TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2026 + 11:00 am Worship

As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation and preparation for worship.

+ Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
Aria — Flor Peters

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rebekah LeMon

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Deuteronomy 6–8) — Eric McDonnell

One: God provided for the Israelites with manna in the desert, day by day sustaining life, reminding us:
All: We live not by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God.
One: The journey to a land of promise required steadfast trust and faith, teaching us:
All: Instead of putting God to the test, we trust in the steady work of the slow miracles always unfolding around us.
One: When God's people reached the land of promise, Moses called them to remember the giver of all gifts and to turn from false gods.
All: We revere and serve God alone, and by God's name we discern the truth.

+OPENING HYMN
#93 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates — TRURO

ANTHEM — Michael Jothen

I Will Give Thanks

I will give thanks and sing my praises to the Lord, for all the things he's done he surely is adored. I will give thanks and sing my praise forevermore, for God has been good to me.

(*Primary Choir)*

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
The weight of our sin is too heavy for us to carry.
We have chosen greed over generosity,
pride over humility,
and ease over what is right.
We have turned our gaze away from you
and away from the plight of our neighbors.
Return us to you
that we may know the face of salvation.**

(silence for personal prayers of confession)

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's grace extends further than human comprehension. Know that mercy shines on you, and you are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
#582 Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me — GLORY TO GOD

OLD TESTAMENT READING — Emily Beaver
Genesis 4:1-7 — (pew Bible, OT p 3-4)

ANTHEM — Keith Christopher

A Song of Praise

Sing to the Lord a song of praise! Joyfully worship God every day. Sing to the Lord, lift up your voice! Shout alleluia and rejoice! Sing alleluia, sing amen. Sing alleluia, oh, sing it once again. Sing alleluia, bless God's name. Sing alleluia, God's love we proclaim!

(Junior Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING
Matthew 4:1-11 — (pew Bible, NT p. 3)
One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON — Rev. Dr. Eric McDonnell

Temptation: Lurking and Lifting

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(based on Q.79 from *The Westminster Larger Catechism*)

One: Do true believers, by reason of their imperfections, and the many temptations and sins they are overtaken with, ever fall away from the state of true grace?
All: True believers, by reason of the unchangeable love of God, and God's decree and covenant to give them perseverance, their inseparable union with Christ, his continual intercession for them, and the Spirit and seed of God abiding in them, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

+AFFIRMATION RESPONSE — AMAZING GRACE

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

(may be found as stanza 3 of Hymn #649)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER — Lucy Strong

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 GIVE

OFFERTORY — Melchior Vulpius

Now God Be Praised

Now God be praised in heav'n above; praised be he for his great love, wherein all creatures live and move; hallelujah! Praise him yet more for conqu'ring faith, which feareth neither pain nor death, but, trusting God, rejoicing saith, hallelujah! His grace defends us from all ill; his Christ shall be our leader still, till heav'n and earth shall do his will; hallelujah!

+DOXOLOGY #606 — OLD HUNDREDTH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+CLOSING HYMN
#783 When We Are Tested — ANGELS OF HEALING

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE
Sevenfold Amen — John Stanley

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY
Praise the Lord With Drums and Cymbals — Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Eric McDonnell
Director of Adult Formation

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon
Senior Pastor

Rev. Emily Beaver
Associate Pastor for Family Ministries

Rev. Lucy Strong
Associate Pastor for Mission & Engagement

Kenzie Leet &
Maggie Slaughter
Acolytes

MUSICIANS

Scott Morris, *Director of Primary & Junior Choirs*

Nelda Greene, *Choir Volunteer*

The Chancel Choir of Trinity Church

Norman Mackenzie, *Organist and Director of Music and Arts*

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Cissy Smith to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Lucille M. and Sidney I. Smith.

PRIMARY CHOIR

Miller Alsobrooks
Ian Atkinson
Palmer Carr
Søren Harris
Charlie Kuykendall
Elsie Lechleiter
Mills Lyddan
Gray Seiler
Ward Strachan
James Szyperski
Anna Frances Thompson
Frances Todd

JUNIOR CHOIR

Julia Cleaveland
Caroline Diamond
Abby Vance Hutchison
Emma Frances Hutchison
Margaret Leet
Fred Mansfield
Julian Ross
Owen Ross
Maggie Slaughter
Mary Strachan
Andrew Thompson
Robert Thompson
Harriet Wall

WELCOME

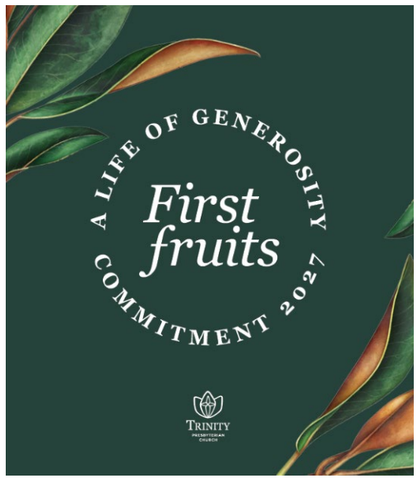
Welcome to Trinity. We are glad you are here.

Children and Worship
Children are always welcome in worship at Trinity! There are activity bags and children's books available at each entrance for children to use during worship, and there are children's Bibles in each pew. If you would prefer to have childcare, 0–4-year-olds will be in rooms D102 and D104.

Prayer Requests
If you are going through a difficult time, we would like to know how best to support you. To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, or if you need pastoral care after hours, reach out to any pastor or call 404-237-6491.

Stephen Ministry
Stephen Ministers are trained and committed laypersons who provide fully confidential, one-to-one, Christian support to those experiencing life challenges such as illness, loss, family changes, job/career changes, retirement, and other transitions. To inquire about Stephen Ministry, please contact a pastor or email stephenminister@trinityatlanta.org; Cindy Stancil at cindy.stancil@comcast.net or Scott Calhoun at sdc@hpsslaw.com.

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Our annual commitment season has arrived! With grateful and open hearts, let us all pledge our financial support for God's ministry in and through Trinity church in 2027, giving to God our first and best.

Use the QR code to make your commitment and to learn more about our sermon series and classes this October.

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