



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

July 19, 2026

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO GIVES WISDOM

(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, Chenoa Pysar, Alyce Bava, Nora Williamson

Liturgist: Mitchell Dixon

Scripture Reader: Tim Moffitt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Tom Schmidt

Welcome and Announcements

Missions Moment

Quotes and Reflection

"In sum, the purpose of Proverbs is to challenge the reader to attain God's wisdom, which is to appropriate his design for life. In specific terms, it endeavors to transform immature people into wise people." — Daniel J. Estes, *Handbook on the Wisdom Books and Psalms*, 218

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." — John 10:10

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

“‘Make the bad people good, and the good people nice’, is supposed to have been a child’s prayer: it makes the point, with proverbic brevity, that there are details of character small enough to escape the mesh of the law and the broadsides of the prophets, and yet decisive in personal dealings. Proverbs moves in this realm, asking what a person is like to live with, or to employ; how he manages his affairs, his time and himself...

But it is not a portrait-album or a book of manners: it offers a key to life. The samples of behaviour which it holds up to view are all assessed by one criterion, which could be summed up in the question, ‘Is this wisdom or folly?’ This is a unifying approach to life, because it suits the most commonplace realms as fully as the most exalted. Wisdom leaves its signature on anything well made or well judged, from an apt remark to the universe itself, from a shrewd policy (which springs from practical insight) to a noble action (which presupposes moral and spiritual discernment). In other words, it is equally at home in the realms of nature and art, of ethics and politics, to mention no others, and forms a single basis of judgment for them all.

Such an approach could have the effect of lowering everything to a common level, if wisdom were equated with selfish calculation. There is calculation in Proverbs, for there is every encouragement to count the cost or reward of one’s actions, and to study the ways of getting things done; but wisdom as taught here is God-centered, and even when it is most down-to-earth it consists in the shrewd and sound handling of one’s affairs in God’s world, in submission to his will.”

— Derek Kidner, *Proverbs*, 13–14

Song of Preparation

Speak O Lord

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re -
 2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us

3. F C Am G/B

ceive the food of Your ho - ly word.
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
 grasp the heights of Your plans for us.

5. F/A G/B C2 F C

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will

7. F C/E F G C C/E

fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the
 ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our
 echo down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

9. G G/F C/E Gsus/F G9/F C2/E

light of Christ might be seen to - day in our
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma -
 grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es; And by

11. G G/F C/E Am Gsus G

acts of love and our deeds of faith.
 jes - tic love and au - thor i - ty.
 faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

13 F/A G/B C2 F C

Speak, O Lord, and full - fill in us all Your
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their
 Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the

15 F C/E F Gsus G C

pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry.
 truth - pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

17 F2 C2/E F2 Gsus G C

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 13-14) has chords F/A, G/B, C2, F, and C. The second system (measures 15-16) has chords F, C/E, F, Gsus, G, and C. The third system (measures 17-18) has chords F2, C2/E, F2, Gsus, G, and C. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

Call to Worship— Psalm 111 (Selected)

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

People: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

People: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

Leader: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

All: His praise endures forever!

Leader: O Lord, fill us with holy reverence and grant us wisdom as we worship before you today.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Across the Lands

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

1. You're the Word of God the Fa - ther, — from be - fore the world be -
(2. Yet You) left the gaze of an - gels, — came to seek and save the
(3. With a) shout You rose vic - to - rious, — wrest - ing vic - t'ry from the

4 - gan; — Ev - ry star and ev - 'ry pla - net — has been fash - ioned by Your hand. All cre -
lost, — and ex - changed the joy of heav - en — for the an - guish of a cross. With a
grave, — and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en — lead - ing cap - tives in Your wake. Now You

9 - a - tion holds to - geth - er — by the pow - er of Your voice: — Let the
prayer You fed the hung - ry, — with a word You stilled the sea. — Yet how
stand be - fore the Fa - ther — in - ter - ced - ing for Your own. — From each

13 CHORUS
G G⁶ D/F# Em G A^{sus} G
skies de - clare Your glo - ry, — let the land and seas re - joice! — You're the au - thor of cre -
si - lent - ly You suf - fered — that the guilt - y may go free. —
tribe and tongue and na - tion — You are lead - ing sin - ners home. —

18 D D/F# G A² Bm Bm/A G G/A
- a - tion, — You're the Lord of ev - 'ry man; — And Your cry of love rings

22 1, 2. Bm⁷ A D 3. Bm⁷ A D
out a - cross the lands. — 2. Yet You out a - cross the lands. —
3. With a

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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 light, my strength my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe! 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 ground, firm through the fierc - 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 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 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 stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—James 3:13-18

Wisdom from Above

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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— James 1:5-8

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Col. 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: People of God, give thanks that God for redeeming us through Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Words by Trevor Francis. Music by Thomas J. Williams. Arr. by Ryan Fogleston, Patrick Anderson, and John Martin

Em B C B Em

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus

5 G B Em Am B Em

Vast, un - meas - ured, bound - less free
 Spread his - praise - ed, shore - to shore
 Love of ev - ery love the best

9 Em B C B Em

Roll - ing as a migh - ty o - cean,
 How he lov - o - eth ev - er lov - eth,
 'Tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,

13 G B Em Am B Em

In its full - ness o - ver me,
 Chang - eth ne ha - ver, more
 'Tis a - ven sweet - ver of rest

17 G D Em B

Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
 How he watch - es o'er his loved ones,
 O the deep, Am Em Am B sus

21 Em Am B

Is the cur - rent of thy love
 Died to a heav'n of all his own
 'Tis a B C Em me

25 Em B C Em

Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward,
 How for them lifts he me ce - deth,
 And it on them lifts he me glo - ri - y

29 G B Em Am B Em

To thy glor - ious rest a - bove
 Watch eth o'er them from the throne
 For it lifts me up to thee

Commissioning of Puerto Rico Youth Team

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 (Ensemble)

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

The perfect wisdom of our God, revealed in all the universe:
All things created by His hand; and held together at His command.
He knows the mysteries of the seas, the secrets of the stars are His;
He guides the planets on their way; and turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of His ways, that mark the path of righteousness;
His word a lamp unto my feet, His Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And O the mystery of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost,
So that the fool might shame the wise, and all the glory might go to Christ!

O grant me wisdom from above, to pray for peace and cling to love,
And teach me humbly to receive, the sun and rain of Your sovereignty.
Each strand of sorrow has a place, within this tapestry of grace;
So through the trials I choose to say: "Your perfect will in Your perfect way."

Sermon

"Wisdom from God"

Proverbs 1:1-7

Sermon Series on the Book of Proverbs

Dr. Aaron Goldstein

***Song of Response**

Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise
Trinity Hymnal #38

***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

The elementary Sunday school is on hiatus to give our volunteers a little break. The adult Sunday school on Christian Spiritual Formation does NOT meet today. We will resume next Sunday.

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, Hays, Moen, Barker. Nursery: Kwong, Pysar, Bava, Williamson. CC: Waldrons, Wagberg, Kwong. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Brown. Nursery: Moen, Harlow, Williamson. CC: Steele, Goldstein.

Summer Co-Ed Bible Study on Titus: Join Pastor Polski for a Bible Study on the book of Titus. The final study will meet on **THUR.**, 7/23 at 6:15pm. Come on your own, with your spouse, or bring a friend. Anyone in Junior High and up are welcome!

Young Adult Small Group: Join us on the 4th Fri. of the month at Trinity from 6-7:30pm (childcare available). See Abby or Jackson Roberts for details.

Jr. & Sr. High will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm this summer.

Ladies, join us for a discussion of the book, *Living Life Backwards* (chpt. 4-7) at Kathy O'Neal's home on July 20 at 7pm.

Children's Ministry: Come out for **Aqua Bike Rally on Sat. July 25** from 2-6pm! See today's insert for more info. **Please note: the playdate is rescheduled for August 1.**

Volunteers Needed: We are looking for a few helpers on Sundays: Coffee, putting out snacks, and greeting at the Welcome Table. See Amy Mitchell if willing to help.

Have you ever thought about singing or playing an instrument with our church's ensemble team? You're invited to an informational meeting on Sunday, August 9, immediately following the worship service (11:00 a.m.) in the Fireplace Room. Questions: See Katie Polski.

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:

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Greeters: James Broughton (James.

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Children's Ministry: Erin Wagberg

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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

Jul. 20 Women's Book Discussion
Jul. 23 Coed Bible Study 6:15pm
Jul. 24 Young Adults Small Group
Jul. 25 Grace Carcamo's Baby Shower
Jul. 25 Aqua Bike Rally 2-6pm
Jul. 25-31 Puerto Rico Mission Trip
Aug. 1 Play Date
Aug. 2 Community Sun. Potluck Lunch
Aug. 10 Ladies Connect @ Mickie's 6:30
Aug. 11 Youth to Cards Game
Aug. 17 Women's Book Discussion
Aug. 26 Women's Bible Studies begin

Global Mission News
Featuring H & L
Partnering with MTW

Our Vision

To reach and disciple individuals in the MENA (Middle East & North Africa) region, lead them to faith in Christ, equip them to share the Gospel, and connect them to a local body where possible, thereby empowering the church.

Our Mission

Behind the Scene International “BTSI” produces biblically sound and impactful video materials through various media platforms for diverse people groups in the MENA region and trains and multiplies Christian media professionals to become effective communicators of the Gospel. The one big component of BTSI is the training schools they conduct in the region for the purpose of helping other churches and ministries to use social media in their own context.

Why "Behind The Scene?"

“Behind the Scene” is not a typo! The word “scene” is intentionally singular to refer to the singular scene which defines Christianity more than any other: the scene of the cross. For it is indeed through the lens of the cross that humanity’s dilemma is accurately diagnosed and its cure disclosed.

Kairos Academy Film School

The word “Kairos” is of Greek origin, and in Christian theology, Kairos represents divine timing or a moment when God intervenes in human affairs or when significant events occur that have lasting implications. Therefore, at Kairos Academy, we believe God sends people to the Academy at the opportune moment of their lives; when they are most receptive to the teaching and training they receive. Our goal is to provide training in mass media & communications for believers from local churches in the Arab region. All applicants must be members of a local church and recommended by a local church leader. Our training is rooted in the Christian worldview, emphasizing media arts from a Christian perspective. Since 2005 there have been 86 graduates.

Why Social Media?

Social Media is the language and medium of the age; it is the most widely used and accessible platform today, offering direct access to-and engagement with-our audience throughout the region. At BTSI, our social media presence is not an end in itself, but rather the entry-point into our follow-up and discipleship funnel-which begins with social media, narrows down into discipleship, and ultimately connects believers to the local church.

Pray for each team as they develop content, talk to people online, and disciple them. It is important for each department to understand how they work together in this process.

Pray for wisdom and guidance regarding the plans previously made to start a film school in another country.

For more information or to donate: <https://btsint.org/who-we-are/>

CATECHISM QUESTION
OF THE WEEK

Q. 39. What is the duty that God requires of mankind?

A. The duty which God requires of mankind is obedience to his revealed will.

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.



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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