# TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN (PCA) · MURFREESBORO



August 31, 2025

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@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

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## 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

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#### 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, not meeting today)

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

August 31, 2025 Twelfth 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. Ryan Hudson

Our help is in the name of the LORD!

For he is the Maker of heaven and earth!

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Amen!

From Psalm 118

\*Prayer of Adoration

<sup>\*</sup>The Congregation stands

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Words: Isaac Watts (1719), adapted from Psalm 90. Music: William Croft (1678-1727).

Let us now confess our sins together:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the pattern of this world and the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things we ought to have done, and we have done those things we ought not to have done. There is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Forgive our sins and restore to us the joy of your salvation; give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Silent Confession

Song of Confession......""Create in Me a Clean Heart"



Cre-ate in me a clean heart\_\_\_ O\_\_\_\_ God and re-new a right spi-rit with-in me.



Cre-ate in me a clean heart\_\_\_\_ O\_\_\_\_ God and re-new a right spi-rit with-in me.



Cast me not a - way from Thy pre-sence, O Lord, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spi-rit from me.\_\_\_\_\_



Re-store un-to me\_\_ the joy of Thy sal - va-tion and re-new a right spi-rit with-in me.

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#### \*Assurance of Pardon & Comfort

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

\*Psalm 103:8-12\*\*

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.



- 1. I\_ will sing of my\_ Re dee mer and His won drous love to me;\_
- 2. I\_will tell the won-drous sto ry, how my lost es tate\_ to save,\_
- 3. I will praise my dear Re deem er, His tri um phant pow'r I'll tell,
- 4. I will sing of my Re deem er and His heav'n ly love to me;



on\_\_ the \_cru - el \_cross He \_suf - fered, from the curse to \_set\_\_ me free.

in\_\_ His bound-less love and mer - cy He\_ the ran - som free - ly

how the vic - to - ry He giv - eth o - ver sin and death and He from death to life has brought me, Son of God with Him to \_\_\_\_

hell. be.\_\_

gave.



Sing, O sing\_\_ of my Re - deem - er! With His blood\_ He pur-chased me.\_\_\_



on\_the cross\_He sealed my par - don,\_ He paid the debt\_ and made me free.

Words: Philip P. Bliss (1876); Music: James McGranahan (1840-1907).

# Committing to God's Kingdom

## Old Testament Reading - Psalm 112

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments!

- <sup>2</sup> His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.
- <sup>4</sup> Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.
- <sup>5</sup> It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.
- <sup>6</sup> For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.
- <sup>7</sup> He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.
- <sup>8</sup> His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.
- <sup>9</sup> He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.
- The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked will perish!

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

## New Testament Reading - Luke 14:1, 7-14

<sup>1</sup> One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

<sup>7</sup> Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup> "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup> and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup> For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

This is the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

## Glory be to you, Lord Christ!

## The Sacrament of Baptism

Wesley Theron Cardel (covenant child of Jeremy & Kate Cardel)
Samuel Dean Phimphivong (covenant child of Anoulom & Rachel Phimphivong)

- Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- Do you claim God's covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
- Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

# Common Prayer

Let us now join our voices together praying:

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; for in our weakness we can do no good thing apart from you. Grant us your grace to keep your commandments in word and in deed through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Kingdom Giving & Song of Meditation....."Be Thou My Vision"



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

## \*Doxology

# Listening to God's Word

"The Exalted Christ" Colossians 1:15-20

Rev. Ryan Hudson

Sermon Series: Colossians: Christ Is All

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

# 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.

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

## And with your spirit.

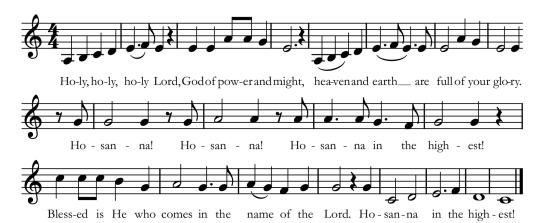
Lift up your hearts.

## 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. . .



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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!



Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413); Music: 12th century plainsong.

# Going Out With God's Blessing



## \*The Sending

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:1-3

With the Lord's help we will do this.

#### \*Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

From 2 Corinthians 13:14

Amen!

#### \*Postlude

Musicians: Jonathan Oldham and Jackie Pasarilla Song Leaders: Kimberly Robertson, Abby and Paul Shearer

## This Week at Trinity

Sunday, August 31 No Christian Education

TYG Parent Meeting | 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Monday, September 1 Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2 Men's Fellowship & Study | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 3 TYG | 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Thursday, September 4 ELC | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

## **Upcoming Events**

## RUF Sunday | September 7

Next Sunday we will celebrate RUF Sunday, as we welcome new students back to campus and to our church. The Rev. Jacob Virtue, the new campus minister at MTSU, will be preaching for us. To learn more about RUF, visit https://ruf.org/ministry/middle-tennessee-state-university/ or email Jacob at jacob. virtue@ruf.org

## TYG Parent Meeting | Today | 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

All TYG parents are invited to join Pastor Ryan TODAY after worship in the Youth Room for a brief informational meeting about this coming year. There will be an overview of the coming year's TYG calendar as well as the topics we will be discussing in CE, Large Group, and D-Groups. If you are unable to attend the meeting, feel free to email ryan@trinitymboro.com with questions.

## Midweek Gathering | Beginning Wednesday, September 10 | 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

We are excited to announce the start of Trinity's Midweek Gathering, which will be a gathering available to the whole church each Wednesday night of the ministry year. We will begin with a shared meal and fellowship (5:30-6:30 p.m.) and then break into classes for adults, youth, and children (6:30-8:00). We pray that this is a time that we can grow together as a church body and grow to know, love, and follow Jesus more. If you'd like to sign up to come and/or volunteer, you can do so at the table in the narthex or in the Enews link.

# TPC 101 | Sundays | September 14 - October 5 | 12:45 - 2:45 p.m.

This class is for those who would like to place membership at Trinity, or simply learn more about the church. We invite anyone coming to bring a sack lunch and stay after CE until the class if you would like to. Childcare can be available for the class upon request. Please RSVP to admin@trinitymboro.com or use the link in E-news.

# Trinity Choir - Lessons & Carols Kickoff | September 20 | 9 - 11 a.m.

Please join us for our first rehearsal of the season. We'll have breakfast and fellowship and start learning the music. We'd love to see some new faces this year! Lessons and Carols will be on December 7 at 6 p.m. Regular rehearsals will be on Sundays beginning 9/28. Singing youth and adults welcome. Contact Kimberly Robertson at music@trinitymboro.com with questions. Follow the links in the E-news or on the Music page of the website to sign up for the choir and the kickoff event. If you are unable to attend the kickoff but plan to sing with the choir for Lessons and Carols, please email Kimberly to sign up.

# Fall Women's Retreat | October 17 - 18

Please join us at beautiful Deer Run retreat center as we share relaxed meals, walk in the woods, learn to make coil baskets, enjoy porch visits, and cultivate a life of persistent prayer in a noisy world. Reduced registration fee is available. Please see the retreat table for the registration link, sweatshirt choices, and to have your questions answered. Regular registration closes on Sept. 14 or when capacity is reached. We would love to share this weekend with you!

#### TPC Women Sweatshirt Order

Are you unable to attend the women's retreat but would like to order a TPC Women's sweatshirt? The sweatshirt order is open until Sept. 14th. You may order through the E-News or via the QR code in the lobby at the welcome desk. If you are attending the retreat, your sweatshirt is already included with your retreat fee. Please email women@trinitymboro.com with questions.

### Fall Men's Retreat | October 24 - 25

Save the date for the TPC Men's retreat. We will gather at Paul Vitolins' (Lebanon, TN). You can camp over or go home to sleep and come back in the morning. More details to come.

## Women's Monday Evening Bible Study | Sept. 8 - Nov. 17 (off Oct 20) | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Please join us for a book study of Prayers of the Bible: Equipping Women to Call on God in Truth by Susan Hunt, with discussion led by Michelle Rollman. Books will be provided and can be picked up at the retreat table on Sunday. We are looking forward to a wonderful time of learning, connection, and prayer. About the book: "Susan Hunt guides women to explore prayers from the Bible, highlighting the overarching story of redemption that shapes these biblical prayers and equips us to know God's nearness and call on Him in truth." You may RSVP for the study in the lobby, through the E-News, or on the Women's Page of the TPC website.

## Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study | Sept. 11 - Nov. 20 (off Oct 9) | 9:45 - 11:30 a.m.

Please join our Thursday morning group study of Philippians led by Kimberly Robertson. We are looking forward to a wonderful time of connection and learning and we dive into God's word and this letter from Paul to the church at Philippi. Please pick up your ESV journals at the retreat table on Sunday. Preparation outside of class is minimal for this study, but opportunities for enrichment are available. Please bring a friend! Childcare is available by reservation. Please register for childcare by September 4th. You may RSVP for the study and childcare in the lobby, through the E-News, or on the Women's Page of the TPC website.

## **Upcoming Preaching Schedule**

Today, we will hear from Colossians 1:15-20. 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.

# Diapers and Wipes Drop Off | September 14

Help us celebrate the arrival of new little ones to our church family. Items can be placed at a designated table in the narthex anytime that Sunday morning. Grant and Ashley Starrett welcomed their daughter, Mayflower on July 19. Huggies diapers, size two or three, and fragrance free wipes are preferred. Dakota and Mackensie Holloway are expecting a baby boy in mid September. Size two of Pura brand diapers and wipes are preferred.

# Service Opportunities

## ESL Ministry at Trinity - Volunteers Needed

Sure to put a smile on your face! Volunteer with the ESL ministry! English Language Classes meet weekly on Thursday evenings. Service opportunities at ELC include front desk greeter and snack. We need volunteers in both areas. Sign-up in the E-News or at the information table. For questions, contact Melodie at elc@trinitymboro.com.

2025 Stewardship Giving Actual YTD		Budgeted YTD	2025 Budget	% of Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$446,238.38	\$433,333.36	\$662,750.00	67.33%
Operating Expenses	\$413,945.18	\$401,262.32	\$601,893.78	68.77%

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## Church Leadership

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TPC Family, please know that if you are in need of physical or financial help, let our deacons know by reaching out to them personally or by emailing the chair of the Diaconate, Paul Vitolins, at deacons@trinitymboro.com. And if you are in need of counsel or prayer, please let our elders know by reaching out personally or emailing Mitchell, who is the moderator of the Session, at mitchell@trinitymboro.com.

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