



# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 17, 2024

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
Arr. Diane Bish

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Whether we are sure of God's work in the world or still waiting for a sign,  
Many: Let us worship God, encouraging one another in hope.  
One: Whether we are confident in what the future will bring,  
or whether we carry more questions than answers.  
Many: Let us worship the Lord, strengthening one another in faith,  
sure of God's everlasting love!

#### †GATHERING HYMN

*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 301*

[Let Us Build a House \(All Are Welcome\)](#)

TWO OAKS

### WE OPEN UP TO GOD

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, we confess our reluctance to enter the wilderness places that are strange to us; places that try to convince us that we are all alone, even though we are not. When our hunger for power and wealth is greater than our hunger for seeking and doing your will: forgive us, God. When we are tempted to use the gifts you give us to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others: Forgive us, God. When we are tempted to manipulate you to satisfy our own needs: Forgive us, God. Amen.

## 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: The wilderness is a place where we meet God and ourselves,  
and it is in that holy space where we hear the good news proclaimed loud and clear:  
All: 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](#)  
GLORY TO GOD

GOD SPEAKS TO US

MORNING WATCH

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4: 1-13

ANTHEM

Dona Nobis Pacem, First Movement  
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1862-1953)

SERMON

*Not The Absence of Evil, But The Boldness of Righteousness*  
Dr. Steve Lindsley

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH & COMMITMENT

‡HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 757*

[Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples](#)  
KINGSFOLD

‡AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from *The Confession of Belhar*)

We believe that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly, that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right.

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. 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 OFFERING AND MEDITATION

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

OFFERTORY

Praise Triune God, Whom We Adore. Amen.



‡ **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 & SERVE

‡ **SENDING HYMN**

*Glory to God, Hymnal No. 770*

[I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table](#)

WELCOME TABLE

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Toccata in E Minor  
Johann Pachelbel

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

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Dr. Steve Lindsley, preacher; Rev. Rebecca Heilman-Campbell, liturgist; Trinity Choir and Dr. Justin Smith, Director of Music and Cultural Events; Tanis James, soloist; Suzanne Lowery, 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.*

**MUSIC NOTES** – *To read Justin’s music notes today, scan the QR code under Offering.*

**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

**JOURNEY TO THE MANGER** - Join us for Trinity's annual Journey to the Manger Christmas Festival & Pageant on Sunday, December 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! If your child would like to participate in the pageant, please plan to attend rehearsals during Sunday School on December 1, 8, and 15. (as best as you can) and reach out to Laura-Nelle Hurst for more details.

**PRESBYTERY AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUMMIT** - As our church explores ways to be part of addressing the affordable housing crisis, all are invited to this free event on November 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Caldwell Presbyterian Church. Scan the QR code under Offering to RSVP.

**DECORATE MCCREESH PLACE** - Help us spread Christmas cheer on Sunday, December 8, after Worship! McCreesh Place is located at 2120 N Davidson St, Charlotte, NC. It's a fun event for everyone, especially the residents! If you're interested, please contact Rev Rebecca Heilman-Campbell.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO POLISH BRASS** - Calling a few “church mice” to help polish the brass in the Sanctuary! This is an easy task that helps our Sanctuary look its most beautiful during Advent and Easter. We’ll meet Saturday, November 23 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Contact May Johnston, 704-779-3231, if you can join us!

**WOMEN'S RETREAT 2025** - Planning has been underway since July for another vibrant weekend of fellowship, study, and relaxation in 2025. Scan the QR code under Offering to register today! Please note: No refunds will be given after December 13.

**MECKLENBURG INTERFAITH FRIENDSGIVING – NOVEMBER 21** - Join MeckMIN for a heartwarming evening of prayer, music, and fellowship as we celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving and the diversity of faith communities in Charlotte-Mecklenburg County. To learn more and register, scan the QR code under Offering.

**WAKE UP WEDNESDAYS** - Come enjoy coffee in the Cloister on Wednesday, December 4 and 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. We look forward to sharing a warm cup and great conversation with you!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND 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. There will be no Sunday School or Children’s Choir on November 24.