



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

November 3, 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 TRUE HAPPINESS

(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): Deborah Moen, Beth Williamson, Chas Younger, Nora Williamson

Liturgist: Mitchell Dixon

Scripture Reader: Lyn Moffitt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Bill Elzinga

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"I thought God's purpose was to make me full of happiness and joy. It is, but it is happiness and joy from God's standpoint, not from mine." — Oswald Chambers

"Complete happiness is knowing God." — John Calvin

"To seek God is to desire happiness; to find him is that happiness."
— Saint Augustine of Hippo

"There is no happiness out of God." — John Wesley

"A man should look after a happiness that will last as long as his soul lasts."
— Thomas Manton

Devotional Preparation: “True Happiness” from *ligonier.org*

The actor and comedian Jim Carrey once said, “I hope everybody could get rich and famous and will have everything they ever dreamed of, so they will know that it’s not the answer.” While not a Christian, Carrey articulates in this quote something important about the human drive to gain material achievements and the lack of fulfillment that those achievements bring. We all have a habit of the “I’ll be happy when . . .” thinking that Carrey is chiding. I’ll be happy when I graduate. I’ll be happy when I get married. I’ll be happy when I get that job. I’ll be happy when I retire. The list of circumstances goes on and on because each time we reach our desired goal, we find ourselves patently unfulfilled and so move on to the next “I’ll be happy when . . .” scenario. Is there any way out of the vicious cycle?

David offers just such an off-ramp in Psalm 32:1 when he says, “Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.” In this short introduction to Psalm 32, David states two important things. First, you can have blessing in this life. Blessing is often thought of as an antiquated term reserved for liturgies and ceremonies. But blessing is the biblical answer to the “I’ll be happy when . . .” predicament. According to Psalm 32, that blessing can be confidently secured now.

Second, blessing is directly related to whether God has forgiven your sins. Blessedness isn’t a could-be-someday state but rather is the daily answer to the question, “Do I stand guilty or innocent before almighty God?” We can’t root “blessing” in material possessions or accomplishments, or we will be sorely disappointed. “Blessing” has everything to do with our relationship with God.

Paul adds a third crucial point when he quotes Psalm 32:1 in Romans 4:4–8, saying:

Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

Paul emphatically states that the blessing of forgiveness of sin cannot be earned by trying your hardest to live a good life but instead is freely given by God. You see, when we say, “I’ll be happy when . . .,” we are looking forward to a future fulfilling event. Christians know that event has already happened when Jesus atoned for the sins of His people and rose again from the dead. The Christian doesn’t look forward to an unsecured blessing but rather backward to the blessing earned for us on the cross by Jesus. Christians can see through the emptiness of “I’ll be happy when . . .” thinking and instead root their happiness in their blessed Savior, Jesus, and His finished work.

Call to Worship—Psalm 146 (selected)

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Leader: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

People: When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Leader: Now, O Lord, helps us to experience the wonder and beauty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, your Son, so that we may live with true happiness, both now and forever.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Henry F. Lyte

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
• in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on,
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
• praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Rejoice In All Your Works

Wendell Kimbrough
D^{sus}

D D^{sus} D

1. Ev - 'ry mouth that cries for food, ev - 'ry lung that yearns for
 (2. Ev - 'ry) tree that thirsts for rain, ev - 'ry bird that seeks its
 (3. May the) pon - d'rings of my heart and the song up - on my

4 D G D A D²/A A

breath, ev - 'ry eye that search - es through the dark for light, all cre -
 nest, ev - 'ry heart that waits in hope to be made glad, all cre -
 lips with the chor - us of cre - a - tion join in praise to the

9 D D^{sus} D D^{sus} D G

-a - tion looks to You for its breath and for its food; from the good -ness of Your
 -a - tion looks to You for its breath and for its food; from the good -ness of Your
 God who made all things, to the Spir - it who sus - tains, to the Son who o - ver

VERSE

14 D A D²/A A G D

hand we're sat - is - fied. Oh re - joice in all Your works, King of
 hand we're sat - is - fied.
 all cre - a - tion reigns.

19 G Bm G D A D²/A

heav - en, King of earth! Ev - 'ry crea - ture You have made de - clares Your praise.

24 A G D G Bm

We re - joice in all You've made, God of all - sus - tain - ing grace; with the

29 Em D/F# G A D G/D

1, 2. D	3. D
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moun - tain, sky, and sea we sing Your praise.

2. Ev - 'ry
 3. May the

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Mark 12:28-34

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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—Psalm 119:1-3

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Heb. 9:13-14

For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Leader: Children of God, give thanks to God for the blood of Jesus that allows us to truly serve the living God.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Robert Lowry. Arr. by Keith Getty, Fionan de Barra, Dave Cleveland, Ross Holmes, and Matt Menafee

D D A⁷ D

1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
2. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
3. This is all my hope and peace, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
4. Glo - ry! Glo - ry! this I sing- Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;

5 D A⁷ D

What can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
Naught of good that I have done, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
This is all my right - eous - ness, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
All my life, my cry shall be- Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

9 D D/C# Bm⁷ D/A Em/G Em/F# Em A⁷

Oh! pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;—

13 D D/C# D/C Bm⁷ Em⁷ Gma⁷ A⁷ D

No oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

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:



Sermon

"Telling a Better Story about Happiness"

Sermon Series, Telling a Better Story

Psalm 1

Rev. Pablo Rosales

*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 the conq - u'ror's crown 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 pre -
 washed us with His blood, Soon will

15 F Bb

brought us nigh to God
 sent 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

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)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

I Set My Hope on Jesus

Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*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): Sarah Oehlerking (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: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Moen, Williamson, Younger. SS: Oehlerking. CC: Doiron, Rosales, Petty.

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

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

Join us on **Sunday, November 17th** at 3:00pm 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: Sunday evenings from 4:30-6:30. (dinner included). Jr. High Amp Up Night: Nov. 2. Sr. High Progressive Dinner: Nov. 9. Joint Church Youth Group Night on Nov. 10.

Wednesday Women's Bible studies meet weekly at 9am or 6:15pm (Jonah & Habakkuk). Childcare available for the morning study. The **Tues. evening group** (The Prodigal God) 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 Tuesday's of the month at Trinity to go through a study on Spiritual Formation. See Mitchell Dixon for more info.

Our annual Christmas Craft Party is favorite of our Trinity kids and a wonderful outreach. We **need a LOT of volunteers and donations** to make it a success. 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-see today's insert.

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

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
- 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 the \$10,000 goal during our missions project window. Our donation will be matched for a total of \$20,000 for the Ethiopian denomination. We look forward to sharing updates with you as they become available.

Welcomers:

- Work in Samaria — **Oasis International** has several volunteer openings available:
 - Nursery Workers: Help care for children on T/Th from 10:30 AM-12:15 PM. You don't have to commit every week or even both days—any help is appreciated!
 - Diaper Delivery Teams: Each month, we deliver 5,000 diapers to refugee moms in our area. This is a great opportunity to meet the same families regularly. Diapers can be picked up at Oasis and delivered to the homes within a 10-day window.
 - Furniture Delivery Teams: We need men, women, and even children for these teams! Each team should have at least 4 able-bodied people who can lift 50 lbs. (8-12 people is ideal). Deliveries typically happen on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM.
 - Service Groups: Help with various tasks around the Oasis building, from cleaning to small repairs.
 - Individual Volunteers: There are many positions available for individual volunteers, including organizing donations and answering phones.

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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