



Trinity Church

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building God's Church...blessing our community

THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 30, 2025

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....FROM PSALM 97

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice!

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

The heavens proclaim His righteousness; and all the peoples see His glory.

For You, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous ones, and give thanks to His holy name

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE.....JESUS SHALL REIGN No. 231

*HYMN OF JOYFUL WORSHIPCHRIST THE SURE AND STEADY ANCHOR WORDS & MUSIC: MATT BOSWELL & MATT PAPA

Christ the sure and steady Anchor In the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me And my sails have all been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the Anchor It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor While the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle And it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the Anchor Though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the Anchor It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor Through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now Lift your eyes to Calvary
This my ballast of assurance See His love forever proved
I will hold fast to the Anchor It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor As we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory As we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon Clouds behind and life secure
And the calm will be the better For the storms that we endure

Christ the shore of our salvation Ever faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the Anchor It shall never be removed

SCRIPTURE READINGISAIAH 3

READER: The Word of the Lord
CONGREGATION: **Thanks be to God**

HYMN OF ADORATION.....WHATE'ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT

WORDS BY SAMUEL RODIGAST & MUSIC BY DAVID BRAUD

Whate'er my God ordains is right, Holy His will abideth.
I will be still whateer He does, And follow where He guideth.
He is my God, Though dark my road.
He holds me that I shall not fall Wherefore to Him I leave it all

Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me
I take, content, What He hath sent
His hand can turn my griefs away And patiently I wait His day

Whate'er my God ordains is right, Though now this cup in drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking
My God is true, Each morn anew
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart And pain and sorrow shall depart

Whate'er my God ordains is right, Here shall my stand be taken
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, Yet I am not forsaken
My Father's care Is round me there
He holds me that I shall not fall And so to Him I leave it all

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Loving Father, we confess that
sometimes we think we can do things all by ourselves
and sometimes we obsessively worry about things.
We forget that you give us everything we have
and that you make us who we are.
Please forgive us for thinking about ourselves first.
Please forgive us for not trusting you to take care of us.
Thank you for always loving us even when we forget that we need you.
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Please silently confess your sin before the LORD.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON.....PSALM 103:10-12

“He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

*HYMN OF ASSURANCEBEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

WORDS & MUSIC: CHARITIE LEES BANCROFT AND VIKKI COOK

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great high priest whose name is love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands; My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within;
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.
Because a sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, The perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace.
One with himself I cannot die; My soul is purchased with His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Savior and my God.

SHEPHERDING PRAYER.....RE MARK FORD

SERMON.....GENESIS 44

¹ Then he commanded the steward of his house, “Fill the men’s sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man’s money in the mouth of his sack, ² and put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, with his money for the grain.” And he did as Joseph told him.

³ As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away with their donkeys. ⁴ They had gone only a short distance from the city. Now Joseph said to his steward, “Up, follow after the men, and when you overtake them, say to them, ‘Why have you repaid evil for good?’ ⁵ Is it not from this that my lord drinks, and by this that he practices divination? You have done evil in doing this.”

⁶ When he overtook them, he spoke to them these words. ⁷ They said to him, “Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants to do such a thing! ⁸ Behold, the money that we found in the mouths of our sacks we brought back to you from the land of Canaan. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord’s house? ⁹ Whichever of your servants is found with it shall die, and we also will be my lord’s servants.” ¹⁰ He said, “Let it be as you say: he who is found with it shall be my servant, and the rest of you shall be innocent.” ¹¹ Then each man quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and each man opened his sack. ¹² And he searched, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest. And the cup was found in Benjamin’s sack. ¹³ Then they tore their clothes, and every man loaded his donkey, and they returned to the city.

¹⁴ When Judah and his brothers came to Joseph’s house, he was still there. They fell before him to the ground. ¹⁵ Joseph said to them, “What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that a man like me can indeed practice divination?” ¹⁶ And Judah said, “What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; behold, we are my lord’s servants, both we and he also in whose hand the cup has been found.” ¹⁷ But he said, “Far be it from me that I should do so! Only the man in whose hand the cup was found shall be my servant. But as for you, go up in peace to your father.”

¹⁸ Then Judah went up to him and said, “Oh, my lord, please let your servant speak a word in my lord’s ears, and let not your anger burn against your servant, for you are like Pharaoh himself. ¹⁹ My lord asked his servants, saying, ‘Have you a father, or a brother?’ ²⁰ And we said to my lord, ‘We have a father, an old man, and a young brother, the child of his old age. His brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother’s children, and his father loves him.’ ²¹ Then you said to your servants, ‘Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him.’ ²² We said to my lord, ‘The boy cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die.’ ²³ Then you said to your servants, ‘Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall not see my face again.’

²⁴ “When we went back to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. ²⁵ And when our father said, ‘Go again, buy us a little food,’ ²⁶ we said, ‘We cannot go down. If our youngest brother goes with us, then we will go down. For we cannot see the man’s face unless our youngest brother is with us.’ ²⁷ Then your servant my father said to us, ‘You know that my wife bore me two sons. ²⁸ One left me, and I said, “Surely he has been torn to pieces,” and I have never seen him since. ²⁹ If you take this one also from me, and harm happens to him, you will bring down my gray hairs in evil to Sheol.’

³⁰ “Now therefore, as soon as I come to your servant my father, and the boy is not with us, then, as his life is bound up in the boy’s life, ³¹ as soon as he sees that the boy is not with us, he will die, and your servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. ³² For your servant became a pledge of safety for the boy to my father, saying, ‘If I do not bring him back to you, then I shall bear the blame before my father all my life.’ ³³ Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a servant to my lord, and let the boy go back with his brothers. ³⁴ For how can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? I fear to see the evil that would find my father.”

SERMON NOTES

BROKEN PEOPLE BREAK THE CYCLE

GENESIS 44

OF NATURAL TENDENCIES

OF SUPERNATURAL REMEDIES

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS

On Jordan's Stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away.

I am bound, I am bound (echo)
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound, I am bound (echo)
I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

***BENEDICTION**

BULLETIN BOARD

WORKDAY SCHEDULED

A church workday is planned for Saturday, April 12 from 8 am until noon. Contact Jeff Watford for more information.

HELP NEEDED WITH APRIL RUF-I MEAL

We need help with the April 15 meal for international students at the University of South Carolina, again during the spring semester. If you can assist with preparing the meal or delivering it to Columbia, please contact the office or Pastor John Mark.

2025 BIBLE READING PLAN AVAILABLE

Join us as we continue our three-year Bible reading plan and develop a new habit or reinforce an old one: reading God's word every day! The plan is simple - usually just one chapter a day. The Session is regularly praying for your growth in Christlikeness - God's Word is one of the primary means He uses to change our lives and make us more like Jesus. Reading His Word together provides both accountability and deeper fellowship in our body. Laminated copies of the 2025 plan are available on the information counter in the Narthex. A [link](#) to the reading plan is also on the church website.

VISITATION SCHEDULE

WEEK OF MARCH 31-APRIL 6	WEEK OF APRIL 7-13	WEEK OF APRIL 14-20
Susan Gonzalez	Sammie Edwards	Woody & Lisa Watford

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Child Evangelism Fellowship of Orangeburg, evangelizing and discipling boys and girls in Orangeburg and surrounding counties

Our Troops: pray all of our troops and their chaplains around the world

Church of the week: Hilton Head Presbyterian; Bill McCutchen, pastor

TRINITY FAMILY

Brush Babb: continued strengthening and improvement

Joe Junquet: continued healing of his nerves

Melonie Anderson: recovering from knee replacement surgery

Claudia Wilkes: for her kidney function to continue at 25 percent to avoid dialysis, balance issues

Lawton Porter: recovery from recent surgery

Christie Churchwell: relief from headaches

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

STAFF

John Mark Patrick, Pastor
 Dr. Sam Lambrecht, Families w/ Students
 Susan Ulmer, Women's Ministry
 Deborah Finkelstein, Pianist
 Karen Ford, Administrative Assistant
 Sandral Jackson, Bookkeeper

ELDERS

Mark Ford
 Sam Lambrecht
 Michael Salley

DEACONS

Jeff Folk
 Evan Lambrecht
 Frank Myers
 Chris Rickenbaker
 Jeff Watford

DEACON ASSISTANTS

Larry Adicks, Terri Morrell, Lyle Polson

CALENDAR

SUN 3/30	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP
TUE 4/1	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WED 4/2	5:30PM	PRAYER
SUN 4/6	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP

TRINITY READING TOGETHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ISAIAH 4	ISAIAH 5	ISAIAH 6	ISAIAH 7	ISAIAH 8	ISAIAH 9-10

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