



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

February 9, 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 CONQUERS

(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): Tara Thomason, Barb Schlitt, Deborah Moen, Jossie Standerfer

Liturgist: Dr. Aaron Goldstein

Scripture Reader: Lyn Moffitt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Tom Schmidt

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells." — Jesus, Revelation 2:13

"For their refusal to compromise, Christians were mocked by Romans and others who called them 'christiani' and by Jews who labeled them 'Nazarenes.' They were charged with infidelity to Rome, scorned, accused of sedition, persecuted, and killed."
— Simon Kistemaker

"The church at Pergamum, like much of today's church, had failed to heed the biblical warnings against worldliness. Consequently, it had drifted into compromise and was in danger of becoming intertwined with the world." — John F. MacArthur

"...these Christians were probably succumbing to the temptation not only of maintaining a low profile as Christians in such contexts, but also of paying token acknowledgment to the pagan gods (whether to Caesar or the patron gods of the guilds). As also in the other churches, the motive for this was probably fear of persecution, especially economic ostracism." — G. K. Beale

"The stone awarded to the overcomers at Pergamum was white in that it symbolized the triumph of their faith." — Robert H. Mounce

Devotional Preparation

"False Teaching and Sensuality" - Owen Strachan, ligonier.org

We have been trained by our culture to distinguish knowledge from personhood. In the era of "big data," knowledge is something one harvests. Personhood is something entirely different. Hiding behind shifty Facebook profiles and anonymous blog comments, one's personal identity may exist separately from one's work.

The Bible allows no such dichotomy. Knowledge is intimately connected with who we are. We see this in the Apostle Peter's denunciation of false teachers in 2 Peter 2:1–2. He details the failings of false teachers in a flood of characterizations, but one catches our eye: the "sensuality" of many who blaspheme God's truth.

The connection is unsettling. It indicates that falsehood is linked with bad character. Harmful ideas do not develop in a vacuum. They form in a strange and twisted alchemy of unbelief, passion, and immorality. These three components of sensualized false teachers each deserve contemplation. These figures import "destructive heresies," having no love for God and His truth. They creep into the body "secretly," drawing a crowd by their clever and seductive teachings. They love immorality, and they both teach it and lead others to practice it.

False teachers are the anti-elders. The elders of God's church are to love the truth, to exhort the church to follow it, and to live a life of holiness (1 Tim. 3:1–7; Titus 1:5–9). False teachers may look much like true elders. They may speak with authority borne of education, charm people with their winsomeness, and make a less-truthful, less ethically rigorous brand of Christianity sound appealing. But in reality, they are nothing like true elders. They twist the truth. They lead people away from it. They hate holiness. They are anti-leaders and help create an anti-church, one that bears the name of the Son of God but knows nothing of Him.

Perhaps we feel weird using the term false teacher. Maybe it makes us feel like a perspiring zealot, a buffoonish figure in the age of airbrushed mono-culture. But this is biblical vocabulary. This is, in fact, a biblical promise: false teachers are not only a first-century phenomenon. They will come. They have not died out. They will "secretly" steal into our churches. Their god is not God. It is sensuality.

Alert Christians must wake up to the truth of these alarming words. Christianity requires vigilance, not merely warmheartedness. Peter's warning sounds strange. But in an age when we're hearing that Christians can be gay, that transgenderism is just another lifestyle choice, and that watching raunch-culture movies are no big deal, we need to let it wash over us once more. Teachers are all around us. They do not merely communicate facts and ideas. They persuade, leading us into either truth or falsehood. In the church, there are either elders or anti-elders. One group worships the Lord; the other worships the body.

Call to Worship—Psalm 138

Leader: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

Leader: For you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

People: On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

Leader: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth,

All: And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

Leader: O Lord, guide our hearts and soul, as we sing and proclaim the great victory that is found in the name of your Son, Jesus.


WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

In Christ Alone


Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

G D G A D/F#




1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3 G D/F# Em7 G/A D G G




light, my strength my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world, by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

6 A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A D D/F#




ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on the
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

9 G D/F# Asus A D/F# G Bm7




love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 Asus A G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A



cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
 hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

16 D Am7 Em7 D A7sus D



stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

I See the Lord

Chris Falson

♩ = 80

D A/C# Em D/F# G



I see the Lord____ seat - ed on____ the____ throne____ ex -

4 Asus A D A/C# Em D/F#



alt - ed, and the train of His robe____ fills the tem - ple with

7 G E7/G# D/A Em7/A



glo - ry; And the whole earth____ is____ filled,____ and the

11 D/A Em7/A Bm7 Gmaj7



whole earth____ is filled,____ and the whole earth____ is____ filled____ with His

15 Em/G D D Em/D D



glo - ry. Ho - ly,____ ho - ly,____ ho - ly,____

20 Em7/D Bm7 D/F# G Asus A Asus A D



ho - ly,____ ho - ly is the Lord____ Lord____ of lords.

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

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 5:1-5

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Luke 5:6-10

And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

Leader: Children of God, give thanks to God for assuring us of his forgiveness when we stumble.

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

A D

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

3 A E/G# F#m7 D

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

5 E(4) F#m7 D

____ 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

7 A E/G# F#m7 D E(4) A

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

CHORUS

10 D2 A D2

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

13 A E(4) D2 A E/G# F#m7

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

16 D2 E(4) 1. A 2. A

____ 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 E⁽⁴⁾ A

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

27 2. E⁽⁴⁾ A

run - ning af - ter me. _

D.S. al Coda

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

"To the Church in Pergamum"

Revelation 2:12-17

Sermon Series, The Seven Churches of Revelation

Rev. Pablo Rosales

How can you remain holy in Pergamum?

I. Remain faithful

II. Recognize false teaching

III. Repent and Retain fellowship with Jesus

*Song of Response

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson. Arr. by Dan Galbraith



What gift of grace is Je sus my Re - deem - er There is no
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en. for by my
No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy. my right - eous - ness and
side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
joic - ing, for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played. To this I
par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I
new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to
hold: my Shep - herd will de - fe - nd me, Through the deep - est val - ly he will
hold: my sin has been de - feat - ted. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my
hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not
lead. Oh the night has been won and I shall o - ver - come! Yet not
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not
him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not



I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.
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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)

To The Table

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

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): Alyce Bava (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: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Thomason, Schlitt, Moen, Standerfer. SS: Bava. CC: Mitchell, Petty, Goldstein.

Next Sunday: Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Linenbroker, Goldstein, Garner, Linenbroker. SS: Harlow. CC: Oehlerking, Williamson, Younger.

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 Super Bowl Party: 2/9, 6-9pm at the Schmidt's home.

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 after Feb. 9 will be donated.

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.

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](#):



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 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.

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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