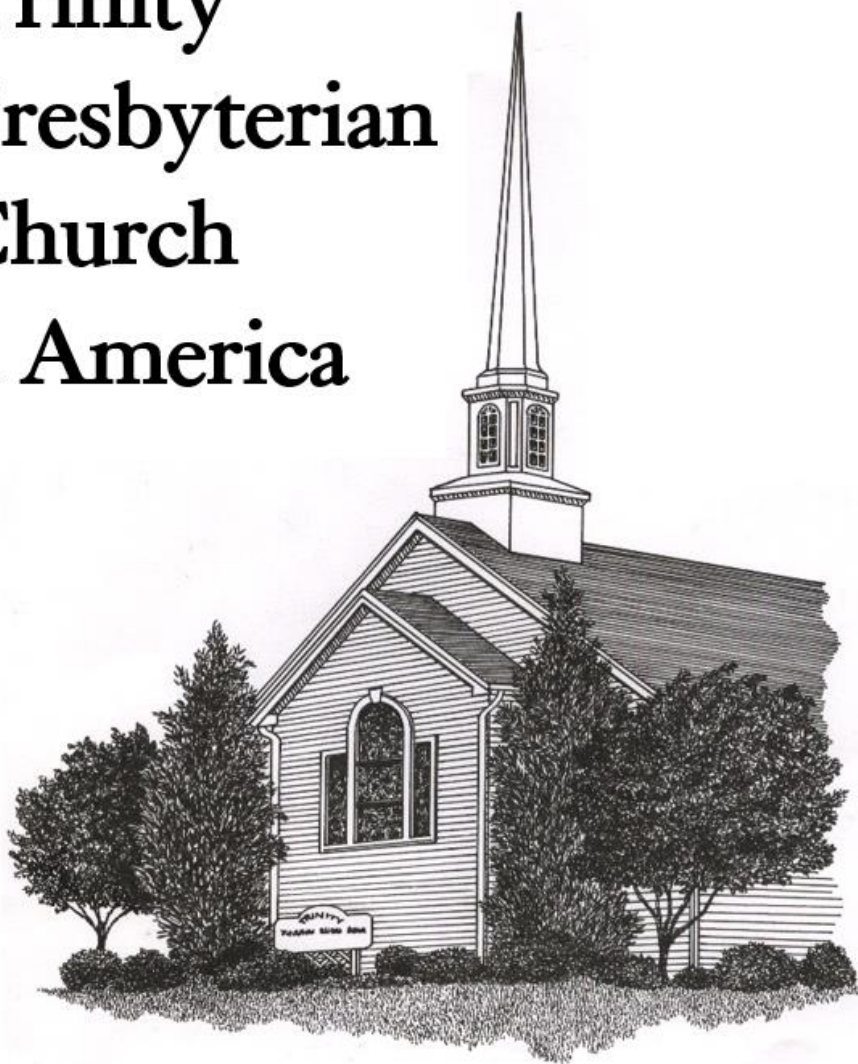


Trinity Presbyterian Church in America



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Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church

We are glad you are here! Whether you are visiting for the first time or here for your thousandth time, take time to look through the bulletin to prepare for worship. Some elements may be more familiar or entirely new to you but they are based on biblical patterns and God's promises to meet with us.

A Note for those who do not trust Jesus Christ

Welcome! Since the very beginning of the church unbelievers have been present and welcome in Christian worship. Christianity is not about secrets. We seek to clearly proclaim the life-changing news of Jesus. Please do not feel pressure to recite or sing things that you do not believe, or give anything to the collection. We pray that God blesses you as you observe our worship and uses it to draw you nearer to himself through Jesus by the Holy Spirit.

Welcoming Children at Trinity

The way we welcome children in church affects the way they respond to the Church, God and to others. We want them to know that they are at home in this place of worship.

To the parents of our young children,

Welcome! Your children's presence honors Jesus. God's word and promises are for them. Find places to sit that work well for you to explain the parts of the service to them and where they might be able to see. Remember, even at the youngest age, our covenant children are marked by Christ and are deserving recipients of his ordinary means of grace. Pray, sing, and listen so your children can see and imitate your worship of our great God. We do encourage you to consider those worshipping around you as you parent your children, but when you have to leave with your little ones, please come back if the child is able to return to worship. Disruptions with children are expected and we want our children in worship.

To the members of our church,

Raising children in the Lord is hard work. As you worship with families with children, smile, welcome the children, ask their names, and remember to pray for them. Consider how you can assist and relieve some pressure on the families. Be patient with children as they grow in their focus and attention in worship. Our Lord points to children as examples for how we should enter his presence and receive the Kingdom. And remember that children are the future of the church.

***Nursery** is provided for children aged 0-3 years old from 10:00 AM to the end of service.

***Junior Church** is for children ages 4 to 1st Grade. Children begin the 10:15AM Worship Service with their parents and are dismissed to Junior Church before the sermon. The children then have a time of prayer, singing, Bible teaching, and coloring.

Welcome to the Messiah University Horn Studio players!
Annie Rizzo, Oliver Paris, Mimi Weller, and Nate Winton.

Prelude

Crown Him with Many Crowns G.J. Ivey, arr. Mike Harcrow
Simple Gifts, Shaker melody arr. Mike Harcrow
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship George Askins,
arr. Mike Harcrow
Come, Christians, Join to Sing, trad. Spanish arr. Mike Harcrow

God's Word Directing Our Life & Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Led by Ruling Elder John Casey and Pastor Mike Wolcott

1 Corinthians 15:16-19

For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

Call to Worship

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

***Hymn of Praise**

All You That Fear Jehovah's Name

No. 9

***Prayer of Invocation**

*Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed
Hymnal Pg. No. 846

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic[†] and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

[†]“catholic” means “universal”

*Gloria Patri

Henry W. Greatorex

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

Ghost: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

God's People Facing Their Sin

Call to Confession

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Confession of Sin – Led by Pastor

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

God's People Offering Their Lives to Him

*Hymn

How Deep the Father's Love

Bulletin Pg. No. 8

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9B-13 (KJV) (ALT.)

"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.

Offerings

Offertory

Adagio

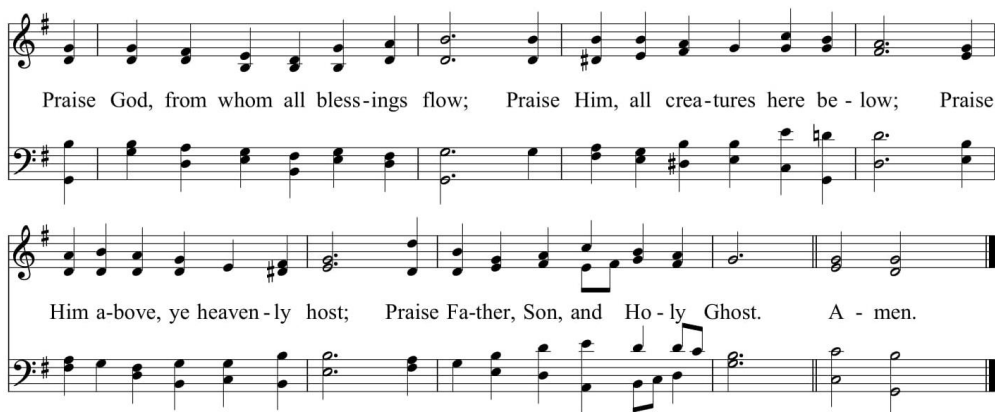
Franz Strauss

Please place your offerings in the plate. You may also send by mail, 6098 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17109, or use our website, www.trinityhbg.com, "Giving" tab.

***Doxology**

Thomas Ken, 1709

Old 100th Louis Bougeois Genevan Psalter, 1551



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low; Praise
Him a-bove, ye heaven - ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

God's People Listening to His Word

***Song of Preparation**

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

No. 421

(Junior Church begins at this time for children age 4 – 1st grade in Room 105).

***Scripture Reading**

Genesis 24
Church Bible Pg. No. 22

Sermon

Pastor John Hayward

Looking Beyond and Getting to Work

***Hymn of Response**

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (vs. 4 a cappella)

No. 168

(Junior Church ends; teacher will return children to the sanctuary.)

God Sending His People Out to Serve

***Benediction**

*Congregational Response

Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Rinkart, 1636

Johann Cruger, 1647



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*Postlude

O, Worship the King

Michael Haydn,
arr. Mike Harcrow

*Congregation Standing As You Are Able

Session has called a **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 5th** immediately following the morning worship service to consider Jon Menkis for election as Deacon. Please contact any session member with questions.

Interested In a Shepherd Group? Shepherd Groups are Trinity's small group ministry. They meet about twice per month, and this year will be studying the book of James with the theme "Radically Whole". Groups at Trinity still have room and welcome new members. There are groups that meet on different nights of the week, and childcare is available for some of the groups. Sign up on the bulletin insert; contact Mike Wolcott at mwolcott@trinityhbg.com with any questions.

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Stuart Townend



1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
 2. Be - hold the man u - pon a cross, My
 3. I will not boast in a - ny - thing, No



vast be - yond all mea - sure, that He should give His on - ly
 sin up - on His should - ers: A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing
 gifts, no power, no wis - dom; But I will boast in Je - sus



Son to make a wretch His trea - sure. How
 voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 Christ, His death and re - sur - rec - tion. Why



great the pain of sear - ing loss, the Fa - ther turns His face a -
 was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com -
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an --



- way, as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring
 - plished: His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I
 - swer, but this I know with all my heart, His



ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
 know that it is fin - ished.
 wounds have paid my ran - som.

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PRAY FOR THE WORLD, OUR AREA, AND OUR CHURCH

Our Featured Missionary of the Week: Molly DeBruin, MTW, Ethiopia. Praise God for the 14 new students, and for the generosity of supporters and churches that allow us to continue our work at Bridge School. Also give thanks that 10 of our students took their exams to enter into public school, and they all passed with amazing scores! Pray that they will transition to public school well, make good friends, and that we will be able to support them well. Also pray that our students will continue to have ears to hear the Gospel and that they will know Jesus as their Savior. Please continue to pray for Mikey and I as we begin the visa process to hopefully be able to visit the US together. Pray for peace for us, and strength as it can be a long process.

A Country of Origin for Trinity PCA Family, Members, Friends, and ESL Students: Ukraine

Our Sister Congregation: Christ Reformed Church, Alexandria, PA.

Our Neighbors: Pray that someone new would come to church or a ministry of the church this week.

Our Local Church Missionary Servants/Ministers: Please pray and give thanks for those who serve in the ESL ministry.

Our Church Government (those who lead us in worship): Deacon Ron Hassinger

Our Local Government (those in authority over us): US Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh; and Police Officer William Wable, as he enforces the laws in our township.

Long-Term Health Needs: Pray this week for Stephen Monk.

September 14, 2025

Evening Worship Service

6:00 PM

Call to Worship

***Hymn**

Come, Thou Almighty King

No. 101

***Prayer of Invocation**

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, I acknowledge that I am a sinner and that I have sinned. My mind and heart have wandered from the way of life, from steadfast obedience to your righteous word. So I come to you now, confessing my sins and asking you, through the holy blood of Jesus Christ, to forgive me and cleanse me from all iniquities. Lord, I also ask that you would purify my soul of the acts of my sinful nature and fill me with your Spirit. Conquer my sin and generously bestow upon me the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen.

Adapted from Daily Liturgy
Based on Psalm 118

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

***Hymn**

Jesus Paid It All

No. 308

Scripture Reading

Exodus 27
Church Bible Pg. No. 85

Prayer of Intercession

***Hymn**

Congregational Choice

***Scripture Reading**

Colossians 1:3-14
Church Bible Pg. No. 1251

Sermon

John Hayward

What We Do

***Benediction**

Postlude

*Congregation Standing As You Are Able

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Prayer & Information Emails

Share prayer requests with Pastor Mike Wolcott by phone: 717-379-7490 (cell), After the phone call, please send the written text of your request to: mwolcott@trinityhbg.com. In addition, any staff member can send a prayer email. If the request is for someone else, you need that person's permission to share the request. Trinity desires that those worshipping with us join the prayer & information email group. To join, email cgoss@trinityhbg.com or call the church office at 717-545-4271.

Life Without Romans 8:28

TIM CHALLIES

I have often heard it said that Romans 8:28 is the wrong verse to bring to the attention of those who are grieving, that while it is true in our especially difficult moments, it does not necessarily become helpful until some time has passed. And while I can only speak for myself, it has been my experience that in my lowest moments I have feasted on Romans 8:28, I have run to it like a starving man runs to a meal and I have drunk from it like a parched man drinks from an oasis. I have needed Romans 8:28 and it has both comforted my soul and directed my grief.

The verse says, “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” It is for good reason that this is one of the most familiar verses in the entire Bible and for good reason that so many have memorized it. And I wonder if you have ever paused to consider a world without Romans 8:28?

Without Romans 8:28 We Would Not Have Confidence that Our Experiences in this World “Work ... for Good”

We might believe that some of what we experience works for harm, that Satan and God are cosmically slugging it out with first one and then the other gaining the upper hand. We might be tempted to believe that some of what we experience works for nothing, that there is an arbitrary element to life in which things happen that have no purpose, no meaning, and no redemption. We might gaze at our sorrows and sufferings and think, “There is no goodness in this and no way goodness could ever come from this.”

Without Romans 8:28 We Would Not Have Confidence that “All” Things Work for Good

We might believe that some of the things we experience ultimately work for good while others ultimately work for our harm. Or we might believe that some things work for good while other things are empty and meaningless, black holes in God’s providence.

Without Romans 8:28 We Might Not See the Hand of God Working in Our Suffering

For where things “work together for good,” there must be someone who is working them. Work requires a worker! We might assume, as do so many today, that an impersonal force like the universe is ultimately behind our circumstances. We might even assume that there is no deity and no intelligent being who acts out his providence within this universe, but just cold impersonal fate.

Without Romans 8:28 We Might Neglect to Meditate on the Fact that Our Purpose in This World Is to Serve God’s Purpose

—that we have been “called according to his purpose.” We might fail to ponder the truth that if we are called to experience trials it is because God has purposes to accomplish through them and that we can bring glory to him if we meet these trials and pass through them with our faith strong and intact.

Without Romans 8:28 our suffering would be intolerable, and we might rightly conclude that our sorrows are meaningless.

But We Do Have Romans 8:28

God has given it to us a gift of his grace. Of course, we need to exercise good judgment when we bring comfort to God's people as they suffer. Of course, we need to choose the truth that fits the circumstance. Of course, we need to ensure we are not forcing a harsh or inaccurate interpretation of the passage as so many have done with this verse. But as for me, there are few verses more comforting and more encouraging than this one.

Because Romans 8:28 exists, those who love God and are loved by him can have confidence that he is working through all of life's circumstances to bring good out of bad, light out of darkness, joy out of sorrow. It's not that God is especially agile, a kind of cosmic PR man adept at manipulating circumstances, but rather that he is the Planner, the Engineer, the Designer who has ordained the means just as much as the end. He ordains the calm and the storm, the darkness and the dawn, the famine and the feast. This being the case, no event is meaningless, no situation purposeless, no condition ultimately hopeless. God is working out his good will not despite dark days, difficult trials, and broken hearts, but through them. Such circumstances are the raw material he uses to form and shape his good plans, his perfect purposes.

God's specialty is not bringing good from good, but good from bad and Romans 8:28 gently tells me that if I trust him through my tears, he will give me reason to laugh; if I trust him through my pain, he will teach me to praise; if I trust him through my grief, he will afterwards show me all the good that came with it and through it. He will show me the precious flowers in the dry desert, the beautiful blooms against the sharp thorns, the gentle petals beneath the vicious skies. For behind every black cloud is a yellow sun, behind every dark night a bright day, behind every frowning providence a smiling face—the smiling face of the God who works all things for good for those who love him and are called according to his purpose.

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Today September 14	8:30 AM	Prayer Meeting
	9:00 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:15 AM	Morning Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Youth Group
	7:15 PM	Adult Choir
Monday	7:00 PM	Adult Volleyball
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	9:30 AM	Men's Ministry Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Women's Ministry Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Joint Session / Deacons Meeting
	6:30 PM	Women's Ministry Leadership Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Kids Club
	6:30 PM	ESL Classes
Thursday	7:00 PM	Handbell Choir
Friday		
Saturday	5:00 PM	Men's Ministry BBQ-Bonfire & Fellowship
Sunday September 21	8:30 AM	Prayer Meeting
	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Youth Nursery Training
	10:15 AM	Morning Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Youth Group
	7:15 PM	Adult Choir

USHERS

Bob Zinsmeister–Head Usher
Tim Scheidler – Lead Usher
Mark Houseknecht, Jerry Lyter,
Rob Montefour

WELCOME TEAM

Dave & Dianne Kisner
Tim & Brenda Scheidler

NURSERY/JR. CHURCH

WORKERS

Sunday School

Brian & Naomi Menkis

10:15 AM

David, Joy, and Ellie Sonju,
Jemimah Lonie

Junior Church

Andrew, Owen & McKenna
Bosworth

WORSHIP SERVICE

SOUND

10:15 AM

Jason Wagner

6:00 PM

David Logan

Biblias! 聖經! Bibles! – Biblias en español están disponibles en la parte posterior del santuario. 中文聖經可在禮堂後面。Bibles en français sont disponibles à l'arrière du sanctuaire. (Spanish, Chinese & French Bibles are available on the table in the narthex, under the Missions board.) Additional languages are available, but not on the table. Ask a pastor for more information.

A Note on Worship

Worship is all about meeting with God through Jesus Christ. Our worship services are based on God's promises, biblical patterns and elements and historical forms.

Covenant Renewal - There is a pattern to worship of our triune God in the Bible which is often seen in what have been called covenant renewal ceremonies. God is the initiator and graciously speaks to his people and his people respond. In worship, the Father seeks his redeemed people, in Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit, according to the word of God.

Required Elements - Worship according to the word of God can be summarized in large part by saying that we: Pray the Word, Sing the Word, Hear the Word and See the Word in Baptism and The Lord's Supper. What each of these look like and in what order we do them, we have freedom to choose what is most helpful to our people.

Effective Tradition - Freedom in choosing the circumstances and order of our worship service does not mean we think it doesn't matter. Christians have been worshiping for nearly two millennia and we seek to be faithful stewards of the traditions and practices that we have inherited as far as they wisely and practically obey the Scriptures and serve the people.

A Note on the Church and Beliefs

What is the church? It's not an institution of human invention or a building, rather, the Bible tells us it is the gathering of God's chosen people into the body of Christ as a temple of the Holy Spirit. And so we seek to be ruled in all things by the word of God as summarized in the standards of our church communion the Presbyterian Church in America. We have doctrinal standards in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms and a form of government in our Book of Church Order. These are all in submission to the Scriptures which is our ultimate authority in all matters. Find out more at <https://pcanet.org/>

Next Steps

Want to take the next step in understanding Jesus? We would love to talk with you but if you aren't ready and want to process more try working this the 3-2-1 Course. It explains the core teachings of Christianity. Learning happens best in community so don't hesitate to let us know you are working through the course or to ask any questions along the way.

321 is a course that invites you to see life the way Jesus does. Inspired by Jesus' vision of reality, 321 is designed to help you think about God, the world and yourself through immersive videos and thoughtful illustrations. See 321course.com



