

TRINITY

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September 27, 2026

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

What to expect this morning at Trinity Presbyterian Church

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@trinitymboro.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.

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

From Psalm 96

***Prayer of Adoration**

*The Congregation stands

Regular text = Pastor; **Bold text = Congregation**

*Hymn of Adoration..... “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign - eth!
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee.
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath made thee.
 5. Praise to the Lord, oh let all that is in me a - dore Him!

Oh my soul praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va - tion!
 Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea so gent - ly sus - tain - eth;
 Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.
 Decked thee with health and with lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.
 All that hath life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore Him!

All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw near.
 Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y will do
 How oft in grief hath not He brought thee re - lief,
 Let the “A - men” sound from His peo - ple a - gain!

Join me in glad a - dor - a - tion!
 grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
 if with His love He be - friend thee.
 spread - ing His wings to o'er - shade thee.
 Glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore Him!

Words: Joachim Neander (1680), translated by Catherine Winkworth (1863); Tune: Lobe Den Herren (1665).

Confession of Sin Rev. Ryan Hudson

Let us now confess our sins together:

Merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the desires and impulses of our own hearts and have broken your holy laws. You have called us to devotion in prayer and the Word, and we have sat in apathy. You have called us to care and diligence in loving others, and we have been negligent. You have called us to love and gentleness with our brothers and sisters, and we have lashed out in anger.

Yet we pray, Father, have mercy on us sinners. Forgive us for our many sins, because of Jesus your Son. Give us the help you have promised by your Holy Spirit—to walk in your ways and follow after you. Give us the endurance we need to be faithful to you until we behold Jesus in glory, for the sake of his holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon & Comfort**

Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

From 1 Peter 2:24

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..... “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness;
2. When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un - chang - ing grace;
3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood sup - port me in the whelm - ing flood;
4. When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in Him be found;

I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
when all a - round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is
sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the voice, and a grand staff (treble and bass) for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains four verses of the song. The second system contains the main body of the song, which is repeated twice. The third system contains the final line of the song, which is also repeated twice. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal melody.

Words: Edward Mote (1834); Music: William B. Bradbury (1863).

Committing to God's Kingdom

***Confession of Faith**

Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

Public Profession of Faith and Baptism

Hayden Shaddock

- Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Prayer of Intercession (followed by a time of silent prayer) Kevin Krahenbuhl

Common Prayer

Let us now join our voices together praying:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and are willing to give more than either we desire or deserve—pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our consciences are afraid, and giving to us that which our prayers dare not presume to ask; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kingdom Giving & Song of Meditation.....“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

Words: Joseph Scriven (ca. 1855); Music: Charles C. Converse (1868).

*Doxology

Listening to God's Word

“A Merciful and Faithful High Priest”

Rev. Mitchell Carter

Sermon Series: Hebrews: Jesus Is Better

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

^{4:14} Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

^{5:1} For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³ Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people.

⁴ And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶ as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Notes

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.

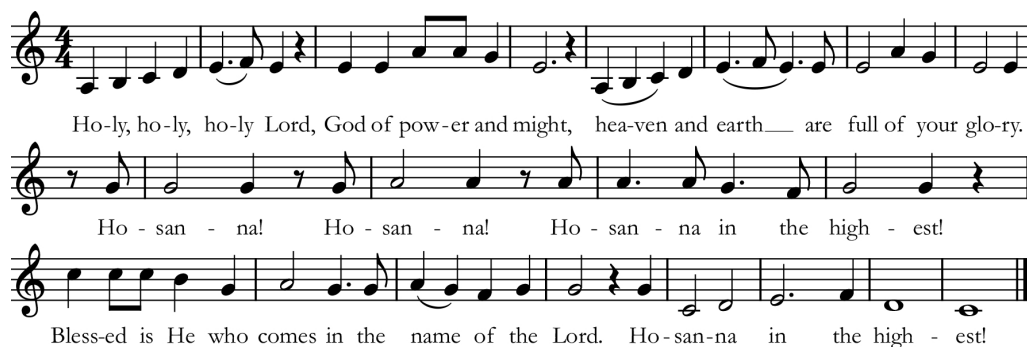
Lift up your hearts.

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..... “Before the Throne of God Above”



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong, a per - fect plea,
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of the guilt with - in,
3. Be - hold Him there the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous - ness,



a great High Priest whose name is “Love,” who e - ver lives and pleads for me.
up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.
the great un - change - a - ble “I Am,” the King of glo - ry and of grace!



My name is gra - ven on His hands; my name is writ - ten on His heart;
Be - cause the sin - less Sa - vior died my sin - ful soul is count - ed free;
One with Him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His blood;



I know that while in Heav'n He stands no tongue can
For God, the just, is sa - tis - fied to look on
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sa - vior and my God.

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Going Out With God's Blessing

*Song of Sending.....“Your Will Be Done”



1. Your will be done, my God and Fa - ther, as in hea - ven, so on earth.
2. How in that gar - den He per - sis - ted, I may ne - ver ful - ly know.
3. When I am lost, when I am bro - ken, in the night of fear and doubt,
4. As we go forth, our God and Fa - ther, lead us dai - ly in the fight,



My heart is drawn to self - ex - al - ting, help me seek Your king - dom first.
The fear - ful weight of true o - be - dience, it was held by Him a - lone.
still I will trust in my good Fa - ther, yes, to one great King I bow!
that all the world might see Your glo - ry and Your Name be lift - ed high.



As Je - sus walked, so I shall walk held by Your same un - chang - ing love.
What won - drous faith to bear that cross! To bear my sin, what won - drous love!
As Je - sus rose, so I shall rise in ran - somed glo - ry at the throne.
And in this Name we o - ver - come, for You shall see us safe - ly home.



Be still my soul, O lift your voice and pray:
My hope was sure when there my Sa - vior prayed: “Fa - ther, not my will, but Yours be done.”
My heart re - stored, with all Your saints I sing:
Now as Your church, we lift our voice and pray:

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***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**

The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Amen!

***Postlude**

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, September 27	Christian Education Children 11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Adults & Youth 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
Monday, September 28	Women's Evening Bible Study 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 29	Men's Fellowship & Study 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 30	Midweek Gathering 5:30-8:00 p.m. TYG Large Group 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 1	Men's Morning Bible Study 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Women's Morning Bible Study 9:45 - 11:30 a.m. English Language Class 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

"Living in God's Story" New Adult Class at Midweek Gathering | Wednesday Nights

Do you wish you had a better grasp on the story of the Bible? Do you wish you knew where exactly Nehemiah fits in, why the Ark of the Covenant seems to matter so much, or why there is no sea in the New Creation? Do you wish you knew how to read and apply the Bible to your life better? If so, please join us for the new adult class at the Midweek Gathering, "Living in God's Story." We will study the storyline of the Bible together, not just the events but the themes that God introduces at the beginning, traces through the story, and brings to fulfillment in Jesus. Even if you can't make every week, sign up in the lobby or at this link to get weekly notes and updates.

English Language Class Volunteer Training | Saturday, October 10 | 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

We would love to have you join our team! If you are looking for a way to build new connections and help our community thrive, join us for the English Language Class Volunteer Training on Saturday, October 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

No foreign language skills are necessary, and teaching experience is helpful but not required. All it takes is a willingness to help others practice their English. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or email Melodie at elc@trinitymboro.com.

Ladies' Fall Hang Out | Friday, October 23 | 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Come spend a cozy evening with us! We'll have warm drinks, snacks, puzzles, board games, and plenty of time to sit, talk, and enjoy being together. Bring a friend or come on your own. Drop by for a little while or stay the whole evening. If you enjoy making things, bring along a handcraft or project you're already working on. Not feeling crafty? Join a game, work on a puzzle, or pull up a chair and visit. You can sign up to bring a favorite snack to share—or just bring yourself! Whether you've been at Trinity for years or you're still getting to know people, we'd love to have you. Sign up in the lobby, website, or through E-News to help us plan, but feel free to join at the last minute.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

Today we will hear from Hebrews 4:14-5:10. In the coming weeks we will hear from Hebrews 5:11-6:12 (Oct. 4), Hebrews 6:13-20 (Oct. 11), and Hebrews 7:1-10 (Oct. 18). Reading the Scripture passage before you hear it preached is a great way to prepare your mind and heart to receive God's word each week.

Service Opportunities

ESL Ministry at Trinity (ELC)

Ever wonder what ELC is all about? English Language Class is an opportunity to form relationships within our community by teaching English to non-native speakers. If you are interested in helping, contact Melodie at elc@trinitymboro.com, or come out to see what we do on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Midweek Children's Ministry volunteers needed!

Volunteers for nursery and class assistants are needed. Even if you can't do every week, that is ok! Please email Sherry at children@trinitymboro.com for more information!

Nursery Volunteers | Fall 2026

Volunteers for nursery and class assistants are needed. Even if you can't do every week, that is ok! Please email Sherry at children@trinitymboro.com for more information!

New RUF Intern | Fall 2026

The new RUF intern, Abigail Moore, has arrived in Murfreesboro to work alongside Jacob Virtue in ministering to MTSU students. Send her an email to welcome her to Murfreesboro abigail.moore@ruf.org. Abigail is 89% of the way toward her goal! Praise God and thank you for your support! To help her give using the link givetoruf.org/donate/abigail.moore

Safety Team Volunteers Needed

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

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