



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THREE CHIMES

INTROIT

Sonata IV: Andantino
Josef Rheinberger

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord in the Sanctuary!
Many: Praise God in the mighty heavens!
One: Praise the Lord for God's mighty deeds!
Many: Praise the Lord according to God's excellent greatness!
One: Praise the Lord with trumpet sound!
Many: Praise the Lord with lute and harp!
One: Praise the Lord with tambourine and dance!
Many: Praise the Lord with strings and pipe!
One: Praise the Lord with clanging cymbals!
Many: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

†GATHERING HYMN

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 394

[Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation](#)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come unto Thee, O God, with hearts troubled by the burden of our offenses. Of that which we ought to have done, but have not done; of that which we ought to have felt, but have not felt; of that which we ought to have spoken, but have not spoken; of all these things, and of all our sins, remembered and forgotten, we repent and turn to Thee. Graciously forgive us, O Lord, and purify and strengthen our hearts that we may walk steadfastly and uprightly before Thee all of our days and in the love and service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

At this time, you are invited to silently offer your personal prayers of forgiveness to God.

KYRIE ELEISON (*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 575*)

[Lord, Have Mercy upon Us](#)

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

†**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Hear the good news! Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us.
Many: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
One: Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Many: Thanks be to God!

†**THE PEACE**

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

†**GLORY TO GOD**

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 582

[Glory to God](#)
GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:68-79

ANTHEM

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
traditional hymn, arr. John Rutter

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:3-11

SERMON

By the Tender Mercy of Our God
Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH & COMMITMENT

†**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Inside Back Cover of Glory to God Hymnal

Ye Clouds of Witnesses, Rejoice
ELIZABETH B. MCLANEY

DEDICATION OF THE HISTORY PANEL FOR THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Presented by Janet Sarjeant

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: What do we believe?

Many: We believe in the God of every generation, who called Abraham and Sarah, led Israel through the wilderness, spoke through the prophets, and in the fullness of time came among us in Jesus Christ. We believe in Jesus Christ, who calls the Church into being and sends us into the world to proclaim the Gospel and to love and serve our neighbors. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who has sustained the Church through the ages and has been faithful to this congregation from generation to generation.

One: Therefore, with gratitude for those who came before us and hope for those who will come after us, we take up the calling entrusted to us.

Many: We will worship God. We will proclaim the Gospel. We will serve our neighbors. We will seek the good of the world. We will be Christ's Church in this time and place.

One: Friends, God has been faithful to us. God has been faithful to Trinity.

Many: God has been faithful. God will be faithful still. Therefore, we press on in faith, today and tomorrow, for the glory of God. This is what we believe. Amen.

†PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

(Used in worship every Sunday during
the mid-late 1900's)

God of our ancestors: we praise you for all your servants who, having witnessed you on earth, now live with you in heaven. Keep us in fellowship with them until we meet all the faithful in the joy of your kingdom: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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 OFFERING

To make an offering by text, text TPCGIVE to 73256.

For online offering click [HERE](#) or scan QR code to the right.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

† [DOXOLOGY](#)

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

†PRAYER FOR OFFERING

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS & SERVE

✠SENDING HYMN

Glory to God Hymnal, No.366

[Love Divine, All Loves Excelling](#)

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Amen from *Total Praise*
Richard Smallwood (1948-2025)

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

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis, preacher; Rev. Nick Cheek, Rev Rebecca Heilman-Campbell; Dr. Eric Robinson, Director of Children, Youth and Families, liturgists; Dr. Jason Dungee, Director of Choral Activities, UNCC; Mark Swicegood, organist; and the Trinity Choir.

PLEASE WELCOME REV. DR. BARON MULLIS

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis is a Charlotte native and former pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, where he served for eight and a half years. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, Baron currently serves First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia.

Throughout his ministry, Baron has been committed to building inclusive congregations, advocating for LGBTQ equality, addressing hunger and food insecurity, and encouraging economic inclusion. He has also served as a trustee of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary and on the board of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. Baron lives in Philadelphia with his spouse, Lester Morris, and their two dogs. We are delighted to welcome Baron and Lester back to Trinity as we celebrate our 75th anniversary!

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.

NAME TAGS - As an intergenerational church, we value welcome and belonging. Name tags help us learn one another's names and build connections across generations. If you are new or have been visiting and would like a name tag, an usher will be happy to help you.

INTERESTED IN ENGAGING IN THE LIFE OF TRINITY? - Are you interested in learning more about Trinity or exploring the next steps in your faith journey here? Whether that means getting involved, joining the church, or simply asking questions, we would love to connect with you. Please reach out to Rev. Nick, Rev. Rebecca, or the church office, and we will be glad to help you find your place at Trinity. You can also fill out a Welcome Card by asking a greeter before worship.