



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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WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GOSPEL JOY!

(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): Kimberly Linenbroker, Debbie Highmark, Alyce Bava, Josie Standerfer

Liturgist: Matthew Pannkuk

Scripture Reader: Lyn Moffitt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Tom Schmidt

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” — Rom. 10:15

“Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. This is the pattern for all true evangelism—beginning with the Word and leading to Christ.” — John Stott, *The Message of Acts*

“Here is a man doubly excluded—by race and by condition—yet brought near by grace. The gospel breaks down every barrier that man erects.” — Derek Thomas

“Luke shows that nothing happens by chance in the spread of the gospel. The angel’s command, the Spirit’s prompting, and Philip’s obedience all testify that God himself directs the mission.” — John Calvin, *Commentary on Acts*

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

3 Laws for Truly Personal Evangelism- Sean McGeever (TGC)

While God has used “plans of salvation” and “spiritual laws” to deliver the good news to many lost souls, I have an uncomfortable relationship with evangelistic how-to literature. My main concern is about what such materials assume. Often, they attempt to provide salvation through *information*, but salvation comes instead through an *encounter* with our Savior Jesus Christ—an encounter delivered in his Word by members of his church through the Holy Spirit’s power and in accordance with the Father’s plan.

Evangelistic strategies risk confusing words from an argument with words from persons—from the person proclaiming the word and the *persons* of our triune God revealed through the Word. When someone responds to evangelism, he isn’t responding to an argument but to persons, and this means evangelism must be more than information. It must be *personal*.

Here’s a new set of “laws” or guidelines one can follow to help evangelism be truly personal.

Law 1: Listen

Evangelism thrives when Christians listen attentively to their lives, to the good news of God’s Word, and to those God puts in our paths.

Evangelists do what no tract or pamphlet can do. Evangelists who care for people’s souls carefully listen.

First, listen to yourself. Are you aware of the excuses you’re making about your sin? Have you listened to the shame you load on yourself? Have you stopped to recognize the lies Satan speaks into your mind?

Once we’re aware of our own failures, we must respond by confronting them with the truths of Christ that set us free. Evangelists turn to the word of the gospel in the Scriptures. Do you want to win your community? Don’t head out the door. Head into your prayer room and allow God’s Word to overwhelm you anew. Have you heard the gospel today? Have you listened to the Word long enough to see the sin you committed moments ago and rehearse how it was taken to the cross and defeated in Christ’s resurrection?

After hearing the gospel, you’re prepared to listen to the person God places in front of you. Evangelists with Scripture-saturated and renewed hearts, souls, and minds are best prepared to listen. This is important because evangelism isn’t a one-size-fits-all task. A doctor who fails to listen might prescribe the same medicine for every symptom and harm his patients. He needs to go back to medical school. Listen with one ear attentive to the words of the person in front of you and your other ear attuned to God’s Word, prepared to wisely announce God’s message in a way that addresses the person’s particular situation.

Law 2: Announce

Evangelism thrives when (after listening), we announce Jesus is Lord in a way that wisely relates and adapts to what we've heard.

Most map apps provide reliable alternate routes you might take to a destination. They'll even adjust the routes for various means of transportation (car, public transport, walking, etc.) Similarly, a wise evangelist learns many routes to the cross. She knows her announcement of the good news won't be the same every time. It won't follow a predetermined road, set of laws, or single bridge. Rather, with the Spirit's wisdom to guide, she looks for opportunities to declare that our crucified Christ Jesus is Lord.

This announcement may happen during Sunday worship—during preaching, baptisms, communion, or a word of assurance. An evangelist may make this announcement in parking-lot conversations after church. It happens as parents tuck in their children before they drift off to sleep and in backyards, offices, text messages, pizza parlors, and train stations. If you're listening to the Spirit, an announcement that Jesus is Lord may be the next words from your lips.

Law 3: Repeat

Evangelism thrives when we develop a regular habit of listening and announcing.

Evangelists who personally care for souls listen and announce the gospel repeatedly. They're self-aware. They listen to God's Word and to others. Their announcement that Jesus is Lord is like a broken record. They know evangelism isn't a one-time occurrence followed up with discipleship. Rather, discipleship is evangelism through and through.

Find as many opportunities as you can to listen and announce that Christ is Lord. Christians have at their disposal a myriad of words to personally care for souls, but the announcement that the crucified Jesus has been raised from the dead and is Lord of all is the balm, ointment, and cure for our hearts throughout life.

This announcement is central to the beginning of the Christian life: Christ carried our sins to the cross and conquered them through his resurrection. Our baptisms remind us of this. This announcement is central to the life of faith: whatever our path, joy, or trial, Jesus is Lord. Our regular partaking of the Lord's Supper reminds us of this reality as well. Finally, this announcement is central to the end of our life: our resurrection day awaits, as it did our Lord. Even our funerals celebrate this fact.

Evangelism isn't a special task outsourced to a uniquely gifted group of people (though some can be gifted in evangelism). Evangelism doesn't merely involve one-time confrontational conversations, though it can be that too. Evangelism is at the heart of the ongoing, personal work of pastoral care undertaken through listening and announcing the good news of Christ—on repeat.

Song of Preparation

All Ye Weary

Words by Josiah Conder. Music by Stephen Clemmons and Caroline Lopez

Verse

3 D G

1. Wel - come, wel - come sin - ner, here! Hang not back in shame or fear;
 2. Wel - come to the off - ered peace; Wel - come, pris - 'ner, to re - lease
 3. Wel - come, wee - ping pen - i - tent; Grace has made thy heart re - lent;
- BRIDGE (3x)
4. O the vir - tue of that price, That red - deem - ing sac - ri - fice!
 5. Wel - come to the clean - sing fount, Spring - ing from the sac - rid mount;
- BRIDGE (3x)

7 D Bm A G G

Doubt not, nor dis - trust the call; Mer - cy is pro - claimed to all.
 Burst thy bonds; be saved; be free; "Rise and come He call - eth thee."
 Wel - come, long es - trang - ed child; God in Christ is re - con - ciled.

Come, ye bought, but not with gold; Wel - come to the sa - cred fold!
 Wel - come to the feast di - vine, Bread of life and li - ving wine.

Bridge

13 D G

All ye wea - ry and dis - tressed, Wel - come to re - lief and

17 D A *Repeat 2 more times, slowly build*

rest! All is rea - dy: hear the call. There is am - ple room for

21 G End here on the very last bridge G *Build into Verse 4* G G

all.

Call to Worship—Romans 11:33-36

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

People: For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?

Leader: Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?

People: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

All: To him be glory forever. Amen.

Leader: Indeed O Lord, we are gathered to worship this morning in order that you might be greatly praised. Come now, enable that praise and free our hearts to give it.

How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by 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;

4 **C2**

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

7 **G** **Em7**

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

10 **C2**

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

13 **G** **Em7**

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

16 **Cmaj7** **D** **G2**

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

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 53:6-10

He Was Pierced for our Transgressions

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?
And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

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 10:14-15

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Rom. 6:22-23

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for the free gift of eternal life!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Build Your Kingdom Here

Words and Music by Rend Collective

1. Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts a - gain. In -

5 -crease in us, we pray. Un - veil why we're made. Come

9 set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like wild - fire in our ver - souls;

13 Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in-vade us now. We are Your

18 church; We need Your pow'r in us. 2. We
(3. Un) -

VERSE 2 & 3

23 seek Your king - dom first. We hun - ger and we thirst; Re -
leash Your king - dom's pow'r, reach - ing the near and far. No

Chords: F, C, G⁽⁴⁾, F²

27 F C G^{sus}

-fuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize. To
force of hell can stop Your beau - ty, chang - ing hearts. You

31 F C F C

see the cap - tives' hearts re - leased; The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
made us for much more than this; A - wake the king - dom seed in us.

35 F C G^{sus} F C

We lay down our lives for heav - en's cause. _ We are Your
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. _ We are Your

40 G⁽⁴⁾ F C G⁽⁴⁾ C F²

church; We pray, re - vive this earth.
church; You are the hope on earth.

§ CHORUS

45 C F² G Am⁷ F²

Build Your king - dom here. Let the dark - ness

50 C G Am⁷ F² G C

fear. Show Your might - y hand. Heal our streets and land... Set Your

55 G Am⁷ F² C G

church on fire. Win this na - tion back. Change the at - mos -

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

"The Family Story of God's Mission"

Acts 8:26-40

Rev. Nate Taylor

MTW Missionary to Scotland

*Song of Response

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms/'Tis So Sweet

Elisha Albright Hoffman and Anthony J. Showalter. | Louisa M. R. Stead and William James Kirkpatrick

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. *(Refrain)*

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
 Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
 Just to take Him at His Word;
 Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
 Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

*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)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Joint Sunday School

Rev. Nate Taylor, Crossbridge Church (Sanctuary)

Pastor Nate will share an update on his church plant, Crossbridge. We're excited to hear about the connections the Taylors have built and what life has been like for them in Scotland.

Jr. & Sr. High Students - will join the adult Sunday school today

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. The adults will have a joint Sunday school today in the sanctuary.

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, Hayes, Barker. Nursery: Linenbroker, Highmark, Bava, Standerfer. SS: Pysar. CC: Oehlerking, Goldstein. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: McCalls, Hendricks, Williamson. SS: Harlow. CC: Doiron, Manwarings.

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.

Men's Bible Study is on a short hiatus.

The **Women's Bible studies** meet Wed. at 9am or 6:15pm.

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

Sr. & Jr. High Youth Ministry: Sundays from 6-8pm. Mark your calendar for our End of Semester Party (George Night) on May 17. Ask the Pastor will take place on May 24.

Kingdom Kids meets today from 4:45-6:15. Kids come enjoy games, Bible lessons, and music!

Ladies, we have a few fun events coming up! On May 13th the morning and evening bible studies will combine for a "Blessed Gathering" at 6:30pm. On May 20th a group of ladies are having lunch at the art museum followed by a walk thru of the latest exhibit. Mark your calendars for a brunch on July 11th!

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

Apr. 26 Kingdom Kids

May 9 Men's Breakfast

May 13 Women's Bible Study Dinner

May 14 Robinson Food Pantry

May 16 Young Adults @ Cards Game

May 17 Youth End of Semester Party

May 31 Promotion Sunday

Jun 7 Community Sunday Potluck Lunch

Jun 7-13 Sr. High RYM Retreat

Jun 24 Youth Group moves to Wed.

July 11 Women's Ministry Brunch

Sep. 19 Party on the Lawn

Local Mission News
Featuring Mission Gate Ministry
Rick and Trish Mathes

Mission Gate is a residential program for men and women fresh out of prison or rehabilitation. We provide clean and safe housing, along with initial food supply, clothing, identification, hygiene items, and bedding.

Upon arrival, a full schedule of life-preparation begins. Every year more than 300 men, women, and families transition from the dark shadow of prison or addiction to a brand-new life through Mission Gate.

The Bible is our manual of operation. Our residents all get jobs to support their upkeep, and there is no drinking, drugs, or dating allowed, though we do work for family reunification. Residents are all church members, and participate in bible studies each week on site. By God's power, they are transformed for Christ! Romans 12: 1-2.

Our staff consists of graduates of the program.

Mission Statement

To regenerate, rehabilitate, and reintegrate ex-offenders, recovering addicts, and their families through Jesus Christ.

Our Goal

We equip our residents to become self-sufficient and independent within a minimum of nine months. They go from incarceration or addiction into new lives with a strong foundation in Jesus Christ and connected with Christian resources and their local communities.

Some ways for churches to get involved:

- Help Mission Gate with community projects and fellowship with our residents.
- Send representatives to one of our home Bible studies, worship services, or dinners.
- Ask some of our stronger clients to minister to your youth group.
- Collect supplies for Mission Gate: Food, Seasonal clothing, toilet paper, paper towels, and kitchen trash bags, cleaning supplies and equipment

CATECHISM QUESTION
OF THE WEEK

Q. 21. Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only redeemer of God's chosen ones is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was and continues to be God and man in two wholly distinct natures and one

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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