

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

February 23, 2025

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO CLOTHES US IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

(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, Jessica Hendricks, Jackie Petty, Stella Hendricks

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Fielding Poe

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Bill Elzinga

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Missions Moment

Quotes and Reflection

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. — Phil. 1:6

"Sometimes when nervous people come to me, distressed about their souls, and think that is their only complaint, I surprise them by asking if they have no friend in Cornwall, or in the north of Scotland, whom they could visit; for I thought a ride to the Land's End, or John o' Groat's House, might do them more good than all the counsel I could give them." — John Newton, *Letters*

"You cannot hope and also think about hoping at the same moment; for in hope we look to hope's object and we interrupt this by (so to speak) turning round to look at the hope itself. . . . The surest means of disarming an anger or a lust was to turn your attention from the girl or the insult and start examining the passion itself. The surest way of spoiling a pleasure was to start examining your satisfaction."

— John Piper, *Surprised by Joy*

Devotional Preparation-An Excerpt from the article "Kindle Desire at Another's Fire" by Clinton Manley on Desiringgod.org

Has your desire for God withered? Is your affection for Jesus a fading flame? In the fight of faith, have you been mostly in retreat? Has your desire for God withered? Is your affection for Jesus a fading flame? In the fight of faith, have you been mostly in retreat? O, saint, whom do you surround yourself with? Who shows you desiring God? Who are your models? For the sake of your joy in God, put a spotlight on your models. Interrogate the source of your desires (or lack thereof). To help you name your models of desire — both good and bad — consider these four categories.

1. Digital Company

Social media, especially, is an engine of desire. Perhaps your joy in God feels diseased because digital envy is rotting your bones away (Proverbs 14:30). Perhaps you don't desire God because the podcaster you spend hours with each week doesn't either.

2. Dominant Company

Who are the most present models of desire in your life? Family, coworkers, classmates? Do they sharpen your ache for God or dull it? Is the dominant company in your life co-laborers for your joy, "exhorting one another every day" to treasure the triune God (Hebrews 3:12–14)? Mature men and women are models who show us not only how to live but, more importantly, what to love. And these models are not limited to the living.

3. Dead Company

Do you keep company with the dead? And if so, who and what desires do they model? If you are a reader, dead company matters immensely. Books put us into conversation with their authors, and many of the most important books put us into conversation with authors no longer living. They teach us — often explicitly — what to yearn for. The great benefit of the dead is they often desire differently than modernity. And their deep longings can expose our own as tumbleweeds. Here's C.S. Lewis again: "The real way of mending a man's taste is not to degenerate his present favorites but to teach him how to enjoy something better" (Experiment in Criticism, 112). The likes of Augustine and Austen, Bunyan and Bavinck, Dante and Donne, Calvin and Coleridge tutor our tastes — and preeminently, that inspired cohort of the dead who penned the Scriptures.

4. Divine Company

Speaking of taste, if you want to develop a hunger for God, nothing will stoke that desire more than keeping company with God himself. The triune God is the ultimate model of our desires, and no one can love God more than God loves God. Unlike all other forms of mediation that work on us externally, God mediates his own desires to us from within. He gives us "the desires of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:17).

But the process is not automatic. We become like God as we see God, and we see God most fully in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18–4:6). We are made and remade to imitate him (Romans 8:29). His desires for God and good are perfect, clear, fiery — and contagious. Jesus is our great mimetic model. As we learn to fix our eyes on him, his joy will kindle ours (Hebrews 12:1–2) and start a wildfire of holy desire.

Call to Worship—Psalm 37 (selected)

Leader: Fret not yourself because of evil doers;

People: For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

Leader: Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

People: We will delight ourself in the Lord, and he will give us the desires of our heart.

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

People: He will bring forth righteousness as the light, and justice as the noonday.

All: We will be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

Leader: Come now O Lord and inhabit our praise!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Trinity Hymnal #53

Father, Let Your Kingdom Come

Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice, Latifah Philips

Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah, Fa - ther let Your king - dom come

1. May the works of my hands bring You joy. May the works
2. May the words from my mouth speak Your peace. May the words

of my hands bring You joy. May the works of my hands bring You
from my mouth speak Your peace. May the words from my mouth speak Your

joy. May the works of my hands bring You joy.
peace. May the words from my mouth speak Your peace.

You make all things new You make all things new in

pla - ces we don't choose You make all things new.

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—1 Corinthians 15:35-50

The Resurrection Body

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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 6:27-31

"But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Eph. 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Leader: People of God, give thanks for the grace you have been shown!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Goodness of God

Jenn Johnson, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, Ed Cash, and Brian Johnson. Arr. by Ed Kerr



1. I love _ You, Lord. _____ Oh, Your mer - cy nev - er fails .
 (2. I love _ Your voice.) _____ You have led me through the fi -



_____ me. All _ my days _____ I've been held in _ Your hands. .
 - re. In dark - est night, _____ You are close like _ no oth -



_____ er. From the mo - ment that I wake up un - til I lay
 I've known You as a fa - ther, I've known You as



my head, I _ will sing _ of the good - ness of God. _
 a friend. I _ have lived _ in the good - ness of God. _

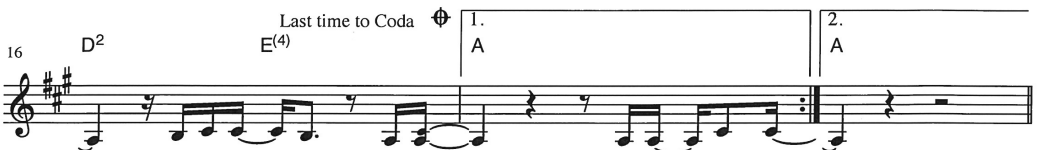
CHORUS



All my life _ You have _ been faith - ful. All my life _ You have _ been so, .



_ so good. With ev-'ry breath _ that I _ am a - ble I _ will sing .



_____ of the good - ness of God. _ 2. I love _ Your voice. _

BRIDGE

19 A/C# D² E⁽⁴⁾ A

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. _

21 A/C# D² E⁽⁴⁾ A

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. _ With my life _

23 A/C# D² E⁽⁴⁾ F#m7

_ laid down, _ I'm sur - ren - dered now; _ I give _ You ev - 'ry - thing. _

25 A/C# D² 1.
E⁽⁴⁾ A

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. _

27 2.
E⁽⁴⁾ A D.S. al Coda

run - ning af - ter me. _

Reception of New Members

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

"Wake Up!"

Revelation 3:1-6

Sermon Series, The Seven Churches of Revelation
Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

O Great God

Bob Kauflin

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INTRO

B \flat F Gm⁷ F/E \flat B \flat /D B \flat E \flat F^{sus} F



1. O great

VERSE 1 & 2

6

B \flat E \flat /F B \flat Cm B \flat /D E \flat B \flat E \flat /F



God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart. Own it all and reign su -
 (2.) blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not know Your love with -

11

B \flat Cm F^{sus} F B \flat F Gm F/E \flat B \flat F



-preme, con - quer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r. Let no vice or sin re - main that re -
 -in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened

16

Gm⁷ E \flat F^{sus} F E \flat ²/G F/A B \flat B \flat /D



-sists Your ho - ly war. You have loved and pur - chased me, make me
 up Your word to me through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me

1. INSTRUMENTAL 1

2.

20

E \flat F^{sus} F B \flat F Gm⁷ Cm F^{sus} F E \flat /F B \flat F



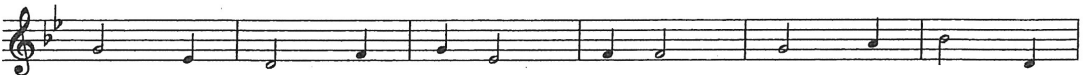
Yours for - ev - er more.
 end - less hope — and

2. I was peace.

INSTRUMENTAL 2

25

Gm⁷ F/E \flat B \flat /D F Gm⁷ E \flat F^{sus} F E \flat ²/G F/A B \flat B \flat /D



VERSE 3

31 Eb F^{sus} F G^{sus} G G^{sus} C F⁶ C Dm C/E

3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your

36 F C/G F⁶ C/E Dm G^{sus} G C G

grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that — I face. You are

41 Am G/F C G Am⁷ F G^{sus} G F²/A G/B

wor - thy to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed. O great God of high - est

46 C C/E F G^{sus} G

1.	C	G
2.	C	G

heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name — through me. You are me.

ENDING

50 Am⁷ G/F C/E Dm⁷ C/E G^{sus} G C

***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): Erin Wagberg (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: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Kwong, Hendricks, J. Petty, Hendricks. SS: Wagberg. CC: Waldrons, Polsk, E. Hawley. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Pannkuk, L & D Nichols, Polski. SS: Oehlerking. CC: Doiron, Rosales, Kwong.

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 Sundays, 4:30-6:30pm.

Ladies Connect: THIS TUES. at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's home.

Kingdom Kids meets tonight from 4:30-6:30 pm for ages 3yrs-5th grade. The children enjoy a shared meal, games, Bible lesson, and choir. It ins't too late to join the fun!

Kingdom Prayer: Join us on the following Sunday afternoons for a guided prayer meeting to pray for God to bring renewal to St. Louis. We will meet from 4:30-5pm in Room 111. Mark your calendar for prayer gathering dates: Feb 23, Mar 9, Mar 16, Mar 30, Apr 13, Apr 27, May 4, and May 25.

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

Holy Week details: Maundy Thursday, Apr. 17th at 5:30pm. Join us for a light meal, singing, reflection, and the Lord's Supper. Space is limited so use the QR code to register. **Good Friday** self-guided Stations of the Cross and special music: Apr. 18, 6:30-8:30am and 3-8pm (with special music from 6:45-8pm). **Easter Sunday** services: 7am (outdoor) and 9:30am. To donate eggs for the **Easter Egg Hunt** use the QR code.

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 [following the link](#):



TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us for a night of fellowship and friendly competition while also supporting our Youth Ministry for their upcoming mission trip to Puerto Rico this July. You can register as a team of 8, by buying an entire table, or you can register as an individual to be randomly assigned a table. Doors open at 6 PM and the Trivia will start at 6:30 PM.

Tables are welcome to bring dinner. Beverages and desserts will be available to purchase. Use the QR code to register and get details about available childcare.

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:

Restore St. Louis – Second Saturday Workday is this upcoming March 8th. Come and give one Saturday morning this month to serve those in need of your hands and feet. Listen to the wonderful stories of God's faithfulness from elderly and widows, as we help to fix just a little bit of their homes.

If you are able to give the hours from 8:30am-12:30pm on Saturday, March 8th, please register using the QR code above.

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:

Oasis International – a ministry to refugees and immigrants, has several opportunities to welcome the stranger. Current needs:

- **Nursery Workers:** Help care for children on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 AM to 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, with a maximum of 15 people (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.

Please contact Pastor Pablo for more information.

Mobilizers:

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

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.



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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