



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

November 24, 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 GIVES US A BETTER REASON FOR FAITH

(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): Mickie Schmidt, Julie Hammond, Debbie Highmark, Emmy Schmidt

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Alyce Bava

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
— Heb. 11:1

"I believe in order that I might understand." — Anselm

"Every man lives by faith, the non-believer as well as the saint; the one by faith in natural laws and the other by faith in God." — A.W. Tozer

"Faith is the vital artery of the soul." — Thomas Watson

Devotional Preparation

"Putting Your Faith in Action" - R.C. Sproul

Ligonier.org (12/21/09)

The organized church is torn with strife and distrust. Ultimately, the battle is not so much between conservatives and liberals, evangelicals and activists, or fundamentalists and modernists. The issue now is between belief and unbelief: Is Christianity true or false, real or unreal?

What is deadly to the church is when the external forms of religion are maintained while their substance is discarded. This we call practical atheism. Practical atheism appears when we live as if there were no God. The externals continue, but man becomes the central thrust of devotion as the attention of religious concern shifts away from man's devotion to God to man's devotion to man, bypassing God. The "ethic" of Christ continues in a superficial way, having been ripped from its supernatural, transcendent, and divine foundation.

Biblical Christianity knows nothing of a false dichotomy between devotion to God and concern for man. The Great Commandment incorporates both. It is because God is that human life matters so much. It is because of the reality of Christ that ethics are vital. It is because the cross was a real event that the sacraments can minister to us. It is because Christ really defeated death that the church offers hope. It is because of Jesus' real act of atonement that our forgiveness is more than a feeling.

The church's life and her creed may be distinguished but never separated. It is possible for the church to believe all the right things and do the wrong things. It is possible also to believe the wrong things and do the right things (but not for very long). We need right faith initiating right action. Honest faith—joined with honest action—bears witness to a real God and a real Christ.

Song of Preparation

Isaiah 43

Composer Unknown

Dm Dm/C Bb

1. When you pass through the wa - ters, I will be with you
 2. When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned.

5 Eb Bb Dm Dm/C Bb C Bb F

And the waves will not ov - er - come you. Do not fear. For
 And the flames will not con - sume you. Do not fear For

11 C Bb Eb Bb Dm Dm/C Bb

I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine
 I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

17 C F Ebadd9

Women: I am the Lord your God

Men: For I am the Lord your God I am the Lord Your

21 God Gm C Gm C

Unison: God I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el Your

Bb Ebadd9 C F

24 Women: I am the Lord your

Sa - vior. Men: For I am the Lord your God

28 Eb^b d d⁹ Gm C
 God God
 I am the Lord Your God Unison: I am the Ho - ly One of

31 Gm C B^b Eb^b d d⁹ C F F/E
 Is - ra - el Your Sa - vior Women: Do not
 Men: I am the Lord

35 F/D F/C B^b F/A Gm C F F/E
 fear Do not fear Do not
 I am the Lord I am the Lord

39 F/D F/C B^b F/A Gm C
 fear Do not fear
 I am the Lord

Call to Worship—Psalm 93 (selected)

Leader: The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

People: **Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.**

Leader: Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

All: **Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.**

Leader: Now O Lord, make us ready to sing your praises for you alone are worthy of them!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Christus Victor (Amen)

Matt Boswell, Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Matt Papa

F Cm7 Gm7 B♭add9

1. O Most High, King of the a - ges, Great I AM, God of won - ders;
 2. O Most High, dwell - ing a - mong us; Son of man, sent for sin - ners.
 3. O Most High, King of the na - tions; robed in praise, crowned with splen - dor.

F *[v.3]* Cm7 Gm7 B♭add9

by the blood You have re - deemed us, led us through might - y wat - ers. Our
 By Your blood You have re - deemed us; spot - less Lamb, might - y Sa - vior who
 On that day, who will not trem - ble? When You stand, Christ the Vic - tor who

Gm7 F/A B♭ B♭/D C/E F **Chorus** B♭/F F C/E

strength, our song, our sure sal - va - tion:
 lived, who died, who rose vic - to - rious: } Now to the Lamb up - on the throne
 was, and is and is for - ev - er:

Dm7 Dm7 F/A B♭add9

Be bless - ing, ho - nor, glo - ry, po - wer for the bat - tle You have won Hal - le -

1. Bb/D C/E F Cm⁷ Gm⁷ Bbadd⁹

lu - jah! A - men.

2.3. Bb/D C/E F Bb/F F C/E Dm⁷

lu jah! With ev - ery tribe and ev - ry tongue, we join the an - them of the

Dm⁷ F/A Bbadd⁹ Bb/D C/E F Cm⁷

an - gels in the tri - umph of the Son. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

D.C. 2. Gm⁷ Bbadd⁹ [to v.3] F C Dm⁷ Am⁷ Bb Gm⁷C^{sus}C Bb/D C/E

men. a - men, a - men.

To Repeat F C Dm⁷ Am⁷ Bb Gm⁷C^{sus}C Bb/D C⁷/E **Last Time** Bb Gm⁷C^{sus}C⁷ F

a - men, a - men, a - men. a - men.

I See the Lord

Chris Falson

$\text{♩} = 80$

D A/C# Em D/F# G

I see the Lord _____ seat - ed on _____ the _____ throne _____ ex -

4 Asus A D A/C# Em D/F#

alt - ed, and the train of His robe _____ fills the tem - ple with

7 G E7/G# D/A Em7/A

glo - ry; And the whole earth _____ is _____ filled, _____ and the

11 D/A Em7/A Bm7 Gmaj7

whole earth _____ is filled, _____ and the whole earth _____ is _____ filled _____ with His

15 Em/G D D Em/D D

glo - ry. Ho - ly, _____ ho - ly, _____ ho - ly, _____

20 Em7/D Bm7 D/F# G **1 Asus A** **2 Asus A D**

ho - ly, _____ ho - ly is the Lord. _____ Lord _____ of lords.

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Revelation 1:4-8

Greeting to the Seven Churches

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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—John 18:33-36

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—

2 Thes. 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for loving us and giving us a good hope through 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**

And Can It Be That I Should Gain
Trinity Hymnal #455

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

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 (Ensemble)

He Walks With Me (1 Peter)

Sandra McCracken and Seth Phipott

Sermon

"Telling a Better Story about Faith"
Sermon Series, Telling a Better Story
Hebrews 12:1-3
Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast

Jean Sibelius, Ada Havershon, Matt Merker

VERSE 1 & 2

5 G G/B C D G

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;

9 G/B C D G

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.

13 Em D/F# G C B Em

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;

17 D/F# G/B C D G

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

CHORUS

22 C D Em D/F# G

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

26 Am⁷ G/B C D Gmaj⁷ G/B

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

30 C² Gmaj⁷ G/B C² Em⁹ C

VERSE 3

3. For my life He bled and died,

35 C/E D/F# G Em⁹ C

Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied;

39 D G Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life,

43 B Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,

CHORUS

47 D G C D Em

when He comes at last! He will hold me fast,

52 D/F# G Am⁷ G/B C

He will hold me fast; For my Sav - ior loves me so,

56 1. D G 2. D G ENDING

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.

61 Am⁹ G/B C G/B Am⁷ D^{7sus} G

He will hold me fast.

***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): Chenoa Pysar (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: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Schmidts, Hammond, Highmark. SS: Pysar. CC: Sweet, Polski, Wagberg. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Ridenhour, Martir, Standerfer, Linenbroker. SS: Bava. CC: Doiron, Hawley, Inion.

Youth Ministry: Meets Sundays from 4:30-6:30pm. **Ask the Pastor Night:** Dec. 1 at the Rosales home.

The Wed. women's bible studies are on break until Jan. The **Tues. evening group** (The Prodigal God) meets on the 2nd & 4th Tues. at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's.

No **Men's Bible study** this week.

Trinity Young Adults meets at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Mon. of the month. See Mitchell Dixon for more info.

Christmas Craft **Volunteer lunch meeting today** following SS.

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.

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

Please **help us decorate for Advent and Christmas** on Sat., Nov. 30 at 9am.

Make plans to invite your friends and family to this year's **Christmas Concert, "Songs of the Season."** Sun., Dec. 15 at 6:30pm (doors open at 6pm).

See today's insert for info on this year's **Giving Tree**.

Men's Breakfast: Sat., Dec. 14th from 8-9:30am.

Kingdom Kids meets today for the last time this semester from 4:30-6:60pm.

Annual Congregational Meeting: Dec. 8th during SS.

Our candlelight **Christmas Eve service will be at 5pm.**

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](#):



HOPE FOR TOMORROW

Hope for Tomorrow Campaign- Our campaign to eliminate our debt and move to position the church to advance our outreach ministries has begun. We are 60% towards our goal. Please complete the pledge card in the chair in front of you and leave in the offering plate. Thank you for your participation.

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:

- **Restore St Louis** - 2nd Saturday workday on December 14th. The event will take place at 1483 82nd Blvd, the New City Fellowship University City site. They are hoping everyone can arrive by 8:30am for a devotional, prayer and fellowship time before heading out to the jobs. The goal is to have everyone be done with jobs around 12-1pm. Contact Pastor Pablo for more information.

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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