



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

January 19, 2025

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 REKINDLES OUR LOVE!

(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): Joan Kwong, Suzanne Keating, Sarah Garner, Maggie Linenbroker

Liturgist: Rev. Tim Jackson

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Fielding Poe

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem, Thus says the Lord, "I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, how you followed me in the wilderness, in a land not sown." — Jeremiah 2:2

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." — Matt. 22:37

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." — Jn. 13:34-35

True virtue never appears so lovely as when it is most oppressed; and the divine excellency of real Christianity is never exhibited with such advantage as when under the greatest trials; then it is that true faith appears much more precious than gold, and upon this account is "found to praise and honour and glory."

— Jonathan Edwards, The Religious Affections

Devotional Preparation

Jonathan Edwards wrote *The Religious Affections* in 1746 in an effort to clearly define the marks of true conversion among a people who were growing spiritually lazy and presumptuous of God's grace. In that sense, his labors can bear fruit in every age and place as spiritual malaise is a constant temptation for Christians.

I'd like to expose you to one striking passage in his book that carefully details the disposition of the person who has truly and deeply encountered God. Edwards writes:

“A poor man is not disposed to quick and high resentment when he is among the rich: he is apt to yield to others, for he knows others are above him: he is not stiff and self-willed; he is patient with hard fare; he expects no other than to be despised, and takes it patiently; he does not take it heinously that he overlooked and but little regarded; he is prepared to be in a lowly place; he readily honours his superiors; he takes reproofs quietly; he readily honours others as above him; he easily yields to be taught, and does not claim much to his understanding and judgment; he is not over nice or humoursome, and has his spirit subdued to hard things; he is not assuming, nor apt to take much upon him, but it is natural for him to be subject to others. Thus it is with the humble Christian.”

As we look today at the exhortation Christ gives to the Church of Ephesus, it's clear that they had lost this sense of deep spiritual humility. Perhaps Edwards' words here will remind us of how essential humility is for the true believer.

Pastor Chris

Call to Worship—Psalm 29 (selected)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

People: The God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

People: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: May the Lord give strength to his people!

All: May the Lord bless his people with peace!

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 43:1-7

Israel's Only Savior

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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—Luke 3:21-22

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for making us righteous through 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

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Text: Samuel Trevor Francis. Music: Thomas J. Williams. Arr. : 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 - from shore - to shore
 Love of ev - ery love the best

9 Em B C B Em

Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean,
 How he lov - o - cean ev - er - lov - eth,
 'Tis an o - cean of bless - ing,

13 G B Em Am B Em

In its full - ness o - ver me,
 Chang - eth ne - ver, 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 deep, o'er his loved ones,
 O the Am Em Am B

21 Em Am B

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

25 Em B C B Em

Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward,
 How for them lifts he me in 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 from o'er them the throne
 For it lifts me up to thee

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

"Rekindle Your Love"

Sermon Series, The Seven Churches of Revelation

Revelation 2:1-7

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Our Great God

Fernando Ortega

Voice

A Em Em7 A Em Em7

Verse 1 & 2

8

A Em Em7

1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing, mys - te - rious and un -
2. Lord we are weak and frail help - less in the

12

A Em Em7

known. storm.. Your bound - less love un - fail - ing, in grace and mer - cy
Sur - round us with Your an - gels, hold us in Your

16

A F#m D2

shown. arms. Bright ser - a - phim - in end - less flight a -
Our cold and ruth - less en - e - my, his

19

F#m D2 A Em

round - Your glo - rious throne, They raise their voic - es day and night in
pleas - ure is our harm. Rise up, oh Lord and he will flee be -

Chorus

23

Em7 A A Em

praise to You a - lone. Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry -
fore our Sov - 'reign God.

27

D A A

be to our great - God Ha - le - lu -

30

Em 1. D

jah! glo - ry be to our great

32 A Em A A 2.D
 God Lord, be to our great

Instrumental

37 A Em A Em A Em
 God

Verse 3

43 A A A Em Em7
 3. Let ev - ry crea - ture in - the sea, and ev - ry fly - ing

48 A A Em Em7
 bird, let ev - ry moun - tain, ev - ry field, and val - ley of the

52 A F#m D2
 earth, let all the moons and all the stars in

55 F#m D2 A
 all the u - ni - verse sing prais - es to the

Chorus 2

58 Em Em7 A A
 liv - ing God, who rules them by His Word. Ha - le - lu -

62 Em D 1. A 2. A
 jah! glo - ry be to our great God! Ha - le - 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)

Until He Comes Again

Ricky Vasquez, Ike Ndolo, Sandra McCracken, Mitch Wong, and Matt Maher

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Mighty God We Thank and Praise You

Mighty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life;
Precious blood and body, broken, from your Son our Savior, Christ.
In these myst'ries you assure us we are members of your Son;
Heirs of your eternal Kingdom, with all faithful people, one.

Humbly now we ask you, Father, in your grace, to make us strong,
That, with all the saints before us, in good works we may press on!
Send us out to love and serve you! Send us out to sing your praise!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, pow'r and glory to your name!
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

*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): Linda Manwaring (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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

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 as we explore the eight core doctrines of the Christian faith with an eye toward applying these great doctrinal truths to our everyday lives.

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: Kwong, Keating, Garner, M. Linenbroker. SS: Manwaring. CC: Standerfer, Wagberg, Linenbroker. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Elzinga, Ridenhour, Pysar, Hendricks. SS: Bava. CC: Sweet, Hawley, J. Standerfer.

The **Wednesday women's Bible studies** begin Jan. 22 at 9am (childcare provided) OR 6:15pm. We will be studying Colossians.

Men's Bible study: Meets on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wed. (6:15pm) or Fri. (6:30am) of the month. No 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.

No Youth Ministry this evening.

Hope for Tomorrow- Our campaign to eliminate our debt and move to position the church to advance our outreach ministries has begun. If you would like to participate, please complete the pledge card in the chair in front of you and leave in the offering plate.

Children's Ministry Parent Meeting on Sun., Jan. 26 at 4:30pm via zoom. See your email for the link.

Church Planting Vision Weekend: see today's insert for all of the details!

Wendell Kimbrough in concert on Sat., Feb. 22 at Trinity! Get your tickets today using the QR code to the right.

Save the Date: Annual Trivia Night hosted by our youth on Feb. 28. See today's insert.

Interested in becoming a member of Trinity Church? Or maybe you want to learn more about our history, denomination, and church ministries. Join our **Trinity Connect Class** on Mar. 7 and 8. Use the QR code for more details.

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:](#)



PONDER ANEW

"Ponder anew" is this year's concert theme, which means to reflect or consider once again, but with a sense of wonder and amazement. It encourages believers to contemplate the greatness and power of God, and to marvel at His actions and attributes.

If this theme inspires you to create something, please contact Katie Polski. We hope to have all ages and look forward to having sketches, sculptures, photographs, watercolors, paintings, and anything else you'd like to create that comes to mind when you think of the theme "Ponder Anew."

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:

Robinson Elementary Food Pantry – Volunteers needed for the coming months. Please scan the QR code for more information.

Senders:

Youth Trivia Night – Come and enjoy a night of trivia to support Youth Missions on February 28th. This year our youth are traveling to Puerto Rico at the end of July. Gather 8 people and purchase a table or come as an individual and we'll find you a spot (kind of like casting lots). Don't miss this fun evening. For more info and to sign-up, scan the QR code above.

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 18th. Please continue to pray for the children and families supported by Mission Gate. **A thank you video has been posted on the Mission's Wall.**

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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