



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

December 28, 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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WORSHIPPING THE GOD OF DELIVERANCE

(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, Debbie Highmark, Cheryl Poe, Maggie McCall

Liturgist: Matt Pannkuk

Scripture Reader: Megan Hawley

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Tom Schmidt

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"Furthermore, having seen Jesus and knowing him, Simeon is at peace. Everything else in his life pales in comparison. He has met Jesus, and the details of the rest of his life's résumé are irrelevant." — Darrell L. Bock

"Simeon and Anna embodied all that was good in Israelite piety."
— R. Kent Hughes

"Anna pictures the constancy of faith, revealing that even late in life God can use one in ministry." — Darrell L. Bock

Nunc Dimittis

"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."
— Luke 2:29–32 (ESV)

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

To look for the Messianic Age is a consolation to all believers in every critical time. That hope motivated the righteous in Simeon's day to hold on to the things of God despite the terrible events happening round about them. The violations of the Law of God, the iniquity, immorality, and injustice of their day, only deepened their desire for the fulfillment of prophecies concerning the advent of the Messiah. The flame of hope must have been fanned by the report spread abroad by the shepherds of the events at Bethlehem just forty days before.

A similar hope is beating in many hearts today, even while the darkness deepens in political, educational, moral, and spiritual things. A remnant of God's people are looking for another prophetic fulfillment—the advent of the Messiah in glory, attended by his angels, to establish justice and peace on earth. As in Simeon's day, the message needed is, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people."

Harold John Ockenga, "Simeon and the Child Jesus," in *A Light Has Dawned: Meditations on Advent and Christmas*, Best of Christianity Today (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2020), 259.

Call to Worship—Psalm 148 (selected)

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

Leader: Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

People: Praise him sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.

Leader: Praise him you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He set them in place forever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass away.

Leader: Now, O Lord, our lips will shout for joy when we sing praises to you, our soul also which you have redeemed.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Trinity Hymnal #218

All Creatures of Our God and King

Adapted by Jonathan Baird and Ryan Baird. Add. words by Jonathan Baird and Ryan Baird

$\text{♩} = 76$ C **VERSE** Am

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
2. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless and wor - ship Him in hum - ble -

4 sing, O__ praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia!
ness. O__ praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia!

7 C Am

Thou, burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, thou, sil - ver moon with sof - ter
Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, Three in

10 F C/E F

gleam, O__ praise Him! O__ praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
One!

14 Am G F D **VERSE** G F#m

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! 3. All the re - deemed washed by His blood,
4. He shall re - turn in pow'r to reign,

20 Bm Em D G D

come and re - joice in His great love. O__ praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ has de - feat - ed ev - ery
heav - en and earth will join to say, O__ praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Then who shall fall on bend - ed

25 G F#m Bm Em D G

sin, cast all your bur - dens now on Him. O__ praise Him! O__
knee? All crea - tures of our God and King.

29 D/F# G Bm A G A/C#

praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

34 D Em D G

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 63:7-9

The Lord's Mercy Remembered

I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord,
the praises of the Lord,
according to all that the Lord has granted us,
and the great goodness to the house of Israel
that he has granted them according to his compassion,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely."

And he became their Savior.

In all their affliction he was afflicted,
and the angel of his presence saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

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— Hebrews 10:14-16

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Heb. 10:17-18

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Leader: Christians, give thanks to Jesus, the merciful and faithful high priest!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Jesus My Great High Priest

Words by Isaac Watts, 1709. Music by Kirk Ward, 2005

Rock ♩ = 144



1. Je - sus, my great High Priest Of - fered his blood and
 (2.To) this dear Sure - ty's hand Will I com - mit and my
 (3.My) Ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on
 (4.Should) all the hosts of death And pow'r of hell un -



died cause; My guilt - ty con - science seeks No
 high; He an - swers and ful - fils His
 known Put their most dread - ful forms And
 Of



sa - cri - fice - be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did
 Fa - ther's bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at
 lays his thun - der by. Not all that hell or
 rage and mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for



once a - tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne; And
 free - dom set; My Sure - ty paid the dread - ful debt; My
 sin can say, Shall turn his heart, his love, a - way Shall
 Christ dis - plays His con - qu'ring pow'r and guard - ian grace; His



now it pleads be - fore the throne.
 Sure - ty paid the dread - ful debt.
 turn his heart, his love, a - way.
 con - qu'ring pow'r and guard - ian grace.

16 E Chorus B A

2. To Now I ap - proach the

19 E B A E B A C#m7

throne, and I have con - fi - dence for Je - sus my great High Priest of - fered His

24 F#m7 B E B A E

blood and died Now I ap - proach the throne, and I have

28 B A E B A C#m7

con - fi - dence for Je - sus my great High Priest of - fered His

32 F#m7 B E A/E E *Fine* *D.C. al Fine*

blood and died for me.

3. My
4. Should

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer



Tithes and

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:



Offertory Song (Ensemble)

The Unbelievable

Steve & Vikki Cook

Sermon

"Nunc Dimittis"

Luke 2:21-40

Mr. Mitchell Dixon

*Song of Response

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Words by James Montgomery. Music by Sandra McCracken

Chorus

Musical notation for the Chorus, consisting of two staves. The first staff contains the melody and lyrics: "Hail to the Lord's a - nointed great Da - vid's great-er Son! Hail in the". The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: "time ap - pointed, His reign on earth be - gun! His reign on earth be - gun!". Chords are indicated above the notes: F/C, C, F/C, C, F/C, C, Am, G, F/C, C, F/C, C, G, F/C, C.

Verses

Musical notation for the Verses, consisting of one staff. The melody and lyrics are: "1.He comes to break op - pres-sion, to set the cap - tive free; 2.He comes with com - fort speed-y to those who suf - fer wrong; 3.To give them songs for sigh-ing, their dark-ness turned to light, 4.He shall come down like show-ers up - on the fruit - ful earth; 5.The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move; to take a - way trans-gres-sion and rule in eq - ui - ty. (vss. 1, 3, 4, 5 to chorus) to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong. whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight. love, joy, and hope, like flow-ers, spring in His path to birth. his name shall stand for - ev - er, that name to us is Love." Chords are indicated above the notes: F/C, C, F, C/E, F, C/E, F, C/E, Dm, F, C/E, F, C/E, G, Am, F, G.

*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.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

No Sunday school classes today. We will resume on Jan. 4.

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: Sweet, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Elzinga, Highmark, Poe, McCall. CC: Mitchell, Williamson, Younger. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Linenbroker, Baba, Williamson. SS: Nichols. CC: Standerfer, Polski, Hawley.

Please be sure to sign the **Trinity Hymnal in the narthex for the Rosales family and join us following worship today for a reception in their honor.**

Join Pastor Polski as he hosts a **joint Sunday School on January 4th** to dialogue about Trinity's overall ministry and some key organizational plans and goals for 2026. We will cover our plans for preaching as well as provide some updates concerning how we make adjustments to our missions and outreach ministry following the departure of Pablo Rosales.

Pastor Polski will be leading a **Sunday school class** beginning Jan. 11. This 8 week interactive study of Dr. Dan Doriani's book, Work That Matters is limited to 7 people. For more info and to register go to Church Center or use the QR code.

Giving Tree: The Deacons handle mercy ministry at Trinity. Throughout the year, our own members and sojourners, reach out for assistance. Sometimes it's for gas to get to work, other times food. You could allocate funds towards this ministry by grabbing a tag off the giving tree in the Narthex.

Year End Giving: Thank you for your tithes and offerings this past year. If you desire to provide stock to be used for 2025 contributions or any other method, please be sure that this is sent to the church office prior to 12/31. If you have any questions see Duncan Highmark.

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:](#)



UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 28 Reception for Rosales Family
Jan. 4 Sunday school Resumes
Jan. 4 Youth Parent Meeting
Jan. 11 YA Potluck Lunch
Jan. 16-18 Youth Retreat
Jan. 17 YA Bowling @ Bowlero
Jan. 21 Women's Bible study
Feb. 27-28 Women's Retreat

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 December 2025 newsletter for ways to pray for our ministries and missionaries. Grab a physical copy in the Narthex or scan the QR code. **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. For any questions, please reach out to Rev. Tim Jackson.

Senders:

- **Giving Tree**— The work of mission is only possible because of your generous donations. If you'd like to make an end of year gift directly to any of our missionaries or ministries, please scan the QR codes next to their names on our Mission Wall in the Narthex.
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Welcomers:

- **Robinson Food Pantry** — This week was our final pantry of the calendar year. However, there will be monthly pantries through the remainder of the school year!

Volunteer positions are open and available. As a volunteer you will greet, help pack groceries, and assist with loading into cars (if needed). Wear your Trinity swag if you have it! You can sign up using the QR code above or by visiting the events page on the church app.

- **Mission Gate Angel Tree** — Thank you to all who brought gifts! Please continue to pray for these families going through a very difficult season without the ones they love. Thank you, Jane Caldwell, for coordinating this. It is truly a blessing to give!

Mobilizers:

- If you've ever thought to yourself, “I wish we could do this,” or “I wish we would do that.” Let's have a chat about Missions. Are you passionate about PowerPoint and communicating mission opportunities to the congregation? **The Mission Committee is looking for you.** Reach out to RE Tom Schmidt for more 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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