



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

November 10, 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 OF EVERY RESOURCE

(Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service, but if your family needs a break from the sanctuary or wants to move around, our family overflow room with toys is available in room 111.)

Nursery Volunteers (worship service): Kim McCall, Linda Manwaring, Suzanne Keating, Lily Polski

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Michael Jorgensen

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. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. — 2 Cor. 8:1-5

"There are three conversions a person needs to experience: The conversion of the head, the conversion of the heart, and the conversion of the pocketbook."

— Martin Luther

"The fundamental truth in the matter of stewardship is that everything we touch belongs to God." — John Blanchard

Bright Hope for Trinity Church by Chris Polski

It's hard to believe that it's been 18 years since Katie and I returned to St. Louis to take on the job of helping to plant Trinity Church. During that time we've seen all our kids grow up and even married one of them off!

But we've seen so much more!

We've seen God take a tired and banged up group of people coming out of a tough church situation and knit them together into a core group that found a new mission.

We've seen a multitude of new faces joining in to the work of the church and linking arms with those that were here before them to do great things together.

We've seen the multiplication of missions and missionaries supported by our church and sent out over \$1.2 million dollars to support them and various other Christian agencies.

We've seen dozens of seminary students pass through our church and go on to serve as pastors, missionaries, counselors and church leaders all over the country.

We've witnessed what God has done to help us take a broken down and abandoned old school house and turn it into a beautiful testament to His powers of redemption.

We've said goodbye to a generation of faithful saints as they were welcomed into God's presence hearing His declaration of "well done my good and faithful servant!"

We've experienced the joy of baptizing dozens of children, some of whom have already grown up and turned into godly young men and women.

We've been privileged to stand in the presence of many young men and women committing their lives to one another in holy matrimony.

We've watched in awe as God has brought healing, hope, and salvation to young and old as he freed them from the burden of sin and shame.

We've had the joy of seeing visitors become regular attenders, regular attenders become members, members become leaders, and leaders become elders and deacons eager to give back to the church that helped to nurture their faith.

We've shed both tears of sorrow and tears of joy with our fellow sojourners in faith.

And now we stand on the cusp of what is probably the last major season of our ministry lives, eager to see what the Lord might do for this church, which we hope and pray is still only in the early years of its ecclesiastical life.

Would you prayerfully consider joining with us to make a financial gift to this *Bright Hope for Tomorrow Campaign* that will free Trinity Church from its remaining debt load so that we can become the most effective witness to the glory of God in the years to come?

Song of Preparation

All I Have

Rebecca Elliot and Bobby Gilles

Creator giver of all things, all I have is yours
Accept my humble offering, all I have is yours
When I was chained to greed and pride
Tight-fisted destined just to die
You paid my debt and bought my life
All I have is yours

All I have, all I have; All I have is yours

Call to Worship—Psalm 146 (selected)

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: But the Lord sits enthroned forever;

People: He has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness;

All: Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!

Leader: Now O Lord of faithfulness, tune our hearts to sing your praise!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Trinity Hymnal #32

Praise the Name of Jesus

Roy Hicks Jr.



Praise the name of Je - sus, praise the name of Je - sus.



He's my Rock, He's my For - tress, He's my De - liv - er - er, in



Him will I trust. Praise the name of Je - sus.

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—2 Corinthians 8:1-15

The Church Gives Generously, Even from Its Poverty

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I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

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

People: Thanks be to God!

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Call to Confession—Malachi 3:8-10

But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Malachi 3:17

They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for making us His own!

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 Foglesong, Patrick Anderson, and John Martin

Em B C B Em

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus

5 G B Em Am B Em

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

9 Em B C B Em

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

13 G B Em Am B Em

In its full - ness o - ver me,
Change - eth 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, o'er his - loved ones,
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus

21 Em Am B

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

25 Em B C B Em

Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward,
How for them he lifts me up to - ce - deth,
And it lifts me up to glor - y

29 G B Em Am B Em

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

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Testimony of God's Faithfulness

James Broughton

Pastoral Prayer



Tithes and Offerings

Children ages 3 (by July 31) through 1st grade are
dismissed for Children's Church to Room 106B

If you would like to give your tithe online, scan your camera phone here:



Offertory Song (Adult Choir)

You Are My Refuge

Sermon

"Bright Hope for Tomorrow"

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Collection of Pledges

***Sending Song**

Doxology
Trinity Hymnal #731

***Benediction**

*If you would like a time of prayer with one of our elders,
please come to the front of the sanctuary after the service.*

Nursery Volunteer (SS): Erin Wagberg (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Trinity Choir- Katie Polski (Fireplace Room)

Calling All Singers! We'd like to invite you to join our Trinity choir. We'll learn pieces that we'll sing in worship throughout the semester. No musical experience necessary; the only thing needed is a heart for worship and a desire to SING.

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

We are going to take a deep dive into Ephesians, the book where Paul reveals the "mystery" behind His plan for His church. Along the way he touches on virtually every truth about God's relationship with us as individuals. If you want to know God better, and have the peace and blessedness that goes with it, come and study Ephesians with us. We're going to take it slow so that we can all learn together.

Sermon Discussion- Rev. Dr. Chris Polski (Room 111)

Beginning this Sunday, join Pastor Polski for a sermon discussion Sunday School on the current preaching series Telling a Better Story. We will debrief the sermon and then talk about different ways that we can engage our unbelieving or doubting family members, friends or neighbors with the better biblical stories we will be telling.

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.

Visitors: If you are visiting with us today we would love to give you a small gift. Please stop by the Welcome Table so we can say "hello."

Volunteers today: Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: McCall, Manwaring, Keating, Polski. SS: Wagberg. CC: Steele, Manwarings.

Next Sunday: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Thomason, Linenbroker, Garner, Standerfer. SS: Elzinga. CC: Standerfer, Hawley, Kwong.

Join us **Sun., Nov. 17th** at 3pm for a **concert by the Elite Youth Chorale, Vox Una**. Under the direction of Addie Akin, these students perform collegiate-level mixed repertoire with excellence, integrity, and the highest level of musicianship.

Youth Ministry: Joint church youth group tonight.

Kingdom Kids meets tonight from 4:30-6:30pm (dinner included). It's not too late to join the fun!

Ladies Connect: Mon., Nov. 18 at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's home.

This is the last Wed. Bible study of the semester. The **Tues. evening group** (The Prodigal God) meets on the 2nd & 4th Tues. at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's home.

The **Men's study** meets this Wed. at 6:15pm OR Fri. at 6:30am. Pastor Polski will lead a study of 1 & 2 Timothy.

Trinity Young Adults meets at 7 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tues. of the month. See Mitchell Dixon for more info.

To make our annual Christmas Craft Party a success, we **need a LOT of volunteers and donations**. Information and sign ups are on the table in the main hallway. You can also sign up on Church Center.

The **Christmas Craft Party for kids ages 4yrs thru 5th grade** is on Sat., Dec. 7th from 9am to 12:15pm. Registration is now open-use the QR code to the right.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is Sat., Nov. 16th. Let us know you are coming by using the QR code to the right.

Join us for our family-friendly **Service of Thanksgiving** on Wed., Nov. 27 at 5:30pm. We will give thanks through prayer, and personal testimonies.

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 (James.Broughton@trinitychurchkirkwood.org),

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](#):



SAVE THE DATES

Please add these dates to your calendar:

Nov. 10: Kingdom Kids-4:30-6:30pm

Nov. 16: Men's Breakfast

Nov. 17: Vox Una Concert-3pm

Nov. 18: Ladies Connect-7:30pm

Nov. 24: Volunteer Meeting (Christmas Craft)

Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Service-5:30pm

Nov. 30: Christmas Decorating-9am

Dec. 7: Christmas Craft Party

Dec. 8: Congregational Meeting (SS)

Dec. 14: Men's Breakfast

Dec. 15: Christmas Concert-6:30pm

Dec. 24: Candlelight Service-5pm

MISSION UPDATE

ALL the links mentioned below can be found using this QR code:



Prayers: New NOVEMBER 2024 Newsletter and Prayer Calendar (use the QR code above)

- Please pray for the ministries and volunteers listed in the prayer calendar and below.

Goers:

- Several volunteer spots available in Jerusalem at **Robinson Elementary Food Pantry** — This is once a month throughout the school year. Registration is open and we are in need of people to witness to the love of Jesus here. Wear your Trinity Swag! See the dates and opportunities in the QR code above.

Senders:

- **Ethiopia Missions Project** — • The Polks and Grace of the Messiah Presbyterian Church in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia are extremely thankful to Trinity Church for partnering with them and raising \$10,220.31. Our donation will be matched for a total of \$20,440.62 for the Ethiopian denomination. We look forward to sharing updates with you as they become available.

Welcomers:

Mission Gate Christmas Angels — This year we are partnering with Mission Gate Ministry to provide Christmas gifts to children with an incarcerated parent and children of local needy families. Gifts will be distributed to children ages infant to 16 years during a party at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church on Monday, December 18th.

- Choose a tag from the Christmas tree in the narthex
- Purchase a gift. Typical price range is \$25-30. You may also choose to include an age-appropriate Christian gift for the child – perhaps a story book or a teen devotional.
- Wrap the gift and tape the tag to it. Tape only one edge of the tag so both sides can be read by those distributing the gifts. Please avoid elaborate trims or bows, as they will make transporting the gifts a lot more challenging and are likely to tear off.
- Pray for the child.
- Bring your wrapped and tagged gift back to Trinity by Wednesday, December 11th.

Tags will be available on our Giving Tree by the Mission Wall on November 24th, December 1st, and December 8th. Need more information? Contact Jane Caldwell at jecmd25@gmail.com.

Mobilizers:

- So many ministries with various needs. Are there any you'd be willing to coordinate? Reach out to Pastor Pablo to discuss.

We want to connect with you!

Whether this is your first time visiting Trinity, or you have been around for a while, we are glad you are here! Please take a moment to fill out the contact form below. If you are new to Trinity, our intent is not to bother you. One of our pastors would love to reach out and say "hello" and answer any questions you may have about our church.

If you have been worshipping with us for a while, but have not filled out a contact form, we would love for you to do so! We want to be able to greet you by your name and make sure you receive our weekly email with important information about upcoming dates and events in our church.

This is my _____ first visit _____return visit

Name(s): _____

Children (names and ages): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

How did you hear about Trinity:

You can tear off this page and place it in the offering baskets or hand to one of the pastors or ushers.

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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