



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

March 1, 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. 106. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

A. In the sixth petition, which is, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support us and deliver us when we are tempted.

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO CALLS US BY FAITH

(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): Deborah Moen, Michelle Goldstein, Mickie & Emmy Schmidt

Liturgist: Clark Emerson

Scripture Reader: Lyn Moffitt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Dave Alexander

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" — Rev. 7:9

"Come and see... let us... not shrink from inquiry, when Christ himself is ready to remove the doubts which harass us." — John Calvin

"When we feel or act with disdain, avoidance, or malice toward someone simply because he or she is of another race or group, we are, in effect, saying that Jesus acted in a foolish way toward us." — John Piper

"Honest inquiry is a sovereign cure for prejudice." — F.F. Bruce

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

A Prayer for a Welcoming and Accepting Heart- Scotty Smith (TGC)

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. — Rom. 15:7

Dear Lord Jesus, to begin this day with the assurance of your acceptance brings great peace and joy to my heart. You know *everything* about me, and yet you gladly and fully accept me. You know my failures, fickleness, and faithlessness, and *still* you welcome me into fellowship with you today. How I praise you for your lavish, constant and transforming love.

I'm the immature younger brother you welcomed home. I'm the self-righteous elder brother you constantly pursue. I'm the one lying at your feet others would stone, but you have loved. I've doubted with Thomas and run away with Jonah. I've been angry like Job and sulked like Jeremiah. I've been up in the tree with Zacchaeus and down in the depths with Peter, and you have *always* made me feel welcome and wanted.

Jesus, I know such mercy and grace must not stop with me. As you accept me, you're calling me to accept others. That is *so hard* to do, Lord. You must give me both the will and the strength. For there are many believers and non-believers whom I silently judge and regularly avoid. There are those with whom I disagree about many things—including theology, politics, Christian liberty and worship styles. There are some relationships that are bruised and fractured, that I'd just rather not mess with. There are some personalities that raise my dander, "push my buttons" and simply annoy me. I'm convicted as I offer my prayer. Have mercy on me, the sinner.

Jesus, I need a bigger gospel heart. Please free me from the limitations of my perspective, the prejudices of my heritage, and the insecurities of my comfort zone. Please free me from insincere niceness and the need to be right. Please teach me the difference between essential and nonessential matters. Please help me put down the judge's gavel and take up the servant's towel.

Let me remember that your promise to finish the good work you began *in me* applies to each of your children as well. Burn this conviction indelibly into my heart: it brings *great* praise to God when I work hard at accepting others as you accept me. So very Amen I pray, in your matchless and merciful name. Amen.

Song of Preparation

We Fall Down

Chris Tomlin

D **A** **Bm7**

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet

G **Em** **D**

of Je - sus, the great - ness of

A **Bm7** **G** **A** **D/F#**

mer - cy and love at the feet of Je - sus And we cry

Gmaj7 **D/F#** **Em** **D/F#**

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly and we cry

Gmaj7 **D/F#** **Em** **Bm7** **A** **Gmaj7** **D/F#**

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, and we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

Em **D/A** **A7** **D** **G/D** **D** **C2** **D**

- ly is the Lamb.

Call to Worship—Psalm 121 (selected)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

People: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Leader: O Lord, meet us in your house today, and fill our hearts and minds with anticipation as we commune with you in worship!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Trinity Hymnal #295

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words by George Matheson. Music by Christopher Miner

Real Key

B F# E B /A#

1. O Love that will not let me go, I
 2. O Light that' foll - ow'st all my way, I
 3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
 4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I

4 G#m F#/A# B E F#

rest my wear - y soul in thee; I
 yield my flick' - ring torch to thee; My
 can - not close - ring my heart to thee; I
 dare not ask to fly from thee; I

6 B F# E B /A#

give thee back the li - fe I owe, That
 heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
 trace the rain - bow through the rain, And
 lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And

8 G#m F#/A# B E F#

in thine o - cean depths its flow May
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day May
 feel the prom - ise is not vain, That
 from the ground there bless - oms red Life

10 C#m G#m F# F#/E F#/D# F#

ri - cher, full - er be.
 brigh - ter, fair - er be.
 morn shall tear - less be.
 that shall end - less be.

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—John 17:1-9

The Transfiguration

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

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

People: Amen!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession— Romans 4:13-15

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Romans 4:1-3

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for counting us as righteous by faith!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

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

"Nathan Sees Jesus"

John 1:43-51

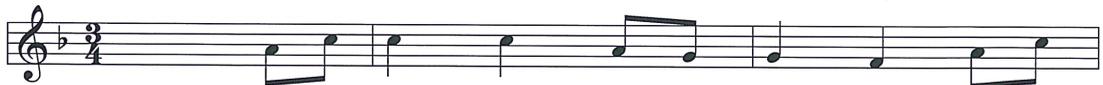
Sermon Series, Seeing Jesus

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker. ARr. by Dan Kreider



1. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, in the
2. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, He the
3. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, Christ the
4. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, slain by



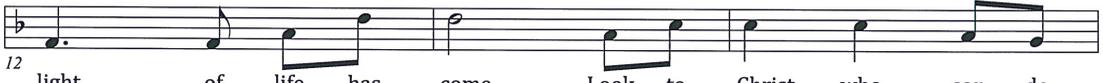
4 dawn - ing of the King. He the theme of hea - vens
per - fect Son of the Man. In His li - stead - of in His
death the God of life. But no grave could e'er re -



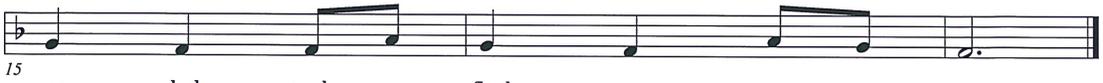
7 prai - ses, robbed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our
suf - fering, Ne - ver trace lamb nor stain of sin. See His
sin - ners, hangs the Lord; He in vic - tor - y. ru - the
strain Him. Praise the Lord; He is a - love! What a



10 long - ing, in our dark - ness, Now the
true price and of our re - dem - tion. come to
fore - taste of de - li - verence. How the un -



12 light of life has come. Look to Christ, who con - de -
save thes plan un - fold! Christ the great and sure ful -
Fa - thers ver - ing our hope! Bring - ing ma - ny sons to -
wa - ver - ing our hope! Christ in po - wer re - sur -



15 scen - ded took on flesh to ran - som us.
fill - ment of grace the un - law; in we stand.
glo - ry as we un - will - sured, Him we un - told.
rec - ted grace we will - be, when love he comes.

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**

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)

Jerusalem

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Tiarne Tranter. Arr. by Dustin Loehrs & Grant Wall

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Mighty God We Thank and Praise You

Wendell Kimbrough and Ludwig van Beethoven

Mighty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life;
Precious blood and body, broken, from your Son our Savior, Christ.
In these myst'ries you assure us we are members of your Son;
Heirs of your eternal Kingdom, with all faithful people, One.
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

*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.

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

The Psalms are one of the most unique books in the Old Testament. They are poetic outpourings of the heart to God, and they show that He is, and always has been, a personal God who hears and responds to the deepest yearnings of His people. Come join us for a brief overview of the book itself, and then stay with us as we work through some of the most cherished psalms in this most cherished part of the Word of God. You will come away with a better understanding of our great Father and how we can relate to Him.

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: Sweet, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Kwong, Goldstein, O'Neal, Linenbroker. SS: Harlow. CC: Oehlerking, Hawley. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Deborah Moen, Hendricks, Schmidts. SS: Pannkuk. CC: Doiron, Schmidts.

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 meets on the 2nd & 4th Sun. (3/8) from 4:45-6:15pm.

Men's Bible Study: This Wed. at 6:15pm or Fri. at 6:30am. **Men's Night this Wed.** at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

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

After the 9:30am Easter Service we will have an **egg hunt** on the front lawn for our elementary children. We are looking for folks to **donate eggs** (filled with nut free candy, sticker, or treat). Go to Church Center or use the QR code.

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

All-Church Work Day: Sat., Mar. 21 at 9:15am. Come help us with a little spring cleaning and landscaping. See today's insert for more info.

An All Church Breakfast will be provided before the work day on Mar. 21st. Let us know you are coming by registering on Church Center or with the QR code.

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

Join on Sun., Mar. 8th at 3pm for a beautiful afternoon of classical music by the **Ariel Concert Series**. No registration required. Bring friends!

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.

Global Mission News

Wave Network is dedicated to starting new churches in regions of India where few biblical congregations exist. One of our greatest challenges is identifying qualified leaders who can effectively teach, preach, and shepherd God's people. To address this, we partner with the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in northern India, which has been equipping ministry leaders with solid biblical training for over 50 years.

Dale's Reflections:

"When I was in India I saw firsthand how developing ministry skills requires time and repetition. During a visit to a midweek staff gathering of one of our churches, I observed a simple yet profound weekly ritual—a couple of pastors were spending the morning with their Wave interns, reviewing the previous week's care and ministry, and planning the next week's events.

On the surface, the conversation was remarkably ordinary—typical church staff topics like improving congregational communication, evaluating recent events, organizing an upcoming outreach (in this case, their first sports day).

But beneath that simplicity lay something striking: essential soft skills being quietly reinforced - the very lessons we work on each week via zoom with the students.

Lessons like these:

- We are a team that works together.
- We all improve and grow together.
- We are building a community that truly cares for others.
- Leaders talk *and* listen to one another.
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What I saw was that providing regular opportunities to participate in a leadership team is less efficient than a pastor simply deciding everything or delegating tasks unilaterally. Yet, in the end, it accomplishes far more. It develops leaders who not only have greater capacity themselves but who also understand—and can replicate—the process of developing others."

Pray for the growth and multiplication of more church leaders like this in India and beyond.

Please save these bulletin inserts and use them 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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