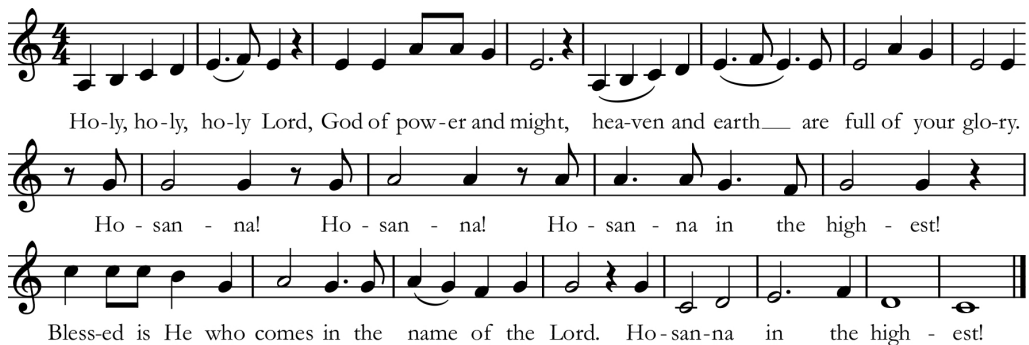
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing. . .



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth__ are full of your glo-ry.

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Response of the People

Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us!

Hallelujah!

Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Hallelujah!

And now Our Holy Master, that with boldness and without condemnation, we dare to call upon You, the Heavenly God, as our Father, and to say. . .

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving. Let us partake of the feast!

Song of Communion....."Be Thou My Vision"



1. Be Thou my___ Vis - ion, oh Lord of my heart.
2. Be Thou my___ wis - dom and Thou my true Word.
3. Be Thou my___ bat - tle - shield, sword for my fight;
4. Rich - es I___ heed not nor man's emp - ty praise.
5. High King of___ hea - ven my vic - to - ry won,



Naught be all else to me save that Thou___ art.
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me___ Lord.
 be Thou my dig - ni - ty, Thou my de - light.
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance now and al - ways.
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, oh bright heav'n's Sun.



Thou my___ best___ thought by day or by night.____
 Thou my___ great___ Fa - ther, I Thy true son.____
 Thou my___ soul's shel - ter, Thou my high tow'r:____
 Thou and___ Thou on - ly first in my heart.____
 Heart of___ mine___ own heart what - e - ver be - fall,____



Wa - king or sleep - ing, Thy___ pre - sence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and___ I with Thee one.
 Raise Thou me heav'n - ward, oh___ Pow'r of my pow'r.
 High King of hea - ven, my___ Trea - sure Thou art.
 still be my vis - ion, oh___ Ru - ler of all.

Words: Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th century; Music: Traditional Irish tune.

Going Out With God's Blessing

*Song of Sending....."O Church Arise"



1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the call of Christ our Cap - tain.
2. Our call to war— to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap - tor;
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick - en;
4. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle,



For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven.
and with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or.
then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!
that we may run with faith to win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies;
When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se - cure,
And as the stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave,
As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace,



an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle - cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
and Christ will have the prize for which He died— an in - her - i - tance of na - tions.
this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues 'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
we hear their calls and hun - ger for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

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*The Sending

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. *Hebrews 10:23-25*

With the Lord's help we will do this.

*Benediction

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

Jude 24-25

Amen.

*Postlude

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, April 26	Christian Education Children 11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Adults & Youth 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
Tuesday, April 28	Men's Fellowship & Study 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29	Midweek Gathering 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. TYG 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 30	ELC 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

New Adult CE Class on the Book of Galatians Continuing

Today, the adult CE will continue a 5-week class on the book of Galatians. Our focus will be on how to study and apply God's word to our lives—both together and personally. Please join us as we seek to grow in our love for God and his word together! Class will begin at 11:20 a.m. (after worship) in the sanctuary.

Church-Wide Potluck Honoring Our Graduating High School Seniors | May 3 | Following CE

Join us for lunch after CE on Sunday, May 3, as our whole church family honors Trinity's graduating high school seniors! Follow the link in e-News to sign up to bring a dish to share.

High School Senior Table Displays

There will be table displays set up in the narthex for each of our graduating high school seniors throughout the month of May, beginning on May 3. There will be baskets at each table where you may drop off cards or small gifts as an encouragement to our young brothers and sisters! Our graduating seniors are Maddy Carter, Vincent DiPiero, Audrey Krahenbuhl, LaRue Morgan, Caitlyn Pasarilla Miranda Pelham, Laura Robertson, and Levi Rollman.

Men's Fellowship & Study | Tuesdays | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

We will gather each week around the fire to discuss topics of interest for men. We have an article that guides the discussion leader each night and we enjoy a meal and fellowship together. Bring your own choice of beverage and a chair and we hope to see you there!

Drama Camp | June 8-13 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Early Bird Registration for \$20 now thru May 4th. Go to www.trinitymboro.com for more information.

Drama Camp Volunteer Youth Interns Needed | June 8-13

Rising 7th graders-graduating Seniors can apply at dramacamp@trinitymboro.com. Please apply early as spots are limited.

TPC Men's Softball Team Schedule

If you would like to keep up with the Men's softball schedule it is available for viewing at Trinitymboro.com/mens-softball-schedule.

Lost & Found Items

Items misplaced at church may be on the “Lost & Found” table in the hallway near the back door. Take a moment and check it out as you go by.

Kingdom Kids Presentation | May 6 | 7:45 p.m.

Join us on Wednesday, May 6 at 7:45 p.m. for a presentation from our children. Come see some of what they have learned this year during Mid Week Gatherings! Join us for dinner beforehand at 5:30 and then classes for all ages.

Service Opportunities

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Our nursery is in need of additional volunteers to help care for and support our youngest church members during services. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve families and make a meaningful impact. If you are interested or have questions, please visit the table in the lobby after the service to learn more and sign up. We would be grateful for your willingness to serve in this important ministry. You can also email Kelley Pellegrin at nursery@trinityboro.com

Safety Team Volunteers Needed

Would you like to serve on Trinity’s Safety Team? Contact Chris Nowlin for additional information. (615) 513-9778

2026 Giving	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	2026 Budget	% of Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$202,572.29	\$248,040.00	\$725,000.00	27.94%
Operating Expenses	\$201,462.43	\$230,241.04	\$690,723.99	29.16%

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