





# 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 HAS COME!

(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, Barb Schlitt, Karen Broughton, Emmy Schmidt

**Liturgist:** Rev. Pablo Rosales

**Scripture Reader:** Glynn Schlitt

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Tom Schmidt

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Quotes and Reflection

“Infinite, and an infant. Eternal, and yet born of a woman. Almighty, and yet hanging on a woman’s breast. Supporting a universe, and yet needing to be carried in a mother’s arms. King of angels, and yet the reputed son of Joseph. Heir of all things, and yet the carpenter’s despised son.” — Charles Spurgeon

“Yes, in our world too, a stable once had something inside it that was bigger than our whole world.” — Queen Lucy in the Last Battle, *Chronicles of Narnia*

“The Self-revealing of the Word is in every dimension - above, in creation; below, in the Incarnation; in the depth, in Hades; in the breadth, throughout the world. All things have been filled with the knowledge of God.”

— St. Athanasius, On the Incarnation

## Devotional Preparation

**Not a Something but a Someone-** Scotty Smith (TGC)

“God gives us more grace ...” James 4:6. “Out of Jesus’ fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given” (John 1:16). “The manifold—multi-colored, variegated (Gk. ποικίλος) grace of God...” (1Pet. 4:10). “There is no more disgrace for you” (Isa. 54:4).

Lord Jesus, it seems too good to be true, too lofty to be ours, too far above our “pay grade”—too beyond our deserving, getting, and keeping. And to a certain extent, all that is true ... if it weren’t for you.

Because of you, Jesus, and what you have done for us, we are no longer subject to no-grace, disgrace, faux-grace, semi-grace, insufficient-grace, or disappearing-grace. There’s just grace for us—which is shorthand for, there’s “just” you, Jesus. Because grace isn’t primarily a “something” but a “Someone.” Hallelujah, on Gospel-steroids!

You are the incarnation of “the God of all grace” (1Pet.5:10)—the meaning, full measure, and means by which we are given all the riches of heaven. When you were born, as Paul stated, “the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people” (Titus 2:11). Not abstract grace, but the God of all grace lay in a manger and died on a cross.

Indeed, Jesus, you are the Gospel. “You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ—though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich” (2Cor.8:9). Hallelujah, you exhausted our unpayable debt to God, and gave us the incalculable riches of your righteousness.

Grace is sufficient because you are sufficient, Jesus. So much so you get the very last verse in the entire Bible. “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen” (Rev. 22:21). To which we offer our, So VERY Amen.

# Song of Preparation

## The First Noel Traditional English Carol

1. The first No - el the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor  
2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the  
3. And by the light of that same star three Wise Men  
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er Beth - le -  
5. Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, full rev - erent -

6  
shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keep - ing their  
east, be - yond them far; and to the earth it gave great  
came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their in -  
hem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and  
ly up - on the knee, and of - fered there, in his pres -

12  
sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep. No -  
light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night. No -  
tent, and to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went. No -  
stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay. No -  
ence, their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense. No -

17  
el, No - el, No - el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## Call to Worship—Psalm 148:1-5

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!**

Leader: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

**People: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!**

Leader: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**All: Let them praise the name of the Lord!**

Leader: O Lord, fill our voices with praise and our hearts with wonder as we come to worship you now!

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Stuart Townend, and Keth Getty. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

### VERSE 1, 2 & 3

4 D G D

1. Sing we the song of Em - man - u - el;
2. Come we to wel - come Em - man - u - el,
3. Go spread the news of Em - man - u - el.

7 A G A D G D 3rd time to Coda ☩

this, the Christ, who was long fore - told. Lo, in the shad - ows of Beth - le - hem,  
King who came with no crown or throne. Help - less, He lay, the In - vin - ci - ble.  
Joy and peace for the wea - ry heart. Lift up your heads for your King has come.

### CHORUS 1 & 2

11 A G D A G D

prom - ise of dawn now our eyes be-hold. God, Most High, in a man - ger laid.  
Mak - er of Mar - y, now Mar - y's son. O, what wis - dom to save us all.

15 A G D G D G D

Lift your voic - es and now pro-claim, "Great and glo - ri - ous, Love has come to us."  
Shep - herds sag - es be - fore Him fall. Grace and maj - es - ty, what hu - mil - i - ty.

### TURNAROUND 1

19 G Bm A D

Join now with the hosts of heav - en.  
Come on bend - ed knee, a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

22 D/G Bm<sup>7</sup> A G



⊕ Coda

25

A

G

D



Sing, for the Light o - ver - whelms the dark.

CHORUS 3

29

A

G

D

A

G

D



Glo - ry shin - ing for all to see. Hope a - live, let the gos - pel ring.

33

G

D

G

D

G

Bm

1.

A

D



God has made a way. He will have the praise. Tell the world His name is Je - sus.

2.

TURNAROUND 2

37

A

D



Je - sus.

BRIDGE

41

D

G<sup>2</sup>



Glo - ri - a. \_\_\_\_\_

45

D

A<sup>(4)</sup>



Glo - ri - a. \_\_\_\_\_

49

Bm<sup>7</sup>

G<sup>2</sup>



Glo - ri - a. \_\_\_\_\_

53

D

A<sup>(4)</sup>



Glo - ri - a. \_\_\_\_\_

## \*Song of Adoration

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Trinity Hymnal #296

## \*Prayer of Adoration

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### **New Testament Reading—Luke 2:41-52**

##### *The Boy Jesus in the Temple*

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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—Colossians 3:12-13**

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Col. 2:13-14**

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for cancelling our debt by the work of Christ!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

## All Glory Be to Christ

Dustin Kensrue | Kings Kaleidoscope

D      **A** D      D (add9 omit3)      B min      G

Should noth-ing of our ef-forts stand no leg-a-cy sur-vive Un-  
(His) will be done His king-dom come on earth as is a-bove Who

D      D (add9 omit3)      G      D

6 less the Lord does raise this house in vain its build-ers strive To  
is Him-self our dail-y bread praise Him the Lord of love Let

D      D (add9 omit3)      B min      G

10 you who boast tom- or- row's gain tell me what is your life A  
liv-ing wa-ter sat-is-fy the thirst-y with-out price We'll

D      D (add9 omit3)      G      D

14 mist that van-i-shes at dawn All glor-y be to Christ! All  
take this cup of kind-ness yet

D      E min      D/F#      G

**B**

glor-y be to Christ our King! All glor-y be to Christ! His

D      D (add9 omit3)      G      1. D G D      2. D

22 rule and reign we'll ev-er sing, all glor-y be to Christ! His Christ!

C

E E E (add9 omit 3) C#min A

29  
When on the day the great I AM the faith - ful and the true the

E E (add9 omit 3) A E

33  
Lamb who was for sin - ners slain is mak - ing all things new Be -

E E (add9 omit 3) C#min A

37  
hold our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light And

E E (add9 omit 3) A E

41  
we shall ere his peo - ple be All glor - y be to Christ! All

E F#min E/G# A

D

glor - y be to Christ our King! All glor - y be to Christ! His

E E (add9 omit 3) A

49  
rule and reign we'll ev - er sing, all glor - y be to Christ All Christ!

1.  
E

2.

# The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

Hadassah Joy Dixon

## Baptism Song

*Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*  
Trinity Hymnal #189

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

## Pastoral Prayer



## Tithes and Offerings

No Children's Church on the 5th Sunday of the month

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



# Offertory Song (Please join when directed) *He Has Come to Reign*

Chris Tomlin, William Chatterton Dix. Arr. by San Galbraith and Jared Haschek

D G

1. For the Lord our God He is - strong to save, from the  
 2. In the dark - est night, on the - low - est hill, though I  
 3. When the tri - als come and weigh you down, you can  
 4. The true and liv - ing God we serve; His

D D/F# A

depths of sin, from the - deep - est grave. Ev - er  
 feel Him not, He is - faith - ful still. He is  
 catch a glimpse, you can - hear the sound of the  
 truth will stand, the on - ly Word. He has

D G

faith - ful - is His a - bound - ing Word: "Fear  
 com - ing - in all His - right - eous - ness; I will  
 an - gels sing - ing heav - en's song, say - ing  
 come to reign, God's on - ly Son, Je - sus

D A D

not my child, I've o - ver - come the world.  
 wait for Him - in this - lone - li - ness. [Chorus]  
 "Child, hold on, it won't be long." [Chorus]  
 Christ, our King, He has o - ver - come. [Chorus]

**Chorus:**

G D A B m

He has come to reign in our bro - ken hearts; we will - doubt and fear no more.  
 He has come to reign in our bro - ken hearts; all we - lost He will re - store.

## **Sermon**

"Joyful All Ye Nations Rise"

Sermon Series, Songs of the Season

Romans 5:1-11

Rev. Tim Jackson

**\*Song of Response**

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Trinity Hymnal #203

**\*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.*



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school classes for all ages will resume next Sunday, Jan. 5th. Below is a preview of the adult classes for the winter term.

## **The Book of Ephesians-** Ruling Elder's Poe and Talent (Room 110)

Ruling Elder's Talent and Poe will continue their verse by verse exposition of Paul's letter to the Church at Ephesus.

## **"The Meaning of Marriage"** Matt Luedders and Jane Caldwell

(Pastor Polski's Office)

Please join us for a small group study of Tim Keller's book, "The Meaning of Marriage". Our group will explore God's purpose for creating marriage, the significance of covenant relationships, mutual submission, and other engaging topics. Class size is limited to just six adults, but both singles and marrieds from all life stages are welcome to participate. We will meet throughout the Spring semester during the Sunday School hour. Participants are expected to read chapters of the book in advance of each class as preparation. Please contact Matt Luedders if you have questions: MAL0424@gmail.com

## **Reformed Theology-** Pastor Polski (Room 111)

What are the core doctrines of the Christian faith and how do Reformed Christians articulate these doctrines? Join Pastor Polski starting January 5 as we explore the eight core doctrines of the Christian faith with an eye toward applying these great doctrinal truths to our everyday lives.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**No Sunday school classes today.** We will resume on January 5.

**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: Schmidts, Broughton, Schlitt. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Hendricks, Williamson, Thomason, Standerfer. SS: Wagberg. CC: Doiron, Polski, Hawley.

**Help Needed:** Sat., Jan. 4th at 9am to take down the Christmas decor.

The **Wednesday women's Bible studies** will resume on Jan. 22nd. This semester we will be studying Colossians.

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

**Youth Ministry Parent's Meeting:** Jan. 5th following SS. **Winter Retreat: Everlasting Hope:** January 17-19 for both Jr. & Sr. High.

**Year End Giving:** Thank you for your tithes and offerings this past year. If you have a desire to provide stock to be used for 2024 contributions or any other method, please be sure that this is sent to the church office prior to Dec. 31. If you have any questions see Duncan Highmark.

**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 80% 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.

**Sunday snacks** are always appreciated and needed. See your weekly email to sign up or the QR code on the snack table.

**Save the Date:** Wendell Kimbrough in concert on Saturday, February 22nd.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to [amy.mitchell@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto: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](mailto:Paul.Schaffer@trinitychurchkirkwood.org),

**Greeters:** James Broughton (James.  
[Broughton@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto:Broughton@trinitychurchkirkwood.org)),

**Children's Ministry:** Melissa Kocher  
([Melissa.Kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto: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](#):



### CHURCH PLANTING VISION WEEKEND

Join us for a weekend seminar on church planting. We will learn about why we are committed to planting new churches, what it means to plant a church, as well as exploring different methods and ways to be involved. Finally, we will learn how the whole congregation can be engaged in the process. Leading this seminar will be veteran church planter and Director of the Midwest Alliance, Rev. Ted Powers.

This weekend is intended for the whole congregation - whether you're interested in being a part of the church plant or will remain at the mother church. Register using the QR code above. If childcare is needed see Tim Jackson.

# MISSION UPDATE

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



**Prayers:** Scan the QR link for the January 2025 Newsletter and Prayer Calendar.

## **Goers:**

- **Mission Gate Fort Good Shepherd** — Fort Good Shepherd Ranch of Mission Gate sits on the banks of the Meramec River. It is a 54-bed facility for men re-entering society from prison. It occupies 130 acres, with five large homes and individual cabins. In November, the river overflowed and flooded 14 cabins. The force of the water carried a 500-gallon propane tank, a picnic table, and railroad ties, down river. Mission Gate asked for volunteers to help with building projects at Fort Good Shepherd in Cuba, MO. Chuck Barker will be coordinating a Saturday Serve Day on January 11<sup>th</sup>. **More information and sign up via QR Code above.**

## **Senders:**

The work of Mission at Trinity Church cannot happen without your prayerful giving. This year you have helped support several missionaries and ministries through St. Louis and the World. **Please come by Pastor Pablo's office to see a white tapestry that was sent by one of our missionaries in the middle east. It's hanging on the wall.**

## **Welcomers:**

**Mission Gate Christmas Angels** — Thank you to all who participated in this year's gift giving 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 18<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to pray for the children and families supported by Mission Gate.

## **Mobilizers:**

Please thank your **Mission Committee** members (Ellie Perry, Kenna Marcus, Tom Schmidt, Tim Jackson), **Local National Missions Subcommittee** members (Tim Jackson (Chair), Karla Kuntze, Allen Mathieu, Chuck Barker, and Jackson Roberts), and **Global Missions Subcommittee** members (Tom Schmidt (Chair), Mimi Steele, Becky Givens, Susie Shah, Andrew Kwong, Andy Williamson and Mary Berardi).

With a heart for the mission of God, they have volunteered several hours this year to help Trinity share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and Ends of the Earth. If you would like to join this team, please contact Pastor Pablo.



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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