



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

November 12, 2023

# WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GENEROUS MERCY

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

**Liturgist:** Mitchell Dixon

**Scripture Reader:** Lyn Moffitt

**Pastoral Prayer:** Chris Freeman, Ruling Elder

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Quotes and Reflection**

"We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part." — 2 Cor. 8:1-3

"Sin is the greatest robber this world will ever know." — Peter Clement

"Sin pays...but it pays in remorse, regret and failure." — Billy Graham

"Chains of gold are stronger than chains of iron." — Anon.

## Devotional Preparation

As we continue to work our way through the ten commandments, it's always helpful to review the positive implications of the "thou shalt not" commandments. Here is how the Westminster Larger Catechism frames those things that we ought not to neglect doing in relation to the 8th commandment.

Q. 141. What are the duties required in the eighth commandment?

A. The duties required in the eighth commandment are, truth, faithfulness, and justice in contracts and commerce between man and man; rendering to every one his due; restitution of goods unlawfully detained from their right owners; giving and lending freely, according to our abilities, and the necessities of others; moderation of our judgments, wills, and affections concerning worldly goods; a provident care and study to get, keep, use, and dispose these things which are necessary and convenient for the sustenance of our nature, and suitable to our condition; a lawful calling, and diligence in it; frugality; avoiding unnecessary lawsuits, and a willingness to help others with their debts, or other like engagements; and an endeavor, by all just and lawful means, to procure, preserve, and further the wealth and outward estate of others, as well as our own.

# Song of Preparation

# Teach Us Your Ways

Leslie Jordan, Aaron Keyes, Orlando Palmer, Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach



1. Teach us Your ways, teach us Your ways. As we  
2. Teach us to give, teach us to give, give our -  
3. Teach us to weep, teach us to weep. Let us  
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Let us



learn from one a-noth-er, \_\_\_ learn to love each-oth-er, \_\_\_ teach us Your ways.  
selves for one a-noth-er, \_\_\_ learn to help each-oth-er: \_\_\_ teach us to give.  
weep with one a-noth-er, \_\_\_ learn to love each-oth-er: \_\_\_ teach us to weep.  
learn from one a-noth-er, \_\_\_ learn to love each-oth-er: \_\_\_ teach us Your ways.

## Call to Worship—Psalm 70 (selected)

Leader: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore,

People: **"God is great!"**

Leader: But we are poor and needy; hasten to us, O God!

People: **You are our help and our deliverer;**

All: **O Lord, do not delay!**

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## *We Will Say In That Day*

Wendell Kimbrough

You will see there a high - way from God's own hand that will  
We will call back our ar - mies, "Re - turn from war!" And we'll  
You will see there a ban - quet for sin - ners spread where we'll  
When the rem - nant re - turn to the pro - mised land, when the

3 lead back the lost to the pro - mised land, and the voice of the Sa - vior will  
make in - to plow-shares our use - less swords, ve - ry soon to for - get what they  
sit with the Lord at the ta - ble's head, and the Shep - herd Him - self is our  
high - way of God brings us home to Him, we'll be wel - comed with love by our

6 call us friends, say - ing, "Join in the song of the Lord!"  
once were for, when we join in the song of the Lord.  
wine and bread, and we'll join in the song of the Lord.  
Sa - vior Friend and we'll join in the song of the Lord.

9 We will say in that day, "To the Lord, give \_ thanks!" We will

12 not be a - afraid, for He comes to save. We will shout, we will call, "Ev - 'ry

15 tribe and race: Come and join in the song of the Lord!"

# We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re - stored. He has done great things. we will say to - ge - ther



We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be  
2. In the dark of  
3. Ev - cry vow we've



burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -  
night be - fore the dawn my soul be not a - fraid for the pro - mised  
bro - ken and be - trayed You are the faith ful one and from the



sumed by the flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up  
mor - ning o how long O God of Ja - cob be \_\_\_ my strength.  
gar - den to the grave Bind us to - ge - ther bring \_\_\_ sha - lom

## \*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## New Testament Reading—1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

### *The Coming of the Lord*

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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—Joshua 24:14-15**

“Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Rom. 3:23-24**

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for saving us by His  
grace!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**



# \*Song of Rejoicing

# My Jesus My Great High Priest

Words by Isaac Watts. Music by Kirk Ward

verse

1. Je - sus, my great High Priest Of - fered his blood and  
 (2.To) this dear Sure - ty's hand Will I com - mit my  
 (3.My) Ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on  
 (4.Should) all the hosts of death And pow'r of hell un -

died cause; My guil - ty con - science seeks No  
 high; He an - swers and ful - fills His  
 known Put their most dread - ful forms And  
 Of

sa - cri - fice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did  
 Fa - ther's bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at  
 lays his thun - der by. Not all that hell or  
 rage and mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for

once a - tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne; And  
 free - dom set, My Shall Sure - ty paid the his dread - ful debt; My  
 sin can say, His con - qu'ring pow'r and guard - ian grace; Shall  
 Christ dis - plays His con - qu'ring pow'r and guard - ian grace; His

now Sure - ty pleads be - fore the throne.  
 turn his paid heart, the his dread - ful debt.  
 con - qu'ring pow'r and guard - ian a - way.  
 grace.

Chorus

2.To Now I ap - proach the

throne, and I have con - fi - dence for Je - sus my great High Priest of - fered His

24 *F#m7* *B* *E* *B* *A* *E*  
 blood and died Now I ap - proach the throne, and I have

28 *B* *A* *E* *B* *A* *C#m7*  
 con - fi - dence for Je - sus my great High Priest of - fered His

32 *F#m7* *B* *E* *A/E* *E* *Fine* *D.C. al Fine*  
 blood and died for me. 3. My  
 4. Should

**Vows of Membership**

Jamison and Jake Standerfer

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Baptism Song**

*Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*

Trinity Hymnal #189

**WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Tithes and Offerings**

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

**Sermon**

"True Value"

Deuteronomy 5:19

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

# \*Song of Response

# Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor



1. Let us love and sing and won - der,  
 2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
 3. Let us sing through fierce temp - ta - tion



Let us praise the Sa - vior's name,  
 Pit - ied us when en - e - mies down  
 Threat - en hard to bear us down



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,  
 Called us by his grace and taught us  
 For the Lord our strong sal - va - tion



He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame, He has  
 Gave us ears and the gave us eyes He has  
 Holds in view and the conq - u'ror's crown He who  
 He who



washed us with His blood, He has  
 washed us with His blood, He has  
 washed us with His blood, He who

11 Gm Eb  
washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He who

13 Gm Eb  
washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He pre -  
Soon will

15 F Bb  
brought us nigh to God  
sents our souls to God  
bring us home to God

17 F Gm Eb  
- - -

4. Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more  
He who washed us with His blood  
He who washed us with His blood  
He who washed us with His blood  
Has secured our way to God

5. Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

## \*Benediction

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Adult Sunday School

### **Common Grace- Rev. Dr. Chris Polski (Room 111)**

The thing that most bonds us together as believers is the fact that we are saved by an act of God's astonishing mercy in and through the work of Jesus Christ. This act of God's great love stands at the pinnacle of the doctrine of special grace. But the Bible also speaks regularly of the fact that God "loves the world" (Jn. 3:16). This basic love of God is known in theology as common grace, a doctrine that seeks to explain all the ways that God showers His blessings even upon those that don't know Him. Join us for the next few weeks as we explore the doctrine of common grace seeking to understand not only how believers benefit from it, but how it helps to lay the foundation for evangelism.

### **The Book of Romans - Ruling Elders, Fielding Poe and Jim Talent (Room 110)**

If the book of Romans had a title, it might well be "A Righteousness from God". It is the most systematic of all of Paul's epistles, explaining the related concepts of sin, salvation, sanctification, justification, and redemption. Along the way, Paul also explains the relationship between Jew and Gentile in the church and gives practical advice for handling relationships within the body of believers. Anyone who studies Romans will – with the aid of the Holy Spirit -- engage with the most foundational truths of our faith, and of the universe. You won't get that anywhere else!

**Jr. & Sr. High Students** - Lower level

**4th-5th Grade** - Room 102

**1st-3rd Grade** - 106B

**Preschool (3yrs by July 31) /Kindergarten** - Room 105

**Nursery** - Room 104

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday school classes for all ages meet today.** A list of classes and locations can be found on the previous page.

**Sunday snack volunteers needed:** See sign up info on the snack table.

**Volunteers today:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Moen, C. Waldron, L. Polski, Younger. SS: Younger, Broughton. CC: Jackson, Sweet. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Hendricks, Garner, Waldron. SS: Kocher, Oehlerking. CC: Standerfers.

**ACTION meets this Wed.** An optional dinner is available if you register by Tues. at 9am using the QR code to the right. Dinner is at 5:30pm, followed by nursery, children's ministry, jr. high, and men's and women's bible study from 6-7:15pm.

**Men's Night:** Wed., at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

**Youth Ministry:** Jr. High meets weekly on Wed. from 6-7:15 pm. Sr. High meets Sundays from 6-7:30pm. **SH Progressive Dinner-** Nov. 18.

**Men's Bible Study** will meet Wed. during ACTION, OR the 2nd & 4th Fri. at 6:30am. There is a **Women's Bible Study** on Proverbs that meets two Tues. a month at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's (11/28). A study of Luke is held Wed. at Trinity at 9am or 6pm.

**Christmas Craft Pary:** Kids ages 4yrs -5th gr., come make gifts, sing songs, enjoy games and lunch, and hear a Christmas story. Sat, Dec. 2nd, 9am to 12:15pm. **Sign up today** on Church Center or use the QR code to the right. It **take a LOT of hands to make this outreach a success.** Sign up in the narthex or go to Church Ceter to volunteer or make a donation.

Make plans to join us for our family friendly **Thanksgiving service on Nov. 22 at 5:30pm.**

**Ladies Connect:** Mon., Nov. 27th at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.

This year's **Christmas Concert, "The Greatest Story Every Told,"** is Sat., Dec. 17 at 6pm. Doors open at 5:30 with a special prelude from professional violinist, Bailey Salinero.

**Annual Congregational Meeting,** Dec. 10th during the Sunday school hour. We will go over the budget, elect officers, and review 2023.

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

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**Greeters:** James Broughton

[jlbroughton12@gmail.com](mailto:jlbroughton12@gmail.com)), **Children's**

**Ministry:** Melissa Kocher

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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:](#)



## Volunteers Needed

Fulfilling the mission of Trinity Children's Ministry takes many hands! Please join us in prayerfully considering how you may join us in this important work. **Help needed:** Nursery Co-Coordinator (high need, two positions available), Sunday morning nursery volunteers, ACTION Kids lessons teacher, ACTION Kids Coordinator (2024-25 school year), Playdate Coordinator.

Contact Melissa Kocher:

[melissa.kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto:melissa.kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org)

# MISSION UPDATE

**New Monthly Mission Newsletter and Prayer Calendar! Scan here to access:**



## **Missions Project for Christ our Refuge Church in Kampala, Uganda**

Please scan this QR code to watch video from Rev. Ben Church, serving in Uganda:



To participate in God's mission by giving, please scan this QR code and select "Mission Project" from the dropdown menu:



## **Baby Shower and Baby Bottles**

Today is the last day for your donations. On Wednesday, several women will load up their vehicles and bring the items down to Thrive and get a tour of the facility. Please be sure to place all items in the Baby Shower area where the future mission wall will be.

Please contact Jane Caldwell (jecmd25@gmail.com) for more information.

## **Robinson Elementary Food Pantry – November 20<sup>th</sup>**

Another Going opportunity. Robinson Elementary School hosts a food pantry every month during the school year. We have partnered with them and assist in greeting, meeting, and providing necessary items to families.

*This service opportunity is limited to 2 volunteers per month. Please visit our Events page to register.*

## **Christmas Craft Party — December 2**

Our Annual Christmas Craft Party for ages 4yrs to 5th gr. is Sat., Dec. 2nd. It **takes a LOT of volunteers** to make this a success. The good news is there are very simple ways to volunteer or to make donations. For a list of volunteer opportunities and donation needs, please scan this QR code:



Please see Jane Bailey or Amy Mitchell if you have any questions. Registration for the kids is now open.

# 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.



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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