



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

February 15, 2026

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. 104. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

A. In the fourth petition, which is, "Give us this day our daily bread," we pray that by God's free gift we may receive a sufficient portion of the good things of this life and enjoy his blessing with them.

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO FORGIVES OUR SINS

(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, Emily Ridenhour, Linda Manwaring, Maggie McCall

Liturgist: Rev. Tim Jackson

Scripture Reader: Alyce Bava

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Shaun Thomason

Welcome and Announcements

Missions Moment Meredith Heintz, Promise Christian Academy

Quotes and Reflection

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. — I Tim. 1:12-14

“The image of weeping at Christ’s feet is the posture of a heart overwhelmed by grace — recognizing debt forgiven and responding in devotion.” — Allister Begg

“Jesus was a friend of sinners not because he winked at sin...[but] he came to save sinners.” — Kevin Deyoung

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

The New Math of the Gospel- Jared Wilson (The gospelcoalition.org)

Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" — Luke 7:49

The Puritan preacher Thomas Watson once said, "Until sin be bitter, Christ will not be sweet." What he meant was, until we see ourselves for who we truly are apart from Christ—considering the depth of our need, the extent of our brokenness, the totality of our depravity and the condemnation we deserve—we will not see Christ for all that he truly is.

In Luke 7:36-50 we see the curious story of the "woman of the city" interrupting Jesus's meal in a Pharisee's home to wash his feet with her tears and precious ointment. The Pharisee of course objects. But the woman he declares a sinner there understands the great divorce between herself and Jesus. For this reason she has determined to serve him and bless him. The Pharisees, on the other hand, thought themselves Jesus's peers at best, so of course they probably thought they were doing him a favor letting him come eat with them.

The dinner host, Simon, grumbles inwardly, not just because he doubts Christ's holiness in allowing this scandalous scene, but because he considers himself to have higher standards than Jesus. He knows what this woman is up to. He knows this woman's sin. If Jesus knew like he knew, he reasons, he wouldn't allow her to touch him.

But the gospel turns our religious math inside out. There are not "good people" and "bad people" in the mathematics of the gospel. There are bad people and Jesus. So the story Jesus tells about the man with two debtors serves a dual purpose: it reminds us that we all stand indebted to Christ. Religious or irreligious, people far off and people nearby, "prodigal sons" and "older brothers"—we are all debtors to grace. But the parable also shows us that the more mindful of our indebtedness we are, the more of God's grace we will know. We are in big trouble if we think we only need a little bit of God!

When we are on spiritual autopilot, trusting in our own wisdom and relying on our own strength, it is fundamentally because we don't think we need God all that much. This is functional self-righteousness. But the more in tune with our inner inability and spiritual poverty we will get, the more of Christ we will experience and the more honor we will give him.

Song of Preparation

Come, Ye Sinners



1. Come, ye sin-ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed, sick and sore;
2. Come, ye thirst-y, come and wel-come, God's free boun-ty glo - ri - fy;
3. Come, ye wea-ry, heav-y - la - den, lost and ru - ined by the fall;
4. Let not conscience make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond-ly dream;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and pow'r.
true be - lief and true re - pen-tance, eve - ry grace that brings you nigh.
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
all the fit - ness He re - quir-eth is to feel your need of Him.



I will a-rise and go to Je - sus; He will em-brace me in His arms;



in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thousand charms.



Call to Worship—Psalm 145 (selected)

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

Leader: One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Leader: Now, God of abounding grace, fill our hearts and minds and voices with praise as we enter your house to worship!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

The Love of the Father

Words and Music by James Ferguson and Rich Thompson

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Lift up_ your voi - ces_ and lift up_ your praise Join with_ the hea - vens de -
Sing of_ the vic - tory, the hope of_ the world The Sav - our_ has ris - en,_ the

C G F



clar - ing_ the won - ders of His faith - ful - ness_ for - ev - er
spir - it_ has come to bring us in - to_ love_ for - ev - er

1. C 2. C



Oh

Chorus:

C F



we are_ the peo - ple_ of God With the free - dom_ of hope in_ our hearts_ How

Am F C



great is_ the love of_ the Fa - ther_

Verse 3:

C



Lift ed_ from dark - ness and in - to_ the light The sons and the daugh - ters are loved at_ a price our

G F C



God has made us_ His_ for ev - er_

Chorus:

C F



we are_ the peo - ple_ of God With the free - dom_ of hope in_ our hearts_ How

Am F C 1.



great is_ the love of_ the Fa - ther_

Bridge:

2. C C/E F AM
This is the song of the re - deemed The ran-somed and the free

G C/E F AM
Giv-en life at such a price This is love, this is love

G C/E F AM
And when the Fath - er calls us home And we see Him on the throne

G C/E F
Hear the voi - ces sing as one This is love..

AM G
this is love Oh

Chorus:

C F
we are the peo- ple of God With the free - dom of hope in our hearts. How

AM F C 1.
great is the love of the Fa - ther Oh

How Great is Our God

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash

G **Em7**



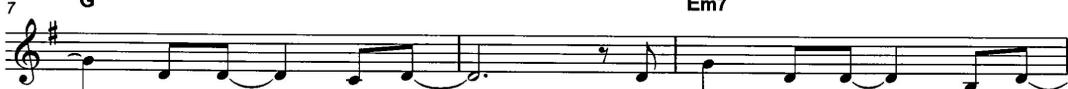
1. The splen - dor of the King, 7 clothed in maj - es - ty;
(2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

C2



4 Let all the earth re - joi - ce, all the earth re - joi - ce. He wraps -
Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

G **Em7**



7 Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,
head, three in one, 7 Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

C2



10 and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great
the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb. How great

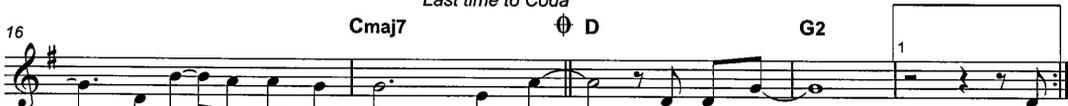
G **Em7**



13 is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

Last time to Coda

Cmaj7 **D** **G2**



16 And all will see how great, how great is our God! 2. And

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Psalm 23

A Psalm of David

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

forever.

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— Ephesians 2:1-3

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Eph. 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His rich mercies!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Words and Music by Robert Lowry. Arr. by Keith Getty, Finan de Barra, Dave Cleveland, Ross Holmes, and Matt Menafea

1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 2. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 3. This is all my hope and peace, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 4. Glo - ry! Glo - ry! this I sing- Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;

5 What can make me whole a - gain? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 Naught of good that I have done, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 This is all my right - eous - ness, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 All my life, my cry shall be- Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

9 Oh! pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;_

13 No oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

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:



Offertory Song

Forgiven

Kate DeGraide, Rebecca Elliot, and Brittany Kauflin

(Please join in singing when directed)

Forgiven, forgiven
Through the blood of Christ
We are forgiven
Forgiven, forgiven
Through the blood of Christ
We are forgiven

Sermon

"The Sinful Woman Sees Jesus"

Luke 7:36-50

Sermon Series, Seeing Jesus

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

The Wonderful Cross

Chris Tomlin, Isaac Watts, J.D. Walt, Jesse Reeves, and Lowell Mason

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1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. See from His head, His hands, His feet, sor - row and
 3. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

6

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I count but
 love flow - min - gled down; Did e'er such love and sor - row
 of - fring far too small. Love so a - maz - ing, so di -

12

loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown? O the
 vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all. O the

18 G D/F# G D/F#

won - der - ful cross, O the won - der - ful cross bids me come

22 G D/F# A

and die and find that I may tru - ly live. O the

26 G D/F# G D/F#

won - der - ful cross, O the won - der - ful cross; All who gath -

30 G D/F# A D.C. al Coda

er here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

34 Coda A D

Your name.

*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): Jessica Pannkuk (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.

Trinity Choir (Fireplace room)

Meets during the Sunday school hour beginning Feb. 1 through Mar. 29 We'll learn pieces that we will sing for our Good Friday service as well as our Sunday morning Easter service. No musical experience necessary; the only thing needed is a heart for worship and a desire to SING.

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: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: McCalls, Ridenhour, Manwaring. SS: Pannkuk. CC: Steele, Hendricks, Younger. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Sweet, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Kwong, Goldstein, O'Neal, Linenbroker. SS: Harlow. CC: Oehlerking, Hawley.

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

Kingdom Kids resumes on February 22nd.

Men's Bible Study this Wed. at 6:15pm or Fri. at 6:30am.

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

Women's Bible study: Wed.- 9am or 6:15pm.

The **Children's Ministry could use your help** in two ways: 1. A volunteer (or two) is needed to coordinate the Easter egg hunt. 2. Nursery volunteers needed for the 9:30am Easter service. See Erin Wagberg.

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

Sign up today for the Trivia Night- Fri., March 6. See insert for more details

Women's Retreat: Feb. 27-28. **Time is running out- register today** on Church Center or see Amy Mitchell. Friends welcome!

Holy Week: Good Friday service: Apr. 3 at 7pm. Easter Sunrise service: Apr. 5 at 7am (outdoor if weather permits). Easter Worship: 9:30am.

Robinson Food Pantry: Donated items due at church by THIS Wed., Feb. 18th. A list of needed items can be found on the table in the narthex.

The **Harrison/Alexander shepherd group lunch** is Sun., Feb. 22 following Sunday School. Visitors welcome!

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:](#)



RUF INTERNATIONAL

RUF-I is a student organization at Washington University for international students and scholars led by Pastor Kirk Norris. Typically, 25 students are in attendance.

We are invited to join them for one of their weekly meetings on Tuesday, March 3rd at Memorial Presbyterian Church. We will provide a meal for the students and interact with them before their formal discussion time. You can help by praying, attending, or donating. See Jane Caldwell or the QR code for details.

MISSIONS MOMENT

Local Mission News
Featuring Promise Christian Academy
Meredith Heintz
Head of School



Promise Christian Academy's unique approach to special education utilizes multiple integrated therapeutic activities, such as occupational therapy and speech-language therapy, within each school day.

Individually designed academics and therapies equip each student for success in the classroom, work, and community. Promise strives to provide an on-ramp for life for individuals with special needs.

Celebrating every student who comes through our doors, believing that each child is full of potential is at the core of Promise. In discovering each child's unique strengths and abilities, we can partner with families in a team approach that includes our teachers, therapists, and staff. We provide the structure and tools necessary for our students to succeed.

Students, after attending Promise for only one or two years, may gain the skills they need to move to a more traditional academic setting. Others might progress into vocational programs. All our students are learning how to live in community with each other and how to interact with the world outside of Promise.

Our desire is to discover a better way of educating children with special needs. We want parents of children with special needs to know that they are not alone. There is hope for a brighter future for children who are differently abled. It is our joy to be a part of their success!

Please save this bulletin page and use it to pray for our missionaries.

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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