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# The Trinity Tribute

Your Story, Our Story, God's Story  
Coming Together at Trinity

## *The Easter Season*

April 2026



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Associate Pastor



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Interim Minister of Music and Worship



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Minister to Families



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Minister to Students

Easter is in April this year on the 5th. I like this time of year as the birds will be singing, flowers and trees budding, and the weather overall is warmer. It's a beautiful time of the year. Of course, for Christians around the world the true beauty is the celebration of the Risen Lord and the acknowledgement of an empty tomb. I love proclaiming "He is Risen" with you at Trinity and with the realization that the Easter proclamation is being shouted around the world in many different voices and languages.

An important point to remember is that Easter is not meant to be celebrated, proclaimed, and enjoyed for only one day a year. In fact, Sunday, April 5 is the beginning of the Easter Season for church life. Traditionally the music and the worship themes revolve around the reality of the resurrection during this season that lasts until May when we celebrate Pentecost.

When we think about it, however, Easter extends even beyond the weeks after Easter Sunday. The resurrection of Jesus is why we Christians worship on Sundays. The first day of the week, Sunday, so many years ago is when Jesus rose from the grave. Each Sunday then, is to be like a mini-Easter celebration of worship. It's truly the "Lord's Day." Sunday after Sunday, we worship a risen, living, and present Lord.

Finally, think about the idea that the living presence of Jesus is in all of us who believe. That means each day we carry a bit of Easter joy, purpose, and meaning with us. Jesus told us to let our light shine before others so they will give glory to the Father. Our goal is to live each day like it's Easter, like we truly believe, hope, and embrace the idea that Jesus is Risen indeed!

I hope you have a blessed and joyful Easter Sunday this year. I hope it's beautiful and the birds are singing. But let us remember that no matter how nice our days are or how hard or dark the days of the year can become, each day we are called to live in the light of Easter. We are Easter People after all. I pray that the proclamation, "He is Risen," will be vibrant and energizing for us every day. Let's resolve to let Easter shine out in all we do and in all we say. May Easter, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, be the defining perspective for each day we live.

Happy Easter! He is Risen!

~ Mike

# Music and Worship Ministries

## Music for Holy Week 2026

Palm/Passion Sunday (March 29)	Processional with Palms Sanctuary Choir— <i>Write Your Blessed Name</i> (K. Lee Scott) Heart of Praise— <i>There Is a Fountain</i> (arr. Drennan)
Good Friday (April 3)	Service of Shadows (Tenebrae observance), 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir— <i>Wondrous Love</i> (arr. Clarke) <i>The Power of the Cross</i> (Getty and Townend)
Easter Sunday (April 5)	Sanctuary Choir and Instruments— <i>Hallelujah</i> (Handel) <i>The Holy City</i> (arr. Kirkland)

## AN APRIL ALLELUIA

Sunday, April 19, 10:30 am

A special Morning Worship service led by guest musician Amy Tate Williams with Pastor, Sanctuary Choir, and the Southeast Brass

Our service on Sunday, April 19 will be focused on the theme of worship and an exploration of one of the most important words in the lexicon of Christians—“ALLELUIA.”

Midday Saturday, April 18, will find our Sanctuary Choir and any interested guests in a choral workshop with Amy Tate Williams in preparation for the Sunday service.

**Amy Tate Williams** is a pianist, vocal coach, choral director, educator and composer from Nashville, TN. She has served as Chorus Master and Accompanist for the Nashville Opera, as a leader and performer in numerous Tennessee Baptist Convention events, and as the Opera Director for the Tennessee Governor’s School for the Arts. She currently serves as the Pianist and Traditional Worship Coordinator at Forest Hills Baptist Church in Nashville and as Worship Leader/Choir Director for Riverside Fellowship in Franklin, TN.

Amy has maintained a personal ministry of music since her teen years, composing, arranging, and performing songs from her own faith experience. She is a student of scripture and seeks to lead others into meaningful worship of God through her music. She believes He has gifted and trained her for this specific purpose.

*Invite friends, neighbors and associates to this special morning worship experience!*

*Interested in singing with the choir that morning? Let us know!*

~ Billy Orton

Interim Minister of Music and Worship



### April is Bring a Friend Month!

Invite a friend to Sunday School and Worship or to Missions groups on Wednesday nights any time in April!

We will have a special snack and a little gift for your guests.

~ Teresa

### Spring Blitz Lunch & Project Sunday, April 19

11:30am (right after worship)

- Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
- Kids will make cards and vases of flowers for some of our Trinity senior adults
- Kids and parents will deliver the cards and flowers with Ms. Teresa 😊  
(families are free to leave the project whenever needed for naps, etc.)



### Kid’s Choirs Spring Schedule

Wednesdays at 5:30pm through May 6

Both Children’s Choirs will sing in worship again in May!

### Vacation Bible School

June 14-17, 2026

6-8pm

4yrs – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Registration opens May 1!



### TBCKids Calendar:

- April 5 Easter!  
Preschool Easter Parade in Sunday School
- April 19 Spring Community Blitz Lunch and Project,
- June 14-17 Vacation Bible School, 6-8:00 pm
- July 12-15 Passport Kids Camp – Rock Eagle, GA

### Kids Camp

July 12-15, 2026

Rock Eagle Camp, Eatonton, GA

For 3-5<sup>th</sup> grades (completed)

Cost: \$425

(\$50 non-refundable deposit ~ balance due April 26)



### Race for Missions

Our Missions Kids had a great time racing and raising \$343.00 for missions!



We're quickly approaching the season of Lent. From my previous internships and positions at churches throughout my time in undergraduate and seminary, I've had the privilege to experience Lent through different church contexts. It's expanded my understanding of the season and has allowed me to adopt several different practices within my own personal spiritual formation.

A practice, that I've never encountered in my time in ministry, has been the wearing and tying of the Lenten bracelets that we do here annually at Trinity. While there are many types of bracelets and other forms of symbolism that Christian use to remain focused during Lent, I've appreciated it this season in a way like never before. Now, I'm not one to personally accessorize or wear jewelry (other than my \$13 handy dandy Casio watch), so for me to see a bracelet attached to me during my entire day, it's a stark reminder.

What's your reminder during this season of Lent? Or maybe a different question is, "What will you remember from this season of Lent?" The beauty of Jesus' resurrection is that we celebrate it every moment of our lives. So, if this season of Lent was pushed out of your consciousness and attention, "that's okay," because we have been given the gift of time.

So then, let me ask this, "What will you do this year as a challenge to your regular routine, to step away from the things that so easily distract us to fast and ask God to do more in our lives?" Lent, Easter, and the Christian calendar are a reminders of God's constants in our lives, demonstrating grace, peace and mercy - while on the other hand - calling us to challenge our routine. ~ Lane

Church Life

MISSIONS:

Spring Community Blitz

- Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>
- Ministry Projects for all ages and skill levels!
- Lunch is provided in the Fellowship Hall for everyone participating
- Participants may leave for their project site after they finish lunch
- Sign up in your Sunday School Rooms or in the Gathering Area

Dominican Republic Mission Trip Fundraiser Cookout

- Wednesday, May 13 (during our regular Wednesday night dinner)
- Donations will go towards the cost of translators, laborers, VBS materials, clinic supplies, etc.

Perry County Ramp Building Mission Trip

- May 18-21
- Constructing ramps around Marion, Alabama
- Sign-up in the Gathering Area

FELLOWSHIP:

Church Picnic: May 3<sup>rd</sup> after worship - Save the Date!

- On the Trinity south lawn
- Lunch will be served after morning worship - hamburgers and hot dogs provided
- Volunteers needed to grill, bring side dishes, set-up or clean-up
- Sign-up sheets will be available soon for volunteers to participate in all these areas!

~ Glenn

Trinity hosted a concert by The Aeolians of Oakwood University on March 4, 2026. It was a great experience of music, worship, and fellowship! Special appreciation is expressed to our Kitchen Crew for the wonderful meal.

Student Ministry Life



Weekday Preschool News

The children will spend lots of time outside in the sunshine playing and taking nature walks. This month on April 9th and 10th our Older Twos, Threes, and Fours will be performing in our annual Spring Music Programs - come enjoy the fun! We will also watch and wait for our caterpillars to turn into beautiful butterflies to be released. With mixed emotions of joy, pride, and sadness the month of May brings Graduation, and our four-year old classes are busy preparing. We could not be more proud of them as they prepare to leave and move on to kindergarten. We feel blessed to be a part of the process getting them ready, and we know they will do well!

We continue to feel blessed with such a loving and caring church family. As always, please remember us in your prayers. ~ Nancy

~ April 2026 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  No Other Evening Activities	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 Good Friday Service	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 6:30 Easter Sunrise Service 8:45 Easter Breakfast 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship  No Evening Activities	<b>6</b>  6:00 Young Adults	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 4:45 Fellowship Supper 5:00 Trinity Carillon (handbells) 5:30 Children's Choirs, Student Ministry 6:00 Kid's Missions Groups, Adult Prayer Meeting, EL Class 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship  5:00 Bingo Fundraiser Night for Student Ministry	<b>13</b>  6:00 Young Adults	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 4:45 Fellowship Supper 5:00 Trinity Carillon (handbells) 5:30 Children's Choirs, Student Ministry 6:00 Kid's Missions Groups, Adult Prayer Meeting, EL Class 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 12:00 Lunch Bunch	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00 Sanctuary Choir Workshop
<b>19</b> 9:30 In Person & Online Sunday School 10:30 In Person & Online Worship 12:00 Spring Blitz	<b>20</b>  6:00 Young Adults	<b>21</b> 10:00 Game Day for Adults in C105/107	<b>22</b> 4:45 Fellowship Supper 5:00 Trinity Carillon (handbells) 5:30 Children's Choirs, Student Ministry 6:00 Kid's Missions Groups, Adult Prayer Meeting, EL Class 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> CITYWIDE (Student Ministry Event)	<b>24</b> Young Adult Retreat	<b>25</b> Young Adult Retreat
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## Happy Birthday!

4: Justin Pate  
5: Sheila Arn, Alice Kenny, Billy Orton  
6: Elijah Grimsley, Gayle Lavish, Mike Oliver  
8: Jeanne Milligan  
11: Deborah Rhue  
12: Hunter Richardson  
13: Bill Colson  
14: Traci Dunavant, Lynnea Horton  
15: Sarah Cooley, Justin LouAllen

16: Sutton Odom, Glenn Stanley  
17: Rachel Farr  
18: Jeanette Rodgers, Kay Stanley  
19: Karen Caudle  
20: Bryan Bennett  
22: Charlotte Jackson  
24: Mike Melton, Ric Moore, Claire Phillips, Sheri Stanley, Rick Taylor  
25: Ashlee Crull  
28: Phoebe Chen, Marshall McCall



If your birthday is incorrect or missing, please contact Wendy at: [wendy@trinitymadison.com](mailto:wendy@trinitymadison.com)

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## Weekly Events

<b>Sunday</b>	
Online & In Person Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Online & In Person Worship	10:30 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	
Young Adults	6:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Fellowship Supper	4:45 p.m.
Trinity Carillon (handbell choir)	5:00 p.m.
Kids Choirs	5:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Kids Mission Groups	6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting in Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.
EL Class	6:00 p.m.
Vocal Ensembles	6:10 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

## February 2026 Financial Report

### Monthly Information

Target Income	\$83,335
Actual Income	\$77,435
Actual Expenses	(\$90,104)
Transfer to Escrow	(\$0)
Monthly Gain/ (Loss)	(\$12,669)

### Year-To-Date for 2026

Target Income	\$166,669
Actual Income	\$137,780
Actual Expenses	(\$184,092)
Transfer to Escrow	(\$0)
YTD Gain/ (Loss)	(\$46,312)

### Account Balances

General Fund	\$181,723
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Our mission team built two ramps in Perry County!

