



# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    October 27, 2024

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

*Adagio and Allegro from Voluntary No. 2 in G Major*  
*William Walond*

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Isaiah 40)

One: Don't you know? Haven't you heard?  
Many: God created all things and calls everyone by name.  
One: Don't you know? Haven't you heard?  
Many: No one – not one thing – can compare to God's glory.  
One: Don't you know? Haven't you heard?  
Many: The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the creator of the ends of the earth,  
and never grows tired or weary.  
All: Those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength, forever and ever.

### † GATHERING HYMN

*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 65*

[Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah](#)

## WE OPEN UP TO GOD

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, You who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change. God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.

## A TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

### KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Behold: there is a new heaven and a new earth,  
where the river of life flows and the tree of life bears fruit in every season.  
Many: This heaven and earth are a vision of your life - reborn, restored, and renewed.  
One: Believe the Good News:  
Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

### † THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you –  
And also with you!

### † GLORIA PATRI

*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 582*

[Glory to God](#)

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### MORNING WATCH

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 35: 4-22, 36:2-7

#### ANTHEM

Worthy!  
Mark Burrows

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 8:1-7; 9: 6-12

#### SERMON

*Generous Hearts For A Shared Vision – Living Into Joy*  
Dr. Steve Lindsley

*Generosity makes our world larger,  
deepens our gratitude, brings joy to life  
and more intimately connects us to God and each other.*

## WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND COMMITMENT

### † HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 772*

[Live Into Hope](#)

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that generosity brings joy to life. When we choose to give freely, without hesitation, we open ourselves to the joy that comes from blessing others. Generosity allows us to participate in God's work, bringing hope, love, and peace to those around us. It lifts our spirits, renews our faith, and fills us with a sense of purpose. In giving, we experience the joy of being part of something greater than ourselves. We find that our joy is not diminished by giving but multiplied, as we see the difference our generosity makes in the lives of others.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## A MOMENT FOR GENEROSITY

To make an Offering by text, text TPCGIVE to 73256.  
For online Offering click [HERE](#) or scan QR code to the right.



## OFFERTORY

### SHARING OUR 2025 GENEROSITY ESTIMATE OF GIVING

Everyone is invited to come up the center aisle with their 2025 Estimate of Giving forms and place them in the basket, returning to your pew using the outer aisles.

## † [DOXOLOGY](#)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

## † PRAYER FOR OFFERING

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

## † SENDING HYMN

*Glory to God, Hymnal No. 80*

[You Shall Go Out With Joy](#)

## † BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Prelude, from the Te Deum*  
Marc-Antoine Charpentier

† *All who are able are invited to stand.*

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Dr. Steve Lindsley, preacher; Rev. Rebecca Heilman-Campbell, liturgist; Trinity Choir and Trinity Children's Choir, Maddy Hardy, choir director; Shayne Doty, organist.

*For those in need of hearing assistance, our Sanctuary is equipped with a “loop system” that broadcasts the audio into your hearing aids using t-coil technology. Alternately, headphones can be accessed in the Narthex.*

## WELCOME TO TRINITY

You are welcome and there is a place for you here at Trinity! We strive to be an open and inclusive community, acknowledging and embracing the rich diversity of God’s creation so we embody our calling to, “grow together and welcome all.” We love having children, and their wiggles, worship with us at Trinity. If you choose, childcare is provided for ages four and under. We are happy your family is here! Whatever in your life brought you to worship with us today, you are welcome, and we hope you feel at home.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY IS GENEROSITY SUNDAY** - For the past month, we've been inspired by stories of generosity from Trinity members and friends. Now, it's your turn to make an impact! Together, let's embrace God's calling for our church in 2025!

**ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY** - On **November 3**, All Saints' Sunday, we will honor and give thanks for the lives of Trinity members who have passed away over the past year. If you have lost a loved one who was not a member of Trinity and you would like them to be remembered during the service, please contact the church office by **Monday, October 28**, to submit their name.

**TRINITY WEEKDAY SCHOOL SALE AND FUNDRAISER** - The Trinity WDS Holiday Sale and Fundraiser is here to help with all your holiday decorating needs! We're offering beautiful wreaths, roping, poinsettias, and Christmas cacti, along with delicious Flavor House coffee. Scan the QR code to place your order. All orders and payments are due by 12:00 p.m., on Thursday, November 7. Thank you for supporting our school!

**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING IN WESTERN CAROLINA?** - If so, we'd love to hear about your skills and availability! Scan the QR Code under Offering to fill out a brief questionnaire.

**WAKE UP WEDNESDAYS** - Come enjoy coffee in the Cloister on Wednesday, October 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome—church members, families from the Weekday School, Phillips Academy, and friends and neighbors of Trinity. Phillips Academy will proudly brew and serve the coffee. We look forward to sharing a warm cup and conversation with you!

**NURSERY SCHEDULE** –The Nursery is open every Sunday, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., unless there is no Sunday School and then it will open at 10:30 a.m. Our nursery care providers are Angela Drugan and Sarah Emily Click.

**NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE** – There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL November 3 and 24. Sunday School classes for all ages will meet on November 10 and 17, 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.