

TRINITY CHURCH

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO EQUIPS US FOR MINISTRY

(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, Cheryl Poe, Doug Standerfer, Lily Polski Liturgist: Matt Pannkuk Scripture Reader: Megan Hawley Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. — Acts 13:1-4

Devotional Preparation

We Plant Churches Because We Want to Continually Renew the Whole Body of Christ (An excerpt from an article by Tim Keller)

It is a great mistake to think that we have to choose between church planting and church renewal. Strange as it may seem, the planting of new churches in a city is one of the very best ways to revitalize older churches in the vicinity and renew the whole body of Christ. Why?

First, the New Churches Bring New Ideas to the Whole Body

There is plenty of resistance to the idea that we need to plant new churches to reach the constant stream of new groups and generations and residents. Many congregations insist that all available resources should be used to find ways of helping existing churches reach them. There is, however, no better way to teach older congregations about new skills and methods for reaching new people groups than by planting new churches. It is the new churches that have freedom to be innovative, so they become the Research and Development Department for the whole body in the city.

Second, New Churches are One of the Best Places to Identify Creative, Strong Leaders for the Whole Body

In older congregations, leaders emphasize tradition, tenure, routine, and kinship ties. New congregations, on the other hand, attract a higher percentage of venturesome people who value creativity, risk, innovation, and future orientation. Many of these men and women would never be attracted or compelled into significant ministry apart from the appearance of these new bodies. Often older churches "box out" people who have strong leadership skills but who cannot work in more traditional settings.

Third, the New Churches Challenge Other Churches to Self-Examination

In general, the success of new churches often challenges older congregations to evaluate themselves in substantial ways. Sometimes it is only in contrast with a new church that older churches can finally define their own vision, specialties, and identity. Often the growth of the new congregation gives the older churches hope that "it can be done," and it may even bring about humility and repentance for defeatist and pessimistic attitudes.

Fourth, the New Churches May be an "Evangelistic Feeder" for a Whole Community

The new church often produces many converts who end up in older churches for a variety of reasons. Sometimes the new church is very exciting and outward facing but is also very unstable or immature in its leadership. Some converts cannot stand the tumultuous changes that regularly come through this new church, and they move to an existing church. Ordinarily, the new churches of a city produce new people not only for themselves but for the older bodies as well.

In summary, vigorous church planting is one of the best ways to renew the body of Christ in a city, as well as the best single way to grow the whole body of Christ in a city.

Song of Preparation

Better Is One Day



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Call to Worship—Psalm 71 (selected)

- Leader: In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!
- People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me!
- Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;
- People: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
- All: My praise is continually of you.
- Leader: Now Lord, fill our lips with praise and our hearts with joy as we offer ourselves to you in worship!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Crown Him with Many Crowns Trinity Hymnal #295

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less Trinity Hymnal #521

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Jeremiah 1:4-10

The Call of Jeremiah

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me,

"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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—Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Matt. 28:20

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

- Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His eternal presence and provision
- People: Thanks be to God!
- Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!
- People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Hear the Call of the Kingdom



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

"The Harvest" John 4:31-35 and Matthew 9:35-38 Rev. Dr. Ted Powers Director of the Midwest Alliance for Church Planting

*Song of Response

Build Your Kingdom Here

Words and Music by Rend Collective Experiment



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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

Trinity, along with many protestant churches, does not utilize the phrase "he descended into hell" because of its contested authority and theological imprecision.

Words of Institution–1 Corinthians 11:23-29

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

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)

Jonathan Smith, Tony Wood, and Zach Williams. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Doxology Trinity Hymnal #731

To The Table

*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): Amy Mitchell (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Joint Sunday School Today- Rev. Dr. Ted Powers (Sanctuary)

Join us for a joint Sunday school, where we learn about the Midwest Alliance's mission and vision for planting PCA churches in the region, tell some stories of what God has been doing that illustrate what's happening, and give folks an idea of where we're headed in the future, all in the spirit of Philippians 1:27, "Striving side by side for the faith of the gospel."

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: Oehlering, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: McCall, Poe, Standerfer, Polski. SS: Mitchell. CC: Doiron, Manwaring, Schmidt. Next Sunday: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Thomason, Schlitt, Moen, Standerfer. SS: Bava. CC: Mitchell, Petty, Goldstein.

The **Wednesday women's Bible studies** meet at 9am (childcare provided) OR 6:15pm. We are studying the Book of Colossians.

Men's Bible study: Meets on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wed. (6:15pm) or Fri. (6:30am) of the month.

Youth Ministry tonight 4:30-6:30pm. Super Bowl Party: 2/9, 6-9pm at the Schmidt's home.

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

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

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

Registration is open for our **Annual Trivia Night** hosted by our youth on Feb. 28. Use the QR code for more details.

The next Men's Breakfast is Sat., Feb. 22 (8-9:30am).

Ladies, make plans to join us for the next **Ladies Connect** evening on Tues., Feb. 25 at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's home.

Kingdom Kids will resume on Sun., 2/23 (not 2/9) for ages 3yrs-5th grade.

Lost & Found: We have a shelf by the back entrance with lots of lost items. Please take a look. All items still on the shelves on Feb. 9 will be donated.

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: Erin Wagberg (Erin. Wagberg@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 <u>following the link</u>:



TRINITY CONNECT

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.

MISSION UPDATE

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



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

Goers:

Robinson Elementary Food Pantry – For several years Trinity Church has been meeting needs in the community by purchasing, delivering, and handing out goods at our local elementary school. We know that several have wanted to participate but are unable because of the dates and times. However, you can still be a part of this ministry by purchasing some of this month's requested items. If you happen to be at the grocery store, please consider purchasing one or more of the following and bringing it to church by Sunday, February 16th. Our deacons will deliver the items to Robinson.

 Liquid Hand Soap, Disinfecting Spray, Liquid Dish soap, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Tissues, Laundry Detergent, Bleach, All Feminine Products, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Conditioner, Women's deodorant, Sugar, Vegetable Oil

Volunteers needed for the coming months. Please scan the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{QR}}$ 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:

Visitor Information: Trinity has always been known as a friendly church. We see new faces and right away make our way over to say, "Hi!" Our initial hospitality always comes up in our new member classes as one of the reasons people decide to stay. Recently, we have been getting a lot of visitors, but we have no ability to connect with them because we do not have contact information. If you connect with a visitor, please pass along any contact information to one of the pastors. We would love to connect with them personally and hear how God has been working in their lives.

Mobilizers:

If you would like to join our Missions teams, please contact Pastor Pablo.

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 worshiping 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 visitreturn 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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