

GREAT
IS THE *Lord*
AND
GREATLY TO BE

PRAISED

IN THE CITY OF OUR

God!

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

July 9, 2023

WELCOME

We are glad you could join us! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Trinity. Scan below with your phone camera to leave us your contact information.



WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO CALLS US TO THE CITY OF ETERNAL JOY

(Our overflow room is located off of the hallway near the kitchen.)

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Glynn Schlitt

Pastoral Prayer: Fielding Poe, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

"Whatever the original circumstances, it is true that God alone is our defense and that our ultimate security does not rest in any earthly city, but in the heavenly city prepared for us by God." — James Montgomery Boice, 20th century

"Always remember whither you are going; that you are preparing for everlasting rest and joy." — Richard Baxter, 17th century

"If you are a Christian, no earthly city is yours. Of our city "the Builder and Maker is God." Though we may gain possession of the whole world, we are nevertheless but strangers and sojourners in it all! We are enrolled in heaven: our citizenship is there!" — John Chrysostom, 4th century

"Two cities have been formed by two loves: the earthly by the love of self, even to the contempt of God; the heavenly by the love of God, even to the contempt of self." — Augustine of Hippo, 5th century

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Life! Life! Eternal Life! by Richard Phillips, ligonier.org

John Bunyan brilliantly depicted salvation through faith in Christ in his great book *The Pilgrim's Progress*. His hero, Christian, discovered that his great need was to avoid perishing in his sins. A man advised him to "Fly from the wrath to come." So Christian began running, crying out, "Life! Life! Eternal life!" People thought he was a lunatic, just as they think of Christians today. Some friends tried to stop him. Running after him, they reminded him of all that he was forsaking. But Christian invited them to join him, explaining: "All which you shall forsake is not worthy to be compared with a little of that that I am seeking to enjoy.... I seek an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away; and it is laid up in heaven, and safe there, to be bestowed ... on them that diligently seek it." Though they refused and went back, Christian pressed on in faith.

Bunyan's tale is so valuable because he understood the message of John 3:16 so well. Christian fled from destruction toward eternal life. And he ran not just anywhere, but to a narrow gate beyond which a light was shining. Beyond the gate, Christian came to a cross. As he looked at that cross—like Israel gazing to Moses' serpent lifted up—the burden on his back (the weight of his many sins) came sliding off and fell away forever. There he gained the right to enter the Celestial City. At the end of his journey, as Christian drew near to that city, the angels came and told him: "You are going now to the paradise of God, wherein you shall see the tree of life, and eat of the never-fading fruits thereof.... You shall have white robes given you, and your walk and talk shall be every day with the King, even all the days of eternity." Bunyan describes Christian and his companion, Hopeful, going into the heavenly city through the gates: "And lo, as they entered, they were transfigured, and they had raiment put on that shone like gold.... All the bells in the city rang again for joy, and it was said unto them, 'Enter ye into the joy of your Lord.'"

The *Pilgrim's Progress* tells a story that is thrilling to Christians because it depicts what is true for us. One crucial part of the truth of the story is that Bunyan's Christian journeyed to the cross and from there to the Celestial City because someone told him where to go. The man's name, predictably, was Evangelist. Early in the book, this man found Christian standing still with tears in his eyes. Evangelist inquired about him and found that the poor man had realized his need for salvation and was weeping over the certain judgment of his soul. "If this is your condition," Evangelist asked him, "why are you standing still?" Christian replied, "Because I do not know where to go."

Thankfully for Bunyan's Christian, Evangelist knew what to tell him. Do you know? If our witness is to lead others to eternal life, we must be able to direct them to Jesus Christ and His cross through a true and saving faith. And if we do, those who believe will not perish but will have eternal life.

Song of Preparation

O God beyond All Praising

Trinity Hymnal #660

Call to Worship—Psalm 145:8-13

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

People: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

Leader: To make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Praise the Lord, the Almighty

Trinity Hymnal #53 (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Shout to the North

Words and Music by Martin Smith

♩ = 62

1. Men of faith, rise up and sing of the
(2. Rise up,) wo - men of the truth, stand and
(3. Rise up,) church with bro - ken wings, fill this

3 great and glo - rious King. You are strong when you feel
sing to bro - ken hearts who can know the heal - ing
place with songs a - gain of our God who reigns on

6 weak, in your bro - ken - ness com - plete. _____
pow'r of our awe - some King of love. _____
high. By His grace a - gain we'll fly. _____

10 Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west. Je - sus is

15 Sav - ior to all, Lord of heav - en and earth. 2. Rise up,
3. Rise up,

20 We've been through fire, _____ we've been through rain; we've been re - fined by the

23 **C** **Em** **C**

pow'r of His name. We've fall - en deep - er in love with You.

26 **G/B** **Dsus** **D** *D.S. al Coda*

You've burned the truth on our lips. _____

Coda

29 **C** **D** **G** **C** **D**

Lord of heav - en and earth, Lord of heav - en and

32 **G** **C** **D** **G**

earth, Lord of heav - en and earth. _____

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Come to Me and I will Give You Rest

“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

“ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever!

People: Thanks be to God!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession—Romans 7:19-20

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Rom. 7:21-25a

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Leader: Children of the king, give thanks to God for delivering us through Jesus Christ our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

Song of Rejoicing

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Words by Samuel Trevor Francis. Music by Thomas J. Williams. Arr. by Ryan Fogelsong, Patrick Anderson, and John Martin

Em B C B Em

1.0 the deep, deep love of Je - sus
 2.0 the deep, deep love of Je - sus
 3.0 the deep, deep love of Je - sus

5 G B Em Am B Em

Vast un - meas - ured, bound - less free
 Spread his praise - from shore - to shore
 Love of ev - ery love the best

9 Em B C B Em

Roll - ing as a might - ty o - cean,
 How he lov - eth lov - er, eth,
 'Tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,

13 G B Em Am B Em

In its full - ness o - ver me,
 Chang - eth ne - ver, ne - ver more
 'Tis a ha - ven sweet of rest

17 G D Em B

Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
 How he watch - es deep, o'er his loved ones,
 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus

21 Em Am B

Is the cur - rent them of thy love
 Died to call them of all his own
 'Tis a heav'n of heav'n's to me

25 Em

Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward,
 How for them lifts he me in - ter - ce - deth,
 And it lifts me up to glo - ry

29 G B Em Am B Em

To Watch thy glor - ious rest - a - bove
 For eth o'er them from the throne
 For it lifts me to the to thee

Children's Sermon

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade in room 106)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

Great Are You Lord

Words and Music by Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, and David Leonard

Sermon

"The City of Eternal Joy"

Psalm 48

Rev. Pablo Rosales

Song of Response

How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash

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G **Em7**

1. The splen - dor of the King, γ clothed in maj - es - ty;
 (2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

4 **C2**

— Let all the earth re - jice, all the earth re - jice. He wraps
 — Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

7 **G** **Em7**

— Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,
 head, three in one, γ Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

10 **C2**

— and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great
 — the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb. How great

13 **G** **Em7**

— is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

Last time to Coda

16 **Cmaj7** **D** **G2**

— And all will see how great, how great is our God! 2. And

*Benediction

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Handing Down the Faith to the Next Generation – Rev. Dr. Chris Polski (Room-110)

This class will address the biblical background for the critically important calling of handing down the faith to our children as well as the current cultural headwinds that make it so difficult. Along the way we will explore the foundational importance of parents, grandparents and the church in making sure that our children are exposed to the whole counsel of God in such a way that it encourages them toward faith and not away from it.

Exodus - Ruling Elders, Fielding Poe and Jim Talent (Fireplace Room)

Moses, the Law, the Egyptian Plagues, the flight from Egypt: the references from Exodus are throughout Scripture. Can we really understand Mount Zion, unless we study to appreciate this experience of Mount Sinai? As our pastors take us through Exodus in their Sunday sermons, we will be doing a verse-by-verse study of the book, *Exodus, a Flight from Slavery*.

Jr. & Sr. High Students - (Lower level)

Summer Sundays- Drop off in room 106/parents pick up on playground

Trinity kids still have an opportunity to dig into God's Word following Sunday morning worship for six weeks beginning Sunday, June 25th through Sunday, July 30th from 11 am - 12 pm. In a one room schoolhouse format, students will watch a video lesson, sing worship songs, and then head outside to play! Summer Sundays is for children age 3 by July 31, 2022 through incoming 5th grade.

Children will begin in Room 106 and will be dismissed to a parent/guardian from the playground. In case of inclement weather, dismissal will be in Room 106. Please send your child with a water bottle, labeled with their name.

Nursery - Rooms 103 & 104

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Sunday school classes meet today. There is something for all ages. A list of classes is on the previous page

Volunteers today: Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: C. Waldron, Sinclair, M. Linenbroker, Bava, Martir. SS: Linenbroker, Standerfer. CC: Jackson, J. Standerfer. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: M. Goldstein, Inions, P. Waldron, J. Petty. SS: Harlow, Hammond. CC: Standerfer, Sweet.

Our final **Summer Discussion** Event is from 6-7:30pm on Wed., Aug. 2- Disagreeing Biblically.

Trinity Women's Retreat: the evening of Aug. 11-the afternoon of Aug. 12. **Registration is now open!** Use the QR code to the right for more details.

Ladies, It's time for our next outing! Join us on Sat., July 15th for a morning at the Kirkwood Farmers Market along with the Peach Festival and sidewalk sale. Meet at 10am at McEntee Memorial Park, 131 W. Madison, Kirkwood 63122. There is parking in the Kirkwood Courthouse/Police Parking lot.

Sunday Night Youth Ministry tonight at Trinity 5:30-7:30pm (JH & SH). JH & SH Pool Party: July 12 from 7-9pm at the Freeman's.

Having trouble staying cool in July? Children's Ministry families, **join us on Wednesday, July 19 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm for Summer Splash!** Kids, wear your swimsuits, bring a beach towel, and join us for water games and fun! Parents, don't forget your lawn chairs. You are welcome to bring a picnic dinner. Frozen treats will be provided. Sign up on Church Center or by using the QR code to the right.

If you would like to receive the monthly **Children's Ministry Newsletter**, please send your email address to: melissa.kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org.

On Aug. 6, from 6:30-7:30pm we will have an **evening of Praise and Prayer** at the home of Debbie and Duncan Highmark. Space is limited, so sign up soon on Church Center or use the QR code to the right.

Need help hearing? An Apple and Android app named Listen Everywhere by Listen Technologies will allow the same sound coming through the speakers to be sent to your mobile phone and into bluetooth connected devices like headphones or hearing aides. Download the app, connect to Trinity Wifi, and select the first channel and it will start playing.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amy.mitchell@trinitychurchkirkwood.org

There are **several easy ways to serve at Trinity**. Feel free to reach out to these ministry coordinators to get involved:

Ushers: Paul Schaffer:

Paul.Schaffer@trinitychurchkirkwood.org,

Greeters: James Broughton

(jlbroughton12@gmail.com), **Nursery:**

Alyssa Hall (alyssaruth120@gmail.com).

Children's Ministry: Melissa Kocker (Melissa.Kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org)

Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, church directory, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.

You can **sign up for all upcoming events** by scanning your phone camera over the QR code and then [following the link:](#)



SAVE THE DATE(S)

Here are a few dates to add to your calendar:

Summer Discussion Series-(dates to the left)

Ladies to Kirkwood Farmers Market- Jul. 15

Summer Splash- July 19

SH Cardinal's Game- Aug. 2

Prayer & Praise- Aug. 6

JH Urban Air Night- Aug. 9

Women's Retreat- Aug 11-12

MISSION UPDATE

Nate and Erin Taylor – Church Planting in Glasgow, Scotland

“Our main goal in moving to Glasgow and serving with the Free Church of Scotland was to help plant new churches. In what’s been close to two years since we arrived, we have been helping at other church plants, serving in discipleship in a local congregation, and assisting where we can in the presbytery. We are excited to share that our church has approved a plan to begin planting a church in the area of Glasgow where we live called Bearsden with Nate as the planting pastor. We have been praying about this possibility for a while, so we're so thankful to the Lord for what he's done. We announced the plant to our congregation at the beginning of June and will have an informational meeting in August and tentatively start core group meetings in October.

As we look to the future, there's a lot to do, and the first thing on the list is to pray. Please be praying for wisdom as Nate puts together a development plan over the summer, for the Lord to lead people to decide to join the core group, for unity in our mother church as they tithe resources to get this new work started, and for the Lord to be preparing hearts to serve and reach new people with the gospel. Thank you, Trinity, for playing such a vital role in the ministry we are called to in Glasgow! — The Glasgow Taylors”

To support their ministry and stay informed about their continued work, please scan the following QR code



Meghan Rintoul Update

Meghan has been officially cleared to move to England this summer to serve with Campus Outreach. Meghan will serve in Birmingham, which is the 2nd largest city in England, and Europe’s youngest, with over 100,000 college students across several universities. Further, Meghan’s work will take the Gospel to the ends of the earth as the University of Birmingham has 35,000 students with 9,000 of those from 150 different countries.

While we are supporting her, she is still shy a few pledges to be fully funded. If you are moved to support her ministry, please reach out to Pablo for more information:
pablo@trinitychurchkirkwood.org

Trinity’s Missionaries

Several weeks ago, we commissioned three of our own who are doing missions trips over the summer (Allison Schmidt, Cameron Roberts, and Lily Polski). We made every effort to ensure that all who were at Trinity that day took home a handout with information regarding their trip and prayer requests. I even stood at the door and watched every hand. Just kidding...or am I?

Please continue to pray for them. We can’t wait to hear from them at the end of the Summer. If you would like another copy of the handout, please visit the Welcome Desk after the service.

Trinity's ministries are organized around the core values in our purpose statement which reads: Trinity Church exists to **exalt** God's name, **establish** God's people, **equip** God's church and **engage** God's world, in the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake of the Risen King, Jesus Christ.

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