



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

August 16, 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.



WORSHIPING THE GOD OF COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

(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, Michelle Sinclair, Linda Manwaring, Shirah Goldstein

Liturgist: Matt Pannkuk

Scripture Reader: Lyn Moffitt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Michael Jorgensen

Welcome and Announcements

Missions Moment

Quotes and Reflection

"Christian marriages should be built on a fundamentally different vision of personal identity and relationships than their secular counterparts. Rather than representing a contract between two ultimately independent people, Christian marriage is a covenant entered into sacrificially, within and for the benefit of the church. It is only within a committed community of faith that our intimate relationships can be properly supported and find their ultimate purpose."

— Jonathan Grant, *Divine Sex*

"There have been false teachers in the past who have said that some of these natural instincts are sinful. There have been those who have regarded the sex instinct, for instance, as inherently and essentially sinful. It is not so. It is God who put it in us as a vital part of the body. There is nothing wrong in sex. Wrong comes in when sex dominates the whole person, instead of being kept in its right position, and put to its right use."

— David Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *The New Man*, 75

"All healthy men, ancient and modern, Eastern and Western, know that there is a certain fury in sex that we cannot afford to inflame, and that a certain mystery and awe must ever surround it if we are to remain sane." — G. K. Chesterton

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Original Meaning

Avoid the Adulteress (5:1–6). The teacher warns that single-minded faithfulness can be compromised by the temptations of adultery (5:3–6). The principal contrast here is drawn between the deceptively sweet and smooth lips of the other woman and the lips of the young man that are to preserve knowledge and wisdom. She represents both the folly of adultery and all that is foreign to the way of wisdom.

Do Not Give What Is Yours to Others (5:7–14). The son is told to make his path *far* from the woman. The motivations or reasons for the charge in 5:9–14 are all negative. Death (5:5–6) is here defined as loss of strength, years, substance, and reputation, the reverse of wisdom’s benefits of long life, riches, and honor. In going after a strange woman, one that is not his own, the son could lose all that is his own to strangers.

The teacher then fast-forwards this fictional narrative to the end of the son’s life. He tells the young man he “will groan” (5:11) the way a heart groans in anguish from a sick and wasted body. Perhaps the most potent source of regret is the shame that comes to light in the last few words of 5:14.

Drink from Your Own Well (5:15–23). Just as the speech of the adulteress tasted like honey and oil that turned to bitter gall, so here drinking water becomes a metaphor for faithful sexual expression with one’s spouse. What do these various symbols of water and drinking stand for? The suggestions made by interpreters include: the pleasures of physical love, the production of offspring, the squandered seed that does not produce offspring, or the wife herself. We may take a clue from Song of Songs 4:12–15. It is even more important to take the verses as a whole. They direct the son to have physical relations with his wife alone. To take one’s intimacy to strangers is to risk losing all to strangers; to drink from one’s own well is to keep all that is one’s own, including one’s life.

Application. The portrayal of adultery in this chapter highlights not only the losses that follow this reaching out of bounds, but the lies that come before. It is no accident that the description of the other woman centers on her words, not her beauty, because she represents the lie that sexual pleasure can be enjoyed in ways it was never designed for.



Call to Worship— Psalm 119:9-16

Leader: How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

People: With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!

Leader: I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

People: Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!

All: I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Leader: Now, O Lord, fix our eyes on you, the faithful one, that we may worship you in Spirit and in truth!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD



*Songs of Adoration

O God Beyond All Praising

Words by Michael Perry. Music by Gustav Theodore Holst

A D E/B A/C# C#m D E

1. O — God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship You to -
 (2. Then) — hear, O gra - cious Sav - iour, ac - cept the love we

4 F#m C#m/E D E/B A/C# A D A A/C#

-day; And — sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay; For —
 bring, that — we who know Your fa - vour may serve You as our king and —

9 E F#m E/G# A/C# E A D D/C# Bm F#m C#m/E D

we can on - ly won - der at — ev - 'ry gift You send, at — bles - sings with - out
 wheth - er our to - mor - rows be — filled with good or ill, we'll — tri - umph through our

14 A/C# Bm A D Bm A E/G# F#m7 C#m/E D E7/B A/C# C#m

num - ber and mer - cies with - out end: We — lift our hearts be - fore — You and
 sor - rows and rise to bless You still: To — mar - vel at Your beau - ty and

19 D C#m/E F#m C#m/E D E7/B A/C# A

wait up - on Your word, we — hon - our and a - dore — You, our
 glo - ry in Your ways, and — make a joy - ful du - ty our

23 D

1. A 2. A

great and might - y Lord. 2. Then — praise.
 sac - ri - fice of

38 G2/B D/F#

chose a cri-mi-nal's end, paid with blood to set-tle our debt, bur-ied death as He rose to

CHORUS 2

43 G2 D G2 A(4)

life, be-hold Him. Je - sus, Son of God, Mes-si - ah, the Lamb, the roar-ing Li - on.
Je - sus, Al-pha and O - me - ga, our God the ris - en Sav - ior.

INSTRUMENTAL

50 G2 A(4) G2 D A(4)

4th time to Coda

BRIDGE

Oh, be still and be-hold Him. Ho-ly, ho - ly,
Oh, be still and be-hold Him.

58 G2 D A(4) G2 D

1
(repeat as desired)

ho - ly is the Lord God Al-might-y. Wor-thy, wor-thy, wor-thy to re-ceive all praise.

ENDING

65 D Coda D G2 D/A

D.S. al Coda

praise. hold Him. Be-hold Him.

*Prayer of Adoration



WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 6:12-20



Flee Sexual Immortality

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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 7:18-20

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE
AMAZING GRACE OF GOD



Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace— Rom. 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God, who delivers us from this body of death through Jesus Christ our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Jennie Wilson. Arr. by Mason Brown

Country Gospel shuffle ♩ = 75

mp

Band in; Light groove
16th shuffle

1 Verse



Time is filled with swift tran -



si - tion, naught of earth un-moved can stand; build your hopes on things e -

2 Chorus *mf*



ter - nal, hold to God's un-chang-ing hand. Hold to His hand,

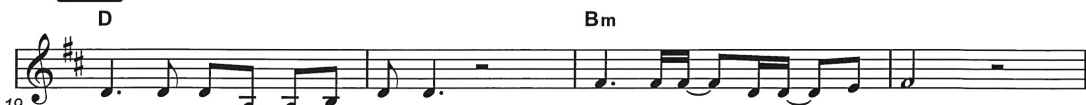


God's un-chang-ing hand. Hold to His hand, God's un-chang-ing hand.



Build your hopes on things e - ter - nal, hold to God's un-chang-ing hand.

3 Verse *mp*



Trust in Him who will not leave you, what - so - e - ver years may bring;

23 **D** **F#7** **Bm G** **D/A** **A7** **D**
 if by earth-ly friends for - sa - ken, still more close-ly to - Him cling.

41 **D/A** **A7** **D** **D**
 Co-vet not_ this world's vain ri-ches,

mf Band building
 45 **Bm** **D** **F#7 Bm G**
 that so-ra - pid-ly de - cay; seek to gain the hea-ven-ly trea - sures,

49 **D/A** **A7** **D** **D**
 they are ne - ver gon-na pass a - way.____ Hold to His hand,

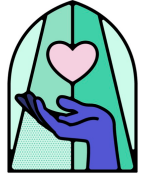
WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

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 (Please join when directed)

Lord I Need

Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, and Dan Carson

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You every hour,
I need You my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

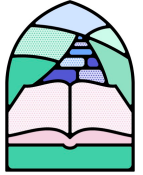
Sermon

"It's Time We Had a Talk"

Proverbs 5:1-23

Sermon Series on the Book of Proverbs

Mr. Mitchell Dixon



1. It's Time You Know (v. 1-6)

2. Here Are Your Options (v. 7-19)

a. The Way of Folly (v. 7-14)

b. The Way of Wisdom (v. 15-19)

3. It's Time to Decide (v. 20-23)

*Song of Response

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words by George Matheson. Music by Christopher Miner

Real Key

4

1. O Love that will not let me go, I
 2. O Light that fol - 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

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

6

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

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 bloss - oms red Life

10

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

*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.



FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Begins Sept. 6)

God in Action - Ruling Elders, Jim Talent & Fielding Poe (Room 110)

We will be studying our favorite episodes or chapters of the Bible, including the Lord's encounters with Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman (from John 3 and 4), Paul's wonderful letter to Philemon, God's rebuke of Sennacherib (from 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles, and Isaiah), and much more. Come and see God in action; and learn about His character from His great saving works. We love these parts of the Bible, and you will too!

How does God save sinners? The person and work of Jesus Christ- Clark Emerson (Room 111)

Jesus Christ is the center of the Christian faith, yet many of the doctrines surrounding His person and work are often misunderstood or overlooked. Who is He, and what did He accomplish? Throughout history the church has wrestled with these questions because they are essential to understanding the gospel itself. In this class we will explore what Scripture teaches about the person and work of Christ—from His incarnation and atoning work to the salvation He accomplished for His people. Along the way, we will examine the biblical foundations and historical development of these doctrines, seeking to understand not only what the church has confessed throughout the centuries, but why. Whether you are new to theology or have studied it for years, our aim is to deepen your understanding of Christ so that you trust, worship, and love Him more.

Trinity Choir - Abby Roberts & Katie Polski (Fireplace room)

The Trinity Choir begins meeting during the Sunday school hour on Sept. 6th. Together we'll learn music that helps lead our church in worship throughout the semester. Whether you're a seasoned singer or have never sung in a choir before, you're welcome. All you need 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 is on hiatus. We will return with classes for all ages on Sep. 6th. See the previous page for upcoming classes.

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: Moen, Oehlerking, Barker, Hays. Nursery: McCall, Sinclair, Manwaring, Goldstein. CC: Standerfer, Schmidts. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Brown. Nursery: Kwong, Martir, Schlitt, Polski. CC: Mitchell, Manwarings.

Women's Bible Study will meet weekly on Wednesdays beginning Aug. 26th at 9am or 6:15pm. Childcare is available for the morning study. We will be looking at the Book of Ecclesiastes this fall.

Missionary Breakfast: Aug. 29 at 9am for coffee and a time to hear from H&L, two of our missionaries serving in an undisclosed area. Their ministry helps train locals in utilizing video and social media to reach otherwise closed regions with the Gospel. See Tom Schmidt or sign up on Church Center.

Men's Bible Study will begin on Wed., Sept. 30 at 6:15pm. The men will meet on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Wed. of the month. Pastor Polski will lead a study of the Psalms.

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.

Children's Ministry Volunteers, please stay TODAY for an informative lunch.

Volunteers Needed: Please see today's insert for needs in our Children's ministry. This is a great way to connect with the younger members of our church family!

The **next Men's Breakfast** is Sat., Sep. 12th from 8-9:30am.

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

Aug. 17 Women's Book Discussion
Aug. 26 Women's Bible Studies begin
Aug. 28 Young Adult Small Group
Aug. 29 Missionary Breakfast
Sept. 6 Sunday School Resumes
Sept. 12 Men's Breakfast 8-9:30am
Sept. 13 Kingdom Kids Resumes
Sept. 19 Party on the Lawn
Oct. 3 Church Workday 9am
Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Service
Dec. 5 Christmas Craft Party
Dec. 9 Women's Wreath Event
Dec. 19 & 20 Christmas Concert

Local Mission News
Featuring Forai
Jennifer Owens, Founder

Each year **Forai** walks alongside 8-12 refugee and immigrant women on the artisan/artisan-admin team and 20-30 women who take part in community sewing classes. Forai works to foster dignity and help these women's stories be heard. We help empower them economically with income earned from their work. And Forai creates community, a space where women from different backgrounds and cultures are mutually giving and receiving.

Every purchase of artisan-made jewelry and textiles provides a fair wage and ongoing empowerment, but many women arrive at our workshop while living below the poverty line with almost no English. Donations enable us to onboard new women into our empowerment program, where they are paired with a mentor or ESL tutor. Scan these QR codes to learn how you can be part of this Circle of Hope.



through giving...



and serving...

Come See Us at our Kirkwood Store!

You'll find a beautifully curated collection, not only locally-made by Forai artisans, but also from purpose-driven brands across the US and the globe. Every product has a story to tell - stories of lives changed through programs of empowerment. Be part of the change!

211 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122

Monday Closed; Tuesday- Saturday 10AM - 5PM; Sunday Closed; (Holiday Hours will vary)

Find us at St. Louis Pop-Up Events!

- 9/5 Tower Grove Farmer's Market
- 9/19-20 Greentree Festival

We're Hiring! Know someone who would enjoy furthering the mission of Forai through serving and building relationships with the St. Louis Community? Now hiring sales associates for the Kirkwood store.

Pray! Pray for our Muslim artisans to have open hearts to the gospel. Pray for our artisans impacted but cuts to Medicaid and SNAP for those who haven't had a green card for at least 5 years.

Forai, Inc., is a faith-based, Christian 501(c)3 organization partnering with local refugee and immigrant women to enable the realization of economic, educational, and social goals through training and peer support, and by expanding market opportunities for artisans.

CATECHISM QUESTION
OF THE WEEK

Q. 41. Where is the moral law given in summary form?

A. The moral law is summarized in the Ten Commandments.

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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