



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

September 14, 2025

# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS GOOD

(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. We also have an area for nursing moms in room 106 by the back entrance.)

**Nursery Volunteers (worship service):** Laurel Elzinga, Amy Mitchell, Cheryl Poe, Lily Polski, Emily Mitchell

**Liturgist:** Rev. Tim Jackson

**Scripture Reader:** Lyn Moffitt

**Pastoral Prayer:** Rev. Pablo Rosales

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Quotes and Reflection

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
— Ps. 118: 19-23

“The foundation of our faith is not a doctrine, but a Person, not a system, but a Savior, not a creed, but Christ Himself, the living Stone, rejected by men but chosen of God.”  
— Charles Spurgeon

“He is the stone, you also are stones. But see how you are placed upon the foundation. You are stones, but in Him you are living stones, because from Him you have life.”  
— Augustine of Hippo

“Peter calls Christ the living stone to teach us that life is diffused from him to us, as the members derive life from the head. Without him we are but dead stones.”  
— John Calvin

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

## **Our Cornerstone** (from [ligonier.org](http://ligonier.org))

In today's passage, the apostle Peter continues to develop the idea that the church is the house of God. Yesterday we saw that God is knitting believers together as living stones into a new temple where He will dwell forever. In today's passage, Peter describes the foundation of this temple, the chief living stone to whom we must first come if we are to be a part of God's true house (1 Peter 2:4).

This foundation is the Lord Jesus Christ whose role as the cornerstone of God's house is prophesied in the Old Testament. In verse 6, Peter quotes from Isaiah 28:16, telling us that God is laying a new cornerstone in Zion. When Isaiah first gave this prophecy, he was speaking against leaders in Israel and Judah who were placing their trust in foreign lands like Egypt to save them instead of in God Himself. In response to this rejection, God pledges to lay a foundation in Zion and that only those who trust Him alone will never be put to shame. This promise finds its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus who, because He is the rock of our salvation, can alone guarantee our eternal security. He is not only the cornerstone but is in fact the true living Temple who sets aside any need for the old one (John 2:19–22). We become living stones in this Temple only as we trust in Him.

Peter also tells us that those who trust in Christ receive honor (1 Peter 2:7). In a real sense, we who trust in Jesus alone have the incredible privilege of sharing in His honor. Though glory belongs to Him alone, God graciously bestows honor on us because of Christ.

Consequently, honor is not due to those who reject this cornerstone. Yet this rejection shouldn't be surprising because it too was foretold by the prophets. Verse 7 quotes from Psalm 118:22, which originally spoke of the rejection of the king by the people and the vindication that this king would receive. Again, this is fulfilled most perfectly by Christ, the King of kings whose rejection led to His vindication at the resurrection. As such, He is the cornerstone and foundation of the new temple and a rock of offense for all those who will not believe (1 Peter 2:8a). This unbelief does not surprise the Lord but is part of His eternal decree (v. 8b).

# Song of Preparation

*Good God*

Jessica Ray Langdon, Taylor Leonhardt, Leslie Jordan

## Chorus

All that I need to know is this (You are a good God)  
The Maker of Heaven calls me His (You are a good God)  
And Your heart beats in my chest (You are a good God)  
All that I have to do is rest (You are a good God)

## Verse 2

I won't be afraid  
I won't be afraid  
I won't be afraid, my God is here  
He will make a way  
He will make a way  
He will make a way, my God is here (To Chorus)

## Call to Worship—Psalm 34 (Selected)

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;**

Leader: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

**People: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.**

**All: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

Leader: O God of perfect goodness, rain down your mercy upon us this morning as we offer our hearts to you in continual praise!

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Trinity Hymnal #53

## Goodness of God

Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, and Brian Johnson

♩=63

**VERSE**

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 D<sup>2</sup> A D<sup>2</sup>

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

13 A E<sup>(4)</sup> D<sup>2</sup> A E/G# F#m<sup>7</sup>

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

16 D<sup>2</sup> E<sup>(4)</sup> 1. A 2. A

Last time to Coda

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

**BRIDGE**

19 A/C# D<sup>2</sup> E<sup>(4)</sup> A

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

21 A/C# D<sup>2</sup> E<sup>(4)</sup> A

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

23 A/C# D<sup>2</sup> E<sup>(4)</sup> F#m<sup>7</sup>

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

25 A/C# D<sup>2</sup> 1. E<sup>(4)</sup> A

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

27 2. E<sup>(4)</sup> A D.S. al Coda

run - ning af - ter me. —

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## Old Testament Reading—Genesis 50:15-21

### *God's Good Purposes*

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus, he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

# WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

## **Call to Confession— Romans 14:1-3**

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Rom. 14:7-9**

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for redeeming us through Christ our Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

## The Church's One Foundation

Words by Samuel Stone. Musc by Brian Moss

Real Key

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord, She lect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; Her is His new creation, by one Lord, and the Word. From char - ter of sal - va - tion, one faith, one birth; One heaven - He came and sought her to be His ho - ly bride; With ho - ly Name and she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, And His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died, 2. E - to one hope she press - es, with eve - ry grace en - dued

3. Though with a scornful wonder,  
Men see her sore oppressed  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping,  
Shall be the morn of song

5. Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation,  
Of peace for evermore  
Till with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest

4. The church shall never perish,  
Her dear Lord to defend  
To guide, sustain and cherish,  
Is with her to the end  
Though there be those that hate her,  
And false sons in her pale  
Against a foe or traitor,  
She ever shall prevail

6. Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won  
O happy ones and holy,  
Lord gives us grace that we  
Like them the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with 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**

"Cornerstone"

I Peter: 2:6

Sermon Series: I Peter

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

# \*Song of Response

## Cornerstone

Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero, Edward Mote, William Batchelder Bradbury

J=71 **INTRO**

C Am



4 F G



**VERSE 1**

7 C F



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less, than Je - sus' blood and

10 G Am Am/G



right - eous - ness. — I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,

13 F G

I.  
C



but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' Name. \_

16 2. C C<sup>sus</sup> C CHORUS F Am G C/E

- sus' Name. Christ a - lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made

20 F Am G C F Am G

strong in the Sav - iour's love. Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of

§ VERSE 2 & 3

24 C C

all. 2. When dark-ness seems to hide His face,  
3. When He shall come with trump-et sound,

28 F G Am

I rest on His un - chang-ing grace. In ev - 'ry high and  
oh may I then in Him be found. Dressed in His right - eous -

31 Am/G F 2nd time to Coda G C F G

storm-y gale, my an - chor holds with-in the veil. My an-chor holds with-in  
-ness a-lone. Fault-less stand be - fore

CHORUS

35 C F Am G C/E

the veil. Christ a - lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made

**\*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):** Chenoa Pysar (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

### **Today: Joint Adult SS: What's Happening at Trinity (Rev. Dr. Chris Polski)**

As we enter the fall season, join Pastor Polski as he fills us in on all things Trinity. Hear about updates on the many ministries, what is coming down the road, and the answers to "What is happening at Trinity?".

### **Adult Choir (fireplace room)**

The Trinity choir will meet during the Sunday school hour starting Aug. 31. We'll learn pieces that we'll sing in worship throughout the semester. No musical experience necessary; the only thing needed is a heart for worship and a desire to SING.

**\*Parents:** At the end of Sunday school the elementary students will head to the playground for popsicles. Please pick up your child outside today.

**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 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: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Elzinga, Mitchell, Poe, Polski. SS: Pysar. CC: Steele, Polski, Schmidt. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Linenbroker, Ridenhour, Nichols, Goldstein. SS: Bava. CC: Standerfer, Williamson, Goldstein.

The **Women's Bible studies** meet on Wednesdays at 9am or 6:15pm. We are studying Revelation.

**The Men are studying II Timothy** this Wed. at 6:15pm or Fri., Sept. 5th at 6:30am. The men's study will take place on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wed. and Fri. of the month.

The **Young Adults Ministry:** If you are a high school grad to mid 30s, come join us! Want to learn about upcoming events? See Jackson or Abby Roberts.

**Party on the Lawn: THIS Saturday** from 4:30-7pm. Live music, games, petting zoo, face painting, pickle ball tournament, bounce house, sumo bumper balls, and more! Everything is free. We provide the pig roast, desserts, and beverages, you bring a potluck side to share. Register today!

**Join a Small Group!** Sign up sheets in the Narthex.

The next **Men's Breakfast** will be Sat., Sept. 27 from 8-9:30am. Breakfast is free, but help us prepare by registering or let Kyle Roberts know you are coming.

Mark your calendar for our **All Church Work Day** on Sat., Oct 4 at 9am. We will have items on our "to do list" both indoors and out. See today's insert for more info.

Our 2025-2026 Concert Series theme is "Ponder anew." Over the next several weeks, you'll find art displayed in the Narthex inspired by this theme. These are **original pieces created by Trinity members**, and each will be displayed for a few weeks at a time. Their art causes us to consider God's goodness once again, with a sense of wonder and amazement.

Trinity volunteers are **providing snacks and some may want to attend the next Wash U. RUF meeting** on Sept. 23 at 7:45. Use the QR code or church center to provide a snack or attend the gathering.

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:** Erin Wagberg

([Erin.wagberg@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto: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:](#)



## UPCOMING DATES

Sep. 14 YA lunch @ 9 Mile Garden  
Sep. 14 Youth Parent Meeting  
Sep. 20 Party on the Lawn  
Sep. 23 RUF @ Wash U  
Sep. 27 Men's Breakfast  
Sep. 28 Kingdom Kids Begins  
Oct. 4 Church Work Day  
Oct. 9 Ladies Connect  
Oct. 11 Missions Fair & Dinner  
Oct. 25 Men's Breakfast & Flannelpalooza  
Nov. 5 Red Cross Blood Drive  
Nov. 8 Indelible Grace Concert  
Nov. 15 Ladies to Hannah's Ranch  
Dec. 6 Christmas Craft Party  
Dec. 20 & 21 Christmas Concert

# MISSION UPDATE

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



## Prayers:

- Prayer is essential to Trinity's mission. Please see our **September 2025** newsletter for ways to pray for our ministries and missionaries. Also, see our public prayer list to pray for congregational needs.

## Goers:

- **Hope Presbyterian Church Plant** – Is God calling you to be part of the Hope Pres launch team in a small or large capacity? What does it mean to live your life “on mission”? A church plant is a huge undertaking and prayers, welcomers, senders, goers, and mobilizers, are all a vital part. A few dates are available for this informational gathering. Check the QR code for more info.
- **Mission Gate Dinner** —**September 26, 2025**, at 6pm (reception), 7pm (program), at First Free Church (1375 Carman Rd.) Join them as they celebrate all that God has been doing through prison ministry. We have a table for 8 sponsored for this event. Please reach out to Chuck Barker, Local/National Missions Committee chair, for additional information.

## Senders:

- **Trinity Missions Fair and Dinner – October 11<sup>th</sup>** - Join us for our annual Missions Fair and Dinner. Fair starts at 4:00pm and will be followed by dinner at 5:15 (Dadies BBQ) and program at 5:45. Several of our ministry partners/missionaries will share briefly and be available for questions. See how you can be part of it as a sender, doer, prayer, welcomer, or goer.

## Welcomers:

- **Robinson Elementary Food Pantry** - We concluded our Summer Pantries with 16 families showing at Trinity Church. All the items were donated. We are now shifting back to Robinson to continue to be salt and light in the public-school setting. Your donations and volunteering are a testimony to, not only the families we serve, but school staff and faculty. A list of requested donations will be posted soon. Dates a posted. Please sign up and bring your family!
- **Forai (Friends of Refugees and Immigrants)** is hosting a Sip and Shop event at their new location, right here in **Kirkwood (211 S. Kirkwood Rd.) on October 24 from 6:30 – 8:30pm**. Trinity Church members have volunteered to walk alongside several women ministered to through this ministry. From visits, to grocery shopping together, to teaching ESL, “we have welcomed the stranger” with the love and power of the Gospel. Trinity has helped sponsor this event and we invite you join them. Tickets are \$10 and you can purchase at [forai.org](http://forai.org)

## Mobilizers:

- Are you passionate about PowerPoint and communicating mission opportunities to the congregation? **The Mission Committee is looking for you.** Reach out to Pablo for more information.

# 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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