



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

January 14, 2024

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.



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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO DELIVERS US!

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

Nursery Volunteers (worship service): Kim McCall, Kenna Marcus, Philip Waldron, Lily Polski

Liturgist: Dr. Aaron Goldstein

Scripture Reader: Kathy O'Neal

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
So even to old age and gray hairs,
O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might to another generation,
your power to all those to come.
— Psalm 71:17-18

"Life is a long lesson in humility." — John Barrie

"Life, according to the Bible, is not just existence, but it is existence in the presence and with the favor of God; and death, is not just the death of the body but it is separation from God and a doom that should fill the heart of man with a nameless dread." — J. Gresham Machen

"Live so as to be missed." — Robert Murray McCheyne

Devotional Preparation

Over the course of 2023 I achieved every single goal that my apple fitness app assigned me. That's right! Twelve straight months of hitting every target. As I reflected on this achievement I found some degree of pride welling up in me, after all, I'd never achieved this goal in any of the other years that I'd had my watch.

Then, it dawned on me to go back and look at the previous year's results in which I had achieved somewhere between 4-8 months of the goals that had been set. What I quickly realized is that the goals my fitness app had set for me in 2023 were 50% less difficult than the goals set in the past. In other words, I achieved my goals, but the standards were so much lower!

I think there's a lesson in this somewhere, especially as it relates to progress in our spiritual lives.

When we are aiming at pleasing the Lord, though we labor, we will never ever fully reach the goal. When we aim at some lesser standard of holiness, we may in fact "measure up."

But are we really?

Mind you, we are ultimately saved by grace no matter how well we do in our spiritual progress. Nevertheless, we should never lower the spiritual standards we are pursuing just to say that we've achieved a goal.

The expectations set up for the people of Israel in Deuteronomy are very high, but the difficulty in achieving them is just as important as their success or failures. In other words, the Lord wants us to press on in pursuit of these goals and trust him along the way.

— Pastor Polski

Song of Preparation (Ensemble)

Hear, O Israel

Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

Hear, O Israel, the people of the Lord,
Be still and know that He is God;
Love the Lord your God with the fullness of your heart,
with all your mind, your strength and soul
We draw near through Christ who saves us;
We draw near to the throne of grace.
Hear, O Israel, the people of the Lord,
Come lift your voice and praise your King.

Call to Worship—Psalm 139 (selected)

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

All: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

Leader: Now O Lord, enable us to praise you for your majesty and your dominion!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Trinity Hymnal #53

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—John 1:43-51

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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—1 Corinthians 6:12-13; 18-20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body... Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 Cor. 6:11

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for restoring us by 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

The Love of the Father

Words and Music by James Ferguson and Rich Thompson

Verse 1 + 2:

Musical notation for Verse 1 + 2, featuring a treble clef and common time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated by letters C, G, and F. The lyrics are: "Lift up your voices and lift up your praise Join with the heavens de- Sing of the victory, the hope of the world The Sav- jour has ris- en, the clar- ing the won- ders of His faith- ful- ness for- ev- er spir- it has come to bring us in- to love for- ev- er". The verse concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by two first and second endings. The first ending leads back to the beginning of the verse, and the second ending concludes with the word "Oh".

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Chorus:

Musical notation for the Chorus, featuring a treble clef and common time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated by letters C, F, and Am. The lyrics are: "we are the peo- ple of God With the free- dom of hope in our hearts How great is the love of the Fa- ther". The chorus concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by a first ending that concludes with the word "Oh".

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Verse 3:

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Bridge:

^{2.}C C/E F Am
This is the song of the re - deemed The ran-somed and the free

G C/E F Am
Giv-en life at such a price This is love, this is love

G C/E F Am
And when the Fath - er calls us home And we see Him on the throne

G C/E F
Hear the voi - ces sing as one This is love, ..

Am G
this is love Oh

Chorus:

C F
we are the peo - ple of God With the free - dom of hope in our hearts How

Am F C 1.
great is the love of the Fa - ther Oh

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

Pass the Promise

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Sandra McCracken

Ensemble: I will pray rejoicing from my heart

Congregation: (Pray rejoicing from my heart)

Ensemble: For in Him my victory's lifted high

Congregation: (His salvation is my cry)

Ensemble: He has overcome my enemy

Congregation: (Our praises scorn the enemy)

Ensemble: I delight in His deliverance

Congregation: (The Lord is our deliverance)

Chorus (All)

Pass the promise to our sons and daughters

God most high, God our Father, we bear witness

Ensemble: There is no one holy like the lord

Congregation: (Holy, holy is the Lord)

Ensemble: Our Rock and Refuge is our God

Congregation: (All the earth belongs to God)

Ensemble: Do not speak with pride of noble deed

Congregation: (For the Lord will weigh our every deed)

Ensemble: See the strong have lost, the weak have gained

Congregation: (And from the dust my life He raised)

Chorus (All)

Ensemble: He will guard the feet of faithful ones

Congregation: (He will hold His faithful ones)

Ensemble: But the wicked they will not prevail

Congregation: (Not by might will man prevail)

Ensemble: He is coming soon to judge the earth

Congregation: (He is coming soon to judge the earth)

Ensemble: For the Lord gives power to His King

Congregation: (All strength to His anointed King)

Chorus (All-repeat)

We bear witness, we bear witness

Sermon

"The Keys to a Long and Fruitful Life"

Deuteronomy 6:1-13, 20-25

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

***Song of Response**

O God Beyond All Praising
Trinity Hymnal #660

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***Sursum Corda**

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

***Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He
shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen**

Words of Institution—Matthew 26:26—29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.

(Grape juice is in the purple cups and wine in the clear. The bread is gluten and nut free)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Mighty God We Thank and Praise You

Wendell Kimbrough and Ludwig van Beethoven

Mighty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life;
Precious blood and body, broken, from your Son our Savior, Christ.

In these myst'ries you assure us we are members of your Son;

Heirs of your eternal Kingdom, with all faithful people, One.

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

*Benediction

Nursery Volunteer (SS): Sarah Oehlerking (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the benediction)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School

Survey of the Minor Prophets- Dr. Aaron Goldstein (Room 111)

Also known as the Book of the Twelve, in this class we will explore the twelve Minor Prophets in the Old Testament. We will look at each book, considering its main message and key passages, with a special interest in the way that the book is quoted in the New Testament and how it applies today.

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!

Trinity Connect- Rev. Dr. Chris Polski & Rev. Pablo Rosales (Fireplace Room)

Are you interested in learning more about Trinity Church and the PCA? Thinking of becoming a member? If so, join Pastor Polski and Pastor Rosales for this six week class. While attending this class does not commit you to membership, it is a prerequisite.

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.

See the previous page for a list of classes and locations.

Volunteers today: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: McCall, Marcus, P. Waldron, Polski. SS: Oehlerking. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: O'Neals, Schlitt, S. Goldstein. SS: Hammond. CC: K. Standerfer, M. Hawley, S. Williamson.

The **Women's Tues. Bible study will resume on Jan. 23** at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's home. They will be discussing lesson 8 (Proverbs 9). The **Women's Wed. studies will resume on Feb. 7th, along with the Men's Bible study.**

ACTION (All Church Things In One Night) will resume on Feb. 7th.

Youth Ministry: Jr. High meets Wednesdays at 6pm. Sr. High meets Sundays at 6pm. Super Bowl Party-Feb. 11 from 5-9pm.

Help needed: Nursery Co-Coordinator, Sunday morning nursery volunteers, ACTION Kids lessons teacher, Playdate Coordinator. See Melissa Kocher.

Men's Breakfast: Sat., Jan. 20th from 8-9:30am. Let us know you are coming by registering on Church Center or letting Kyle Roberts know.

Children's Ministry families and friends, join us for a **Family Movie Night on Sat., Jan. 20th** at 5:15pm. Wear your comfiest clothes, bring your pillow and blanket and come watch Frozen.

Save the Date: **Sandra McCracken with Paperhorses in concert** on Fri., Apr. 26th at 7pm with Taylor Leonhardt, opening. Tickets are on sale with early bird prices for general admission thru Jan. 29th.

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), **Children's Ministry:** Melissa Kocher (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:](#)



TRINITY CONNECT


If you are **new to Trinity and interested in becoming a member**, our new member's class, Connect, will run from Jan. 7 to Feb. 11 during the Sunday school hour. It isn't too late to join!


MISSION UPDATE

Prayers: Here is a QR link to our January 2024 Newsletter and Prayer Calendar:



Goers:

- Robinson Elementary Food Pantry — Volunteer opportunities are available through the end of the school year. Sign up here: 
- Restore St. Louis Workday – February 10th 2024, 8:30-12:30. This volunteer opportunity will start at **1483 82nd Blvd**, the New City Fellowship University City site. It begins at 8:30am, with a short devotional and prayer time before we head out to jobs. It ends between 12-1pm. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Drew Lattner or Pastor Pablo.

Senders: The work of outreach and mission cannot happen without your generous and sacrificial giving. Paul, on his way to Rome, knew that he would find support from the Roman saints for his journey (*Rom. 15:23*). Also he knew that they would provide material blessings to other believers from what they had received from the Lord (*Rom. 15:27-28*). By providing for the work of the gospel, the Roman saints were *senders*. They made the “going” possible. If you would like to participate in mission work by sending, scan here:  Select “Missions” from the dropdown menu.

Welcomers: Are you a person that loves the idea of hospitality? Consider volunteering on our Welcome Team. Contact newly ordain deacon, James Broughton, for more information.

More Welcoming opportunities coming soon!

Mobilizers: Mobilizers are teachers, planners, encouragers, motivators, rally’ers, potstir’ers, makers, guides, and cultivators. They see the potential in someone and are willing to dedicate the time and energy, with the Holy Spirit, to help shape them into go’ers, senders, pray’ers, welcomers, man-fishers, and nation-blessers. Mobilizers see a mission field (in/out of the church walls) and work *with* others to *make* the best trained go’ers.

Are you a *mobilizer*? Let’s talk — pablo@trinitychurchkirkwood.org

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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