

TRINITY

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September 7, 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

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

September 7, 2025

Thirteenth 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 give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the PEOPLES!

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered. He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

From Psalm 105

***Prayer of Adoration**

*The Congregation stands

*Hymn of Adoration.....“All People that on Earth Do Dwell”

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell,
 2. The Lord ye know is God in - deed;
 3. O en - ter then his gates with praise,
 4. For why? The Lord our God is good,

sing to the Lord with cheer - ful voice;
 with - out our aid he did us make;
 ap - proach with joy his courts un - to;
 his mer - cy is for - e - ver sure;

him serve with fear, his praise forth - tell,
 we are his folk, he doth us feed,
 praise, laud, and bless his name al - ways,
 his truth at all times firm - ly stood,

come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.
 and for his sheep he doth us take.
 for it is seem - ly so do.
 and shall from age to age en - - dure.

Words: adapted from Psalm 100 by William Kethe (1561); Music: Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter* (1551).

Confession of Sin Rev. Jacob Vitrué

Let us now confess our sins together:

Merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds. You have provided for us richly, so we cannot blame our lack. You have told us your Law clearly, so we cannot blame our ignorance. Instead, we must confess that we have sinned because we want what you have not given us, and because we want to do what you have forbidden us to do. Forgive us, Father. Look not on our sins, but instead look on the sacrifice and righteousness of your Son, Jesus Christ. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we might want you more than our sin, and follow you instead of our sinful desires. Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession “Trisagion”

Ho - - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

ho - - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy, have

mer - cy on us. mer - cy, have mer - cy.

have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

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***Assurance of Pardon & Comfort**

And you, who were dead in your trespasses, God made alive together with Christ, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. *Colossians 2:13-14*

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..... "His Mercy Is More"



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; om - ni - scient, all know - ing,
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; what Fa - ther, so ten - der,
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He la - vished on us; His blood was the pay - ment;



He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;
is call - ing us home. He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;
His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford;



Our sins, they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. — Praise the Lord! —



His mer - cy is more! — Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev' - ry morn.



Our sins they are — ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

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Committing to God's Kingdom

Kingdom Reading Kim & Banji Sokoya

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 1

¹ Blessed is the man
 who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
 nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
² but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
 and on his law he meditates day and night.

³ He is like a tree
 planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
 and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴ The wicked are not so,
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading - Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.”

This is the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!
Glory be to you, Lord Christ!

Kingdom MomentJacob Virtue, RUF at MTSU

Prayer of Intercession (followed by a time of silent prayer)Eric Klumpe

Common Prayer

Let us now join our voices together praying:

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we pray, the liberty of that abundant life which you have manifested to us in your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Kingdom Giving & Song of Meditation.....“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

1. Dear ref - uge of my wea - ry_ soul, on Thee, when sor - rows rise, —
 2. But oh! when gloom - y doubts pre - vail, I fear to call Thee mine; —
 3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain? —
 4. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here let my soul re - treat; —

on Thee, when waves of trou - ble_ roll, my faint - ing hope re - lies. —
 the springs of com - fort seem to_ fail, and all my hopes de - cline. —
 And can the ear of sov - 'reign grace be deaf when I com - plain? —
 with hum - ble hope at - tend Thy will, and wait be - neath Thy feet. —

To_ Thee I tell each ri - sing grief, for Thou a - lone canst heal; —
 Yet, gra - cious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my on - ly trust; —
 No, still the ear of sov - 'reign grace at - tends the mourn - er's prayer; —
 Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here let my soul re - treat; —

Thy Word can bring a sweet re - lief for ev' - ry pain I feel. —
 and still my soul would cleave to_ Thee though pro - strate in the dust. —
 oh, may I e - ver find ac - cess to breathe my sor - rows there. —
 with hum - ble hope at - tend Thy will, and wait be - neath Thy feet. —

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*Doxology

Listening to God's Word

John 14:1-3

Rev. Jacob Virtue

RUF Campus Minister at MTSU

¹ Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

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. . .



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!

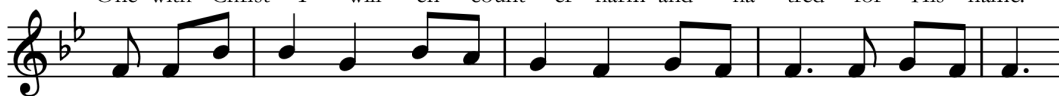
Song of Communion.....“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”



1. Mine are days that God has num - bered; I was made to walk with Him.
2. Mine are tears in times of sor - row; dark - ness not yet un - der - stood.
3. Mine are days here as a strang - er, pil - grim on a nar - row way.



Yet, I look for world - ly trea - sure and for - sake the King of Kings.
Through the val - ley I must trav - el where I see no earth - ly good.
One with Christ I will en - count - er harm and ha - tred for His name.



But mine is hope in my Re - deem - er; though I fall, His love is sure.
But mine is peace that flows from hea - ven, and the strength in times of need.
But mine is ar - mor for this bat - tle, strong e - nough to last the war.
Tag: And mine are keys to Zi - on ci - ty, where be - side the King I'll walk,

*3rd time to Tag
4th time to Bridge*



For Christ has paid for ev' - ry fail - ing; I am His for - ev - er - more.
I know my pain will not be wast - ed; Christ com - pletes His work in me.
And He has said He will de - li - ver safe - ly to the gold - en shore.
for there my heart has found its trea - sure; Christ is mine for - ev - er - more.

Bridge, 2 times



Come, re - joice now, O my soul, For His love is my re - ward. Fear is



gone and hope is sure: Christ is mine for - ev - er - more!

2nd time to Tag

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Going Out With God's Blessing

*Song of Sending..... "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

Chorus



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored.



He has done great things, we will say to-geth - er. We will feast and weep no more.

Verses



1. We will not be burned___ by the fire; He is the Lord, our God.
2. In the dark of night, be - fore the dawn, my soul, be not a - fraid.
3. Ev' - ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed; You are the faith - ful one.

to Chorus



We are not con - sumed___ by the flood; up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.
For the pro - mised morn - ing, oh, how long? Oh, God of Ja - cob, be my strength.
And___ from the gar - den to the grave bind us to - ge - ther, bring Sha - lom.

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***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 Ella Widener
Song Leaders: Kimberly & Laura Robertson, Tony DiPiero

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, September 7	Christian Education Children 11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Adults & Youth 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
Monday, September 8	Women's Bible Study 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 9	Men's Fellowship & Study 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 10	Midweek Gathering 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. TYG 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 11	Women's Bible Study 9:45 - 11:30 a.m. ELC 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

RUF Sunday & Lunch at the Virtues' | Today

Today we are celebrating the work of Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at MTSU, 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. The Virtues are also hosting a lunch at their house at 12:30 p.m. for all those in college or college-aged. RUF meets for large group every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the James Union Building (JUB). To learn more about RUF or give to support the work at MTSU, visit <https://ruf.org/ministry/middle-tennessee-state-university/> or email Jacob at jacob.virtue@ruf.org

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

This Wednesday begins Trinity's new 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). You can come even if you have not signed up, but if you'd like to sign up to come and/or volunteer, you can do so at the welcome desk in the narthex or on our website at trinitymboro.com/midweek-gathering

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.

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.

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.

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

Only one week remains to register for the Fall Women's Retreat, so please don't miss it! Regular registration closes on Sept. 14 or when capacity is reached, and we have about ten spots left. A reduced registration fee option is available on your registration form if needed. Please see the retreat table for the registration link, sweatshirt choices, and to have all your questions answered. We would love to share a beautiful fall 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.

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.

Midweek Gathering Nursery Volunteers needed!

We would love to provide a nursery for Infants-3 years on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 so parents can partake in the adult session. We need one more volunteer on each of the following dates: 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19. and 12/10. Per church policy, we must have two adults. If you can help on one or more of those dates, please email Sherry Nowlin at children@trinitymboro.com.

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