



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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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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CATECHISM QUESTION
OF THE WEEK

Q. 100. What does the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us?

A. The preface of the Lord's prayer, which is, "Our Father who is in heaven," teaches us to draw near to God with a full holy reverence and confidence, and as children who draw near to a father able and ready to help us. Also (in using the plural our), it teaches us that we should pray with and for others.

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO REDEEMS AND RESTORES

(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): Kim McCall, Tara Thomason, Tom Schmidt, Emmy Schmidt

Liturgist: Rev. Tim Jackson

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry

Welcome and Announcements

Missions Moment

Quotes and Reflection

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. — John 3:16

“Nicodemus was an upright moral man... and yet Jesus said... nothing [meant] anything unless he was born again.” — Tim Keller

“To be born again... is to have a radical, God-ordained, heart-changing encounter with Jesus.” — Alister Begg

“We need new lives, not new laws. We need new creatures, not new creeds.”
— D.A. Carson

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

An Excerpt from “How Birth Helps Us Understand Salvation,” by Courtney Reissig
thegospelcoalition.org

While the practice of inducing labor now exists through modern medical developments, in ancient times, no one could *make* a baby be born. And even today, when a woman labors for her child’s arrival, no one knows the day or hour that labor will begin or end (unless there’s medical intervention). Our knowledge about the process doesn’t make it happen. Our strategies and best-laid birth plans cannot force the process.

The same is true for salvation, Jesus says to Nicodemus. The Spirit moves where he wishes (v. 8), and we never know the day or the hour of his movement in a person’s life. But to enter the kingdom of God, he must give you a new birth. That’s nonnegotiable.

And Nicodemus says—that’s impossible. Now we’re getting somewhere.

Nicodemus comes thinking he can align himself with Jesus without having to lose his position. He comes thinking that praising Jesus for his signs will put them on the same team. But Jesus wants Nicodemus to see how unattainable is any human attempt to enter the kingdom, see the kingdom, or even understand the kingdom, without a complete rebirth. Without the old Nicodemus dying and the new Nicodemus being born, he would remain blind to the path of belief.

Nicodemus is proof positive that knowing the Bible isn’t enough to open our eyes. Being born into a Christian family isn’t enough to make us a Christian. Going to a Christian college, or being in ministry, or even attending church won’t make anyone believe. We must be born again. We must walk through the impossible and supernatural process of dying to our old life and being reborn to new life in Christ.

But even for those of us who have been born again, the birth metaphor continues to serve us. A baby doesn’t will his life into existence, and a baby also doesn’t grow on his own. He needs someone to feed him, change him, take care of him, and show him the path of maturity.

Our good works don’t save us, and they don’t keep us either. The same grace that brought us into our spiritual new birth grows us into mature adults in Christ.

This doesn’t remove our responsibility to participate in our sanctification, but it does remind us who accomplishes our progress. For those of us tempted to rest in our good works and religious commitment (like Nicodemus), Jesus gives us the metaphor of rebirth to remind us of an important truth: You need something you can’t do for yourself.

Song of Preparation

Amazing Grace!

Trinity Hymnal #460

(Congregation join singing on vs. 2)

Call to Worship—Psalm 40:1-3

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: He inclined to me and heard my cry.

Leader: He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

People: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

All: Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Leader: Now, O God of redeeming grace, fill our mouths with new songs of praise as we give thanks to you for your great salvation!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are arranged in three columns under each system. Chord changes are indicated by letters above the staff.

System 1: Chords G and D. Lyrics: 1. Let us love and sing and won - der, 2. Let us love love the the sing Lord who bought us, 3. Let us sing the though fierce temp - ta - tion

System 2: Chords Em and C. Lyrics: Let us praise the Sa - vior's name, Pit - ied us hard when to bear - e - mies Threat - ens down

System 3: Chords G and D. Lyrics: He has hushed the law's loud thun - der, Called us by his grace and taught us, For the Lord our strong sal - va - tion

System 4: Chords Em and C. Lyrics: He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame, He has Gave us ears and the gave us eyes He has Holds in view the conq - u'ror's crown He who

System 5: Chords Em and C. Lyrics: washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood He who

System 6: Chords Em and C. Lyrics: washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood He who

I waited patiently for the Lord
He inclined and heard my cry
He brought me up out of the pit
Out of the miry clay

I will sing, sing a new song (Men)
I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo)
I will sing, sing a new song (Men)
I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo)

How long to sing this song? (Men)
How long to sing this song? (Women echo)
How long to sing this song? (Men)
How long to sing this song? (Women echo)

How long, how long, how long? (Together)
How long, to sing this song? (Together)

He set my feet upon the rock
And made my footsteps firm
Many will see
Many will see and fear

I will sing, sing a new song (Men)
I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo)
I will sing, sing a new song (Men)
I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo)

How long to sing this song? (Men)
How long to sing this song? (Women echo)
How long to sing this song? (Men)
How long to sing this song? (Women echo)

How long, how long, how long? (Together)
How long, to sing this song? (Together)

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Numbers 21:4-9

The Bronze Serpent as a Symbol of God's Redeeming Mercy

From Mount Horeb set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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— John 6:55-60

For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?”

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Eph. 1:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace...

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for the riches of his redeeming grace!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

I Will Lift Up the Cup of Salvation

Wendell Kimbrough

F Bb/F F7 F Bb/F F7 F Bb/F F7 F Bb/F F7

1. I will
2. I will

Verse
5 F Bb F F C

lift up the cup of sal - va - tion, I will call on the name of the Lord, He has
walk with the Lord in His vic - tory, I will no more de - spair in the dark. He has

Chorus
9 F F7 Bb Bdim7 F/C C C7 F C

heard my cry, He has saved my life— I will en - ter His courst with praise. Al - le - lu - ia to the
calmed my fears with His love so near— I am safe in His faith - ful arms.

14 Bb F C Bb C F F7

ris - en Lord! Al - le - lu - ia, death will reign no more! I will lift up the cup of sal -

3rd time to Tag Instr.
19 B Bdim7 F/C Dm G7 C7 F F Bb F F

- va - tion, I will call on the name of the Lord.

25 C7 F F7 Bb Bdim7 F/C G7/D C7 1. F 2. F **back to Chorus**

(4)

2. I will

Al - le -

Tag
31 F /C Dm G7 C7 F F Bb/F F F Bb/F F

Lord. I will call on the name of the Lord.

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

"Nicodemus and Jesus"

John 3:1-15

Sermon Series, Seeing Jesus

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

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 D G



light, my strength my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babel! 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#



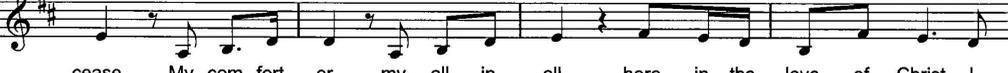
ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on the
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

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!

*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): Ruth Harlow (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Vocation: Work That Makes a Difference (Pastor Polski's office)

Do you ever feel like you are stuck in the rat race in your work? Does work feel like a drudgery to you? Do you struggle to have a clear sense of how your particular vocational calling can glorify God? Join Pastor Polski as he leads an 8-week interactive study of Dr. Dan Doriani's book, "Work That Makes a Difference." This is a space limited SS class that only has room for seven folks who will pledge to read the chapter in the book related to each week's discussion. If you are interested, you can sign up on Church Center.

Galatians-Ruling Elders, Jim Talent & Fielding Poe (Room 110)

Join us as we study the book of Galatians, with reference for context to the book of Acts. Galatians was written shortly after the historic event related in Acts 15 – the Council of Jerusalem. Galatians affirmed and explained the monumental implications of that first church council: that Christianity was not just a sect of Judaism, but a new faith, that Jesus was not just the Jewish Messiah, but the suffering servant who had died to atone for the sins of all those of every background who are called to believe in him, and that salvation was therefore always and only by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. Paul wrote about that "mystery" in many of his epistles, but Galatians is his first and most passionate defense of the gospel of grace that he carried to the gentile world."

Gospel Pictures: Visual Tools for Discipleship and Evangelism (Room 111)

Christians often understand the truths of Scripture but struggle to communicate them clearly to others. This class introduces simple visual illustrations that capture core biblical doctrines—tools that can strengthen your own faith and help you teach your children, share with a neighbor, or walk alongside a coworker who wants to grow spiritually. Together we will study key themes of the Christian life, learn the accompanying illustrations, and practice expressing these truths with clarity and confidence. Join us as we discover how these visual tools can deepen our walk with Christ and equip us for ministry in everyday life.

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 today. See the previous page for details and locations.

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: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Kwong, Thomason, Schmidts. SS: Harlow. CC: Mitchell, Manwarings.

Next Sunday: Ushers: Sweet, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Moen, Martir, Schmidt, Polski. SS: Mitchell. CC: Waldrons, Schmidts.

Does your family enjoy the snacks after worship? If so, please **consider volunteering to bring a snack** some Sunday. This is an easy way to minister to your church family. Sign up using the QR code, your weekly email, or on Church Center.

Kingdom Kids will resume in February.

Our next **Food Pantry Night at Robinson** is Thur., Jan. 22nd. Two volunteers are needed. Sign up using the QR code to the right.

The **Men's Bible study** meets this Wed. at 6:15pm OR Fri., at 6:30am. The **Women's Bible study** will resume THIS Wed. at 9am or 6:15pm.

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

Ladies Connect: Mon., Jan. 26 at 6:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is Sat., Feb. 21st from 8-9:30am.

YOU are invited join the Trinity choir which meets during the Sunday school hour **beginning Feb. 1 thru Mar. 29 in the fireplace room.** We'll learn pieces that we will sing for our Good Friday service as well as our Easter Sunday service. No musical experience necessary; the only thing needed is a heart for worship and a desire to SING. Questions: See Katie Polski or Abby Roberts.

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:](#)



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Evening of Feb. 27- afternoon of Feb. 28. Oh, What Wonder! Join us as we explore the Psalms and rediscover the wonder of God - revealed through creation and His Word, experienced in worship, and made known through His restoring, steadfast love. Whether you're weary, curious, or longing for renewal, come be reminded of the God who speaks, forgives, and invites us to stand in awe of Him.

Use the QR code for more info and to register. See Amy Mitchell with questions.

MISSIONS MOMENT

Global Mission News Featuring our Missionaries Ben and Kim Church

Serving in Kampala, Uganda with Mission to the World *to see the gospel flourishing through planting a Biblically healthy church and denomination*



MTW missionaries Ben and Kim Church are helping Ugandans discover what it really means to follow Christ.

One of the challenges for MTW missionaries Ben and Kim Church in Kampala, Uganda, is reaching a culture where 85% claim to be Christian, but a much smaller percentage have a biblically grounded saving faith. Step one on that journey is helping people see that they're not actually Christians. This takes time, but with patience, perseverance, and God's grace, the Churches have seen solid fruit.

They started Christ Our Refuge church plant with Bible studies showing Ugandans the real person of Christ through the Gospel of Mark, His work, His authority, and His suffering. The fact that He would have all the authority of God, but He would use that authority to go and suffer on behalf of His people was very intriguing and gripping for many who had been in church all their lives.

Christ Our Refuge's vision as a church is to be a family of faith that makes disciples of Jesus Christ, not only through preaching and teaching, but also through building a family of faith. Through faith in Christ, believers are brought into His body and are now responsible for each other as fellow members of the body of Christ. That means they care about each other. When a member has needs, others in the church want to help them, pray for them, give toward their needs. According to Ben, this element of family, paired with solid teaching, is what makes Christ Our Refuge unique.

You can visit their page at MTW'S website:



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