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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 GIVES US HIS HEART

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

Nursery Volunteers (worship service): Linda Manwaring, Barb Schlitt,

Michelle Goldstein, Stella Hendricks

Liturgist: Mitchell Dixon

Scripture Reader: Lori Nichols

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Jim Bava

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"The main hinge on which faith turns is this: we must not imagine that the Lord's promises are true objectively but not in our experience. We must make them ours by embracing them in our hearts." — John Calvin

"Conversion is a turning into the right road; the next thing is to walk in it. The daily going on in that road is as essential as the first starting if you would reach the desired end. To strike the first blow is not all the battle; to him that overcomes the crown is promised. To start in the race is nothing, many have done that who have failed; but to hold out till you reach the winning post is the great point of the matter. Perseverance is as necessary to a man's salvation as conversion." — Charles Spurgeon

"What was needed was a new nature, a heart liberated from its bondage to sin, a heart which not only spontaneously knew and loved the will of God but had the power to do it."

— F. F. Bruce

"The evidence of God's existence and his gift is more than compelling, but those who insist that they have no need of him or it will always find ways to discount the offer."

Blaise Pascal

"It is but right that our hearts should be on God, when the heart of God is so much on us."

— Richard Baxter

Devotional Prayer: "Our New Heart Will Be A Whole Heart" by Scotty Smith

Lord, you know everyone's heart. -Acts 1:24

Heavenly Father, we're grateful you "know everyone's heart." It leads us to pray with humility and confidence, "Search me, O God, and know my heart" (Ps. 139:23). Only you know what's really going on inside us. By the Gospel, diagnosis us, deliver us, and delight us.

Often we think more highly of ourselves than we ought—ignoring reality, honest feedback, and your Spirit's conviction. Other times we think too lowly of ourselves, falling into shame and contempt—pushing the mute-button on the Spirit's voice declaring our "belovedness."

The truth is, we think about ourselves too much—a preoccupation that leads to the paralysis of analysis, the sinkhole of comparison, and the thievery of discontent.

But there's Good News. Through Jesus, you sprinkled clean water on us, and declared us clean and righteous in Christ. You cleansed us from our impurities and are freeing us from our heart-idols.

You removed our stony hearts and gave us hearts of flesh—hearts that love and long for you (Ezek. 36:24–27). You sealed us by your Spirit, and left him as a permanent resident.

Our peace comes from knowing you will complete the Gospel-work you began in each of us. (Phil. 1:6). Our new hearts are destined to be whole hearts—beating fully and only for you. Thank you, Father.

Until then, free us to walk in greater humility before you, and tangible kindness towards others. So very Amen we pray, in Jesus' loving and heart-transforming name.

Call to Worship—Psalm 111 (Selected)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

People: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

All: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! His praise endures forever!

Leader: Now, O Lord, come and fill our hearts with your righteousness, grace, and mercy.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

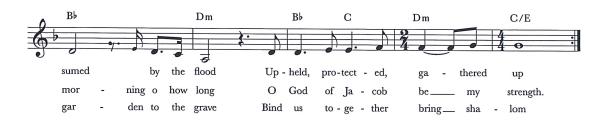
*Songs of Adoration

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore







How Great Is Our God

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



*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Mark 1:21-28

Jesus Heals a Man with an Unclean Spirit

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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 8:8-13

Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 Cor. 8:1-3

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for knowing us and loving

us.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor Words and Music by Matthew Papa and Matthew Boswell



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)

Gratitude

Brandon Lake, Dante Bowe, Benjamin Hastings

Sermon

"New Hearts for the Whole Way" Deuteronomy 8:1-10:22 Rev. Pablo Rosales

*Song of Response

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Trinity Hymnal #38

*Benediction

Nursery Volunteer (SS): Ruth Harlow (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the congregational meeting)

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.

Coming Feb. 18th: Do you enjoy singing? Do you love worship? The **Trinity choir** might be just the place for you to serve! Join us beginning Sun., Feb. 18th during the Sunday school hour. We'll spend eight weeks together learning songs that we'll sing throughout the semester, including Good Friday and Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Katie Polski.

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.

Volunteers today: Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Manwaring, S. Hendricks, Schlitt, M. Goldstein. SS: Harlow. CC: Sweet, Oehlerking, S. Goldstein. Next Sunday: Ushers: Oehlerking, Broughton, Moen, Barker. Nursery: Schmidts, Wagberg, J. Standerfer. SS: Keating. CC: Doiron, Standerfer, Brumley.

The Women's Tues. Bible study meets on the 2nd & 4th Tues. at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's (2/13). The Women's Wed. studies will resume on Feb. 7th at 9am or 6pm. The Men's study of Daniel will meet on Feb. 7th at 6pm or Feb. 9 at 6:30am.

ACTION (All Church Things In One Night) will resume on Feb. 7th. If you would like to join us for a Chipotle taco dinner at 5:30pm, be sure to register on Church Center by Tues., Feb. 6 at 10am.

Youth Ministry: Jr. High meets Wed. at 6pm. Sr. High meets Sun. at 6pm. Super Bowl Party-Feb. 11, 5-9pm.

Help needed: Sunday morning nursery volunteers, ACTION Kids lessons teacher. See Melissa Kocher.

Our Jr. and Sr. High students are hosting a **Trivia Night** on Fri., Mar. 1st at 6pm. This night will help support our Student Ministry for their upcoming summer retreats & Puerto Rico Mission Trip. There will be soft drinks, coffee, and desserts for purchase. Tables are welcome to bring dinner. Register on Church Center.

You are invited to Forai's Winter Sip & Shop Warehouse Sale on Feb. 3 from 10am-2pm. Enjoy great sales on all inventory, including jewelry, hair accessories, and baby textiles. Free La Cosecha coffee and locally made global treats, along with prizes, live music and tours of Forai's workshop. 4200 Delor St., 63116. Questions-see Brittany Lattner.

Prayer and Praise! Mar. 2 at 6:30pm at the home of Kyle & Melissa Kocher. Come for a time of singing and prayer led by our ensemble with a focus on the Lenten season. Register on Church Center-space is limited.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is Sat., Feb. 17 from 8-9:30am. Register on Church Center.

Do you enjoy singing and worship? The Trinity choir might be just the place for you to serve! See the previous page for how you can join.

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:



SANDRA MCCRACKEN

IN CONCERT: Fri., Apr. 26th at 7pm with her band, Paperhorses. Taylor Leonhardt will be opening. Doors open at 6:15pm. Tickets are on sale now, with early bird prices for general admission through Jan. 29th.

MISSION UPDATE

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



• Meghan Rintoul — Our newer ministry partner has asked for prayers as the new semester begins— for mercies as she continues to acclimate to England and the dreary winters, but mostly for the students as they return to campus and what a dark world offers. Lastly, Meghan shared a real need to raise \$2,000 in one-time gifts to support her move to England this past summer (link in *Sender* section below).

Goers:

- Fulfilling the mission of **Trinity's Children's Ministry** takes many hands! Please join us in prayerfully considering how you may join us in this important work.
 - Sunday morning nursery volunteers
 - ACTION Kids lessons teacher (Spring semester)
 Please contact Melissa Kocher for more information about how you can get plugged in!
- 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.
- **Promise Christian Academy Chapel** February 21st 2024, 2:30-3. Help us serve a wonderful ministry by coming to worship with us. Please contact Pastor Pablo for more information.

Senders: The work of outreach and mission cannot happen without your generous and sacrificial giving. If you would like to participate in mission work by sending, scan here:

Select "Missions" from the dropdown menu.

For Meghan Rintoul (please read Prayer section above), scan here:



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.

• Snack Table Ministry: Believe it or not, snacks are a vital part of our weekly ministry. A few calories, fat, carbs, protein, and natural sugar, are necessary fuel for the body. Sadly, around 10:45am every Sunday, those energy stores are depleted and need a quick replenishment (especially for those little ones). Help prevent "hanger" through hospitality by participating in this ministry. Link to snack list:

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.

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