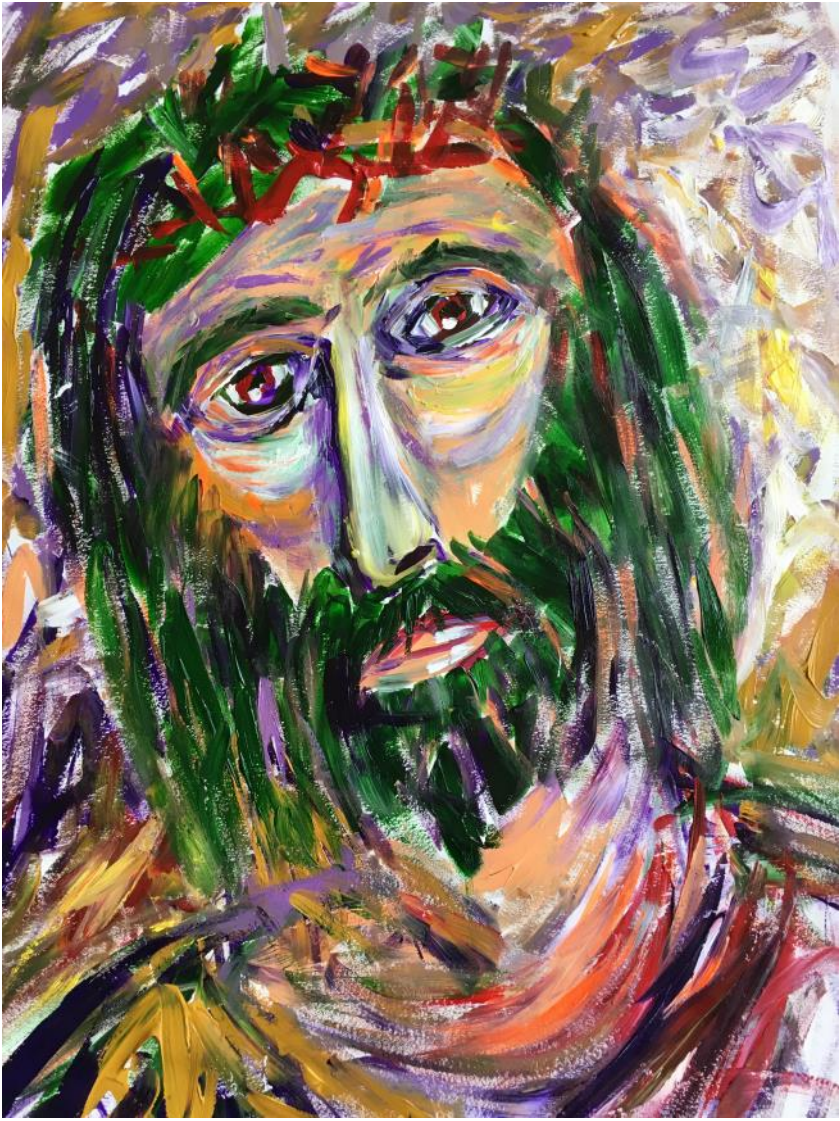


# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024 ♦ 10:30 AM



THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

*YOU ARE THE CHRIST*  
RONALD RAAB

**W**elcome in the name of Jesus Christ. Whether you're a familiar face or stepping through our doors for the first time, we feel blessed to have you here.

You might have noticed the message on our bulletin: "This Is God's House. All Are Welcome." We genuinely believe in these words. Our community aims to reflect the diversity and warmth of God's kingdom. We come from different walks of life, with varying perspectives and beliefs. But when we gather, whether in person or online, we come together as a diverse family that finds unity in our shared faith in Jesus Christ.

My hope is that today, you'll find something that speaks directly to your heart—a reminder of God's love, a catalyst for action, or an invitation to deepen your connection with God.

After the service, we invite you to linger a while. Say hello to one of our staff members or stop by our Welcome Desk. Exciting things are in store for Trinity Presbyterian Church, and we would be delighted to have you join us as we grow together in faith.

Pastor Jeff

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**New to Trinity?** Please fill out a welcome card. Place the card in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or leave it at the Welcome Desk. Our friends at the Welcome Desk can provide you with information about our ministries, programs, and volunteer opportunities.

**Large-Print Bulletins:** Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a large-print bulletin to follow the service

**Families with Children:** Children are always welcome! You will find children's activity clipboards and books in the lobby, and the Ushers can also provide these. If you need to leave the service with your child, the ushers can direct you to the changing table or nursery room. Every Sunday, we provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9:00am to 11:30am in Rooms 1 and 3. There is Sunday school for children in preschool through 12th grade at 9:00am and Worship Care for children in preschool through kindergarten after the Children's Sermon.

**Worship Online:** A replay of today's service will be available at [trinitypreslr.com/stream](http://trinitypreslr.com/stream).

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

*Please sign a Welcome Card and put it in the offering plate, or scan this QR code to let us know you're here.*



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wanda Hartnuss

## PRELUDE

Terry Jackson

*Variations on O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Hal H. Hopson

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Wanda Hartnuss

L: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love:

**All: Neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers, a community of kindred hearts.**

L: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know:

**All: Strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones in need of an outstretched hand.**

L: People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here,

**All: In me, in you, in each of us, God's spirit shines for all to see.**

L: People of God, come, let us worship together.

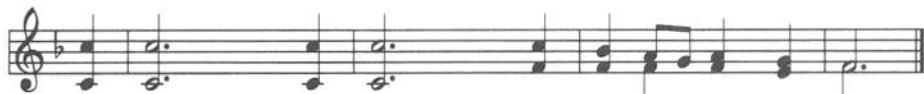
## \* HYMN OF PRAISE *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*



1. Re - joi-ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi-ce, give thanks, and sing!
2. Yes, on through life's long path, Still chant-ing as ye go;
3. At last the march shall end; The wea - ried ones shall rest;
4. Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joi-ce, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.  
From youth to age, by night and day, In glad - ness and in woe.  
The pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.  
Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.



Re - joi-ce! re - joi-ce! Re - joi-ce, give thanks, and sing!

## GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN

Jared Brown

*Children, please come forward during Jesus Loves Me. Afterward, children in Kindergarten and younger may leave the Sanctuary for Worship Care in Room 3.*

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

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

Wanda Hartnuss

**All: 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.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Rick Hendricks

## CONFESSION OF SIN

**All: O God, You gave us a garden of Eden and we choose to wander in deserts of our own making. You gave us the light of the world and we choose to stumble around in the darkness. Forgive us our squandering, our wandering, our lack of commitment. Remind us of Your covenant with us and choose us still to tell Your good news to give all that we are that we might be one in Your peace.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rick Hendricks

L: Our God is with us. Our God loves us. Our lives are a blessing from God.

**All: Let us give thanks and live our lives in the joy of that assurance.**

## PSALM READING

Psalm 98:4-9

Reidar Griffin

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and all those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

ANTHEM

*Laudate, Praise the Lord!*

The Adult Choir

Mark Weston

Laudate, laudate, laudate Dominum.  
 Laudate, laudate, laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum.  
 Laudate, laudate, laudate Dominum.  
 Laudate, laudate, laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum.  
 Praise the Lord with trumpet and instruments of string.  
 Praise the Lord with timbrel and dance, let every corner sing,  
 let every corner sing: laudate, laudate, laudate Dominum.  
 Laudate, laudate, laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum.  
 Praise the Lord with cymbals and ev'ry joyful noise.  
 Praise the Lord with organ and harp, let heav'n and earth rejoice.  
 Laudate, laudate, laudate Dominum.  
 Laudate, laudate, laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum.  
 Laudate, laudate, laudate Dominum!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 8:27-33

Rick Hendricks

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

An Impetuous Faith

Rick Hendricks

CALL FOR OFFERING



Wanda Hartnuss

OFFERTORY

*Air*

Terry Jackson

Gordon Young

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Wanda Hartnuss

\* HYMN OF SENDING

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

 Musical notation for the hymn 'I Have Decided to Follow Jesus'. It consists of three staves of music in 4/4 time. The lyrics are:
 

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol-low Je - sus, I have de -  
 cid - ed to fol-low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol-low  
 Je - sus — no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.

2. The world behind me, the cross before me ...

3. Though none go with me, still I will follow ...

\* SENDING OUT

Rick Hendricks

\* POSTLUDE

*Postludium III*  
Ron Boud

Terry Jackson

## **Next Sunday's Message**

Period.

Matthew 20:1-16

Rev. Rick Hendricks preaching

## **Giving**

Offerings may be given by placing a check or cash in the offering plate, by donating online by scanning the QR code with your cell phone camera, or by visiting [TrinityPresLR.com/donate](http://TrinityPresLR.com/donate).



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

<b>Sunday, Apr. 28</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School classes for all ages
	10:00 am	Coffee fellowship in the Narthex
	10:00 am	Choir rehearsal in the Choir Room
	10:30 am	Celebration of Worship
	5:30 pm	Youth Group in the Youth Room
<b>Monday, Apr. 29</b>	9:00 am	Trinity's service day at Stewpot
<b>Tuesday, Apr. 30</b>	1:00 pm	Women's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, May 1</b>	3:00 pm	Room 4 in use for flute lessons
	5:00 pm	Trumpet lessons in the Choir Room
	7:00 pm	Choir rehearsal in the Choir Room
<b>Thursday, May 2</b>	6:00 pm	City of Little Rock planning meeting in the Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday, May 3</b>	9:00 am	Church Office closed today
<b>Saturday, May 4</b>	9:00 am	Indoor/outdoor church workday
<b>Sunday, May 5</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School classes for all ages
	10:00 am	Coffee fellowship in the Narthex
	10:00 am	Choir rehearsal in the Choir Room
	10:30 am	Celebration of Worship—Communion
	5:30 pm	Taco Night fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stop by the Coffee Bar  
and enjoy a hot cup of coffee during worship.*

**WELCOME REV. RICK HENDRICKS** as our guest minister today! M. Rick Hendricks has served as an ordained minister with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) since his ordination in 1967. Throughout his ministry he has pastored churches in Ohio, Kansas, and Oklahoma, and also spent a brief time as Director of Church Relations with Phillips University in Enid, OK.

Upon retiring from the pastoral ministry, Rick decided to do an immersion course in Spanish and subsequently served for five years as a short-term missionary with Global Missions of the Christian Church, working at the Universidad Biblica Latinoamericana, a Methodist seminary in San Jose, Costa Rica.

In 2015, he moved to Little Rock where he married Tracy Speed and added three stepdaughters and a dog to his existing family of two daughters, a son, and three grandsons.

In Little Rock he has become something of a ‘professional volunteer.’ With Trinity, he has begun volunteering weekly at Stewpot, and enjoys singing in the choir. He may also be found volunteering with a weekly cafe for the downtown homeless population at First Methodist of Little Rock, and a weekly program to fill backpacks with weekend food for 350 children at Washington Elementary.

Of course, you likely may run into Rick at Costco or Kroger where he is buying ingredients for a new interesting recipe. He has become an excellent chef!

**IN YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT:** What did the Apostles do after Jesus? They started a church! Actually they started a lot of them and it didn't always go to plan. Through interactive discussions and engaging activities, we'll explore the challenges, triumphs, and enduring lessons found within this inspiring account in the book of Acts.

**YOUTH GROUP'S MAY 5 TACO SUPPER FUNDRAISER:** Trinity Youth are raising money for their summer trips and are selling Taco Tickets! Each Taco Ticket may be redeemed for one taco dinner consisting of two crunchy tacos, a side dish, a dessert, and a drink. Taco Tickets are \$15 each and can be obtained from a member of the Youth Group or by donating online at [trinitypreslr.com/donate](http://trinitypreslr.com/donate) and adding “Tacos” to the comments line. Redeem your ticket in Trinity’s



fellowship hall on Sunday, May 5 from 5:30-7:00pm. Dinner will be dine-in or carry-out. Direct questions to Jared Brown at 870-299-0989 or [jaredotisbrown@gmail.com](mailto:jaredotisbrown@gmail.com).

**ACOLYTE TRAINING:** Acolyte training for children in 3rd grade and above will be held after worship on May 26 and June 2. The sessions will last about 20 minutes and parents should plan to attend.

**TECHNOLOGY TEAM FORMING:** We are putting together a technology team that could help organize existing technology, particularly used on Sunday mornings and in the Fellowship Hall, help fill in when Jared is away, and help with recommendations on future technology use going forward. If you like tech or this sounds like a good fit for you to serve the church, please call or text Karen Craig at (501) 920-1217 or email Karen at [craigkm16@gmail.com](mailto:craigkm16@gmail.com).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Trinity family birthdays this week: 4/28 Callie Smiley, 4/29 Sylvia Griffin, 5/01 Julianne Sublette, 5/03 Nell Stannard. We encourage you to reach out to our birthday celebrants by text, email, phone call, or personal note. We want to add your birthday to our list! If your birthday is missing from this list, let us know by contacting the church office at [TrinityPresLR@gmail.com](mailto:TrinityPresLR@gmail.com) or 501-868-5848.

## HOW TO JOIN TRINITY

Want to be more involved at Trinity? We are a place where everyone belongs. You don't need to become a member to be a part of our ministry. But if you'd like to be more connected, we'd love to have you!

Becoming a member is easy. Just come talk to us after Sunday service. Our church council, called the Session, will be there to welcome you. The only thing we ask is that you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

There are a few ways you can join: you can transfer your membership from another church, affirm your faith if you were part of a church before but aren't now, or profess your faith if you've never been part of a church.

Let us know you're interested by filling out a welcome card, marking it online, or talking to the pastor or someone at the Welcome Desk. And if you have any questions, the pastor is always happy to chat about membership with you.

## **THE SESSION**

Pastor Jeff Price, Moderator

Bob Ridgeway, Clerk

Betsy Smith	Education
Karen Craig	Education
Rita Looney	Fellowship
Joe Arnold	Fellowship
Don Eilbott	Administration
Sam Parnell	Administration
Larry Furrer	Building & Property
Chuck Bloser	Building & Property
Wanda Hartnuss	Outreach
Mac Bellingrath	Outreach

## **THE BOARD OF DEACONS**

Sage Arnold

Barbara Blount

Nette Curtis

Christy Hall

Lynn Walton

## **STAFF**

Jeff Price, Minister

Terry Jackson, Director of Music Ministries

Jared Brown, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Terri Robinson, Church Treasurer

Julie Peak, Church Secretary

Sarah Dunnahoo, Child Care

Irma Ellis, Child Care

Sara Otts, Child Care

Brooklyn Starkey, Child Care

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