



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

October 25, 2026

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF HIDDEN PROVIDENCE

(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, Debbie Highmark, Linda Manwaring, Stella Hendricks

Liturgist: Clark Emerson

Scripture Reader: Tim Moffitt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Shaun Thomason

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps."
— Proverbs 16:9

"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." — Luke 22:42

"The providence we mean is not one by which the Deity, sitting idly in heaven, looks on at what is taking place in the world, but one by which he, as it were, holds the helm, and overrules all events." — John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, I.16.4 (Beveridge translation).

"To neglect means is fanaticism and not faith. But still, when we have done all, we should remember, that though duties are ours, events are God's." — J. C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on the Gospels*, Luke 13:33.

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

When Life Is Beyond Our Control- Pastor Chris

There are few things more unsettling than discovering that we are no longer in control. A relationship begins to unravel. A carefully constructed plan falls apart. A child makes a decision that we think is in grave error. Circumstances we once managed confidently can suddenly become overwhelming.

Our instinct is often to tighten our grip. We work harder, worry more, and attempt to manage every possible outcome. Yet the more desperately we seek control, the more clearly we discover its limits.

The Christian doctrine of providence offers a better way.

Scripture teaches that God governs all things according to his wise and holy purposes. Nothing surprises him. Nothing escapes his attention. Nothing can ultimately frustrate his purposes. As Proverbs 16:9 reminds us, "The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps."

But trusting God's providence does not mean abandoning our responsibilities. We are still called to exercise wisdom, make decisions, love our neighbors, and act faithfully in the circumstances God has given us. What we must surrender is not our responsibility to act, but our insistence upon controlling the results.

This distinction is beautifully illustrated in the life of David who, as we have seen, oscillated between righteousness and selfish sinfulness throughout his entire life. When his own son Absalom rebelled against him, David faced the terrifying prospect of losing his kingdom, his family, and perhaps his life. Yet rather than desperately clinging to his throne, David entrusted his future to the Lord. He prayed, sought the welfare of others, and acted wisely when opportunities presented themselves.

Centuries later, another King would walk the same path that David did out of Jerusalem and ascend the Mount of Olives. Jesus Christ, the greater Son of David, would face betrayal, rejection, and suffering. But unlike David, Jesus suffered not for his own sins but for ours. And in the garden he prayed, "Not my will, but yours, be done."

As we gather for worship, perhaps we should ask ourselves two questions: What am I desperately trying to control that belongs in God's hands? And what has God actually entrusted to me that requires my faithful obedience?

The peace of faith is not found in knowing how everything will turn out. It is found in knowing the One who holds our future.

Song of Preparation

All Must Be Well

Mary Bowley-Peters, Matthew S. Smith

E A E

1. Through the love of God our
2. Though we pass through trib - u -
3. We ex - pect a bright to -

6 A

Sav - ior, All will be well;
la - tion, All will be well;
mor - row, All will be well;
Free and
Ours is
Faith can

9 E A

change - less is His fav - or, All is well;
such a full sal - va - tion, All is well;
sing through days of sor - row, All is well;

12 F#m B

Pre - cious is the blood that healed us, Per - fect
Hap - py still in God con - fid - ing, Fruit - ful
On our Fa - ther's love re - ly - ing, Je - sus

15 C#m A F#m

is the grace that sealed us, Strong the hand stretched forth to
if in Christ a - bid - ing, Stead - fast through the Spir - it's
ev - 'ry need sup - ply - ing, Yes in liv - ing and in

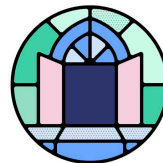
18 B

shield us, All must be well.
guid - ing, All must be well.
dy - ing, All must be well.

1, 2.
E

2. Though we
3. We ex

Call to Worship— Psalm 93 (Selected)



Leader: The LORD reigns;

People: He is robed in majesty;

Leader: The LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

People: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

All: Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

Leader: Oh Lord, fill our hearts with joyful wonder as we enter into your courts today to proclaim our praise.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Trinity Hymnal #92



Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge. Arr. by Joe Brownlee

$\text{♩} = 73$ **C** **VERSE** **Em** **C** **Em**

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered ev - ery grain of sand?
 2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

5 **C** **Em** **C**

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om
 God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior,

8 **Em⁷** **G** **CHORUS** **C** **G/B** **Am** **F**

ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a -
 all his won - drous deeds?
 ris - en now to reign!

13 **C** **G** **C** **G/B** **Am** **F** **C** **G** **C**

dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him!

19 **Em** **C** **Em** **2. F²** **Em** **F²** **G** **3. C** **FINE**

Him! Him!

BRIDGE **C** **F/C** **C** **F/C** **Am⁷**

Men: You will reign for - ev - er. You will reign for - ev - er. You will reign for -
 Women: Let Your glo - ry fill the earth. Let Your glo - ry fill the earth. Let Your

F **Am⁷** **F**

ev - er. You will reign for - ev - er.
 glo - ry fill the earth. Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.

C **F** **Am⁷** **F** **DS**

You will reign for - ev - er. You will reign for - ev - er. Be
 Let Your glo - ry fill the earth. Let Your glo - ry fill,

*Prayer of Adoration



WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:25-34

Do Not Be Anxious

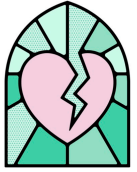
"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

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— Psalm 73:1-3

Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE
AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace— Rom. 8:31-32

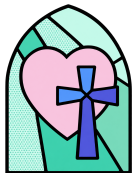
What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Leader: Christians, give thanks to God for His abundant grace!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!



*Song of Rejoicing

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Words by Charles Wesley. Music by Kevin Twit

G C Am D

A - rise my soul, a - rise shake off your guilt - y fears;
 He ev - er lives a - bove for me to in - ter-cede,
 Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry
 My God is re - con - ciled his pard - ning voice I hear;

5 G C Am D

the bleed - ing sac - ri - fice on my be - half ap - pears
 his all - re - deem - ing love his prec - ious blood to plead
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers they strong - ly plead for me
 he owns me for his child I can no long - er fear;

9 C G D/F# Em D C

be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands
 his blood a - toned for ev - ry race his blood a - toned for ev - ry race
 for - give him, o for - give they cry for - give him, o for - give they cry
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh

13 C D G C D

my name is writ - ten on his hands
 and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
 don't let that ran - somed sin - ner die!
 and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

17 G C D C

Men: A - rise A - rise A - rise, a - rise a - rise, *Unison:* A - rise my soul a - rise
Women: A - rise A - rise a - rise a - rise a - rise a - rise my soul a - rise

21 G C D C Am

A - rise A - rise a - rise a - rise a - rise A - rise my soul a - rise

25 Am C D G C D

shake off your guilt - y fears and rise

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

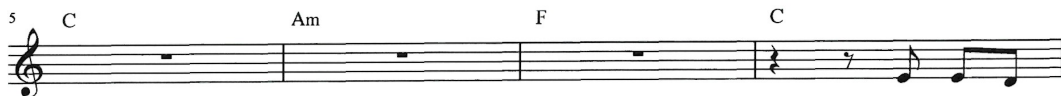
If you would like to give your tithe online, scan your camera phone here:



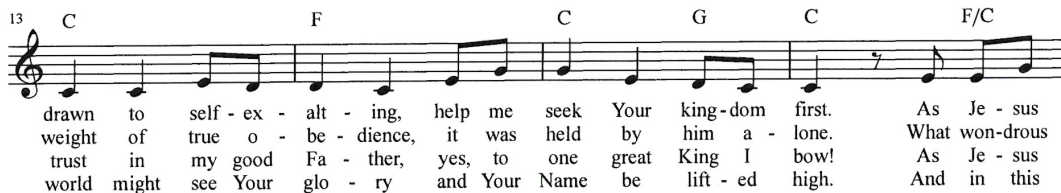
Offertory Song (please join in on vs. 2)

Your Will Be Done

Words and Music by Rich Thompson and Jonny Robinson



1. Your will be
(2. How in that)
(3. When I am)
(4. As we go)



17  C F C Am G



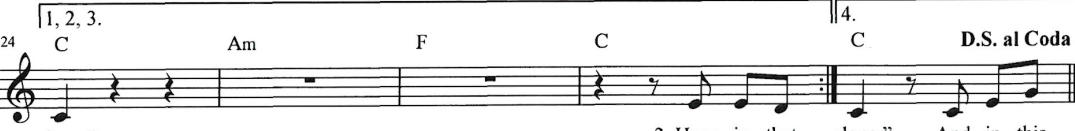
walked, so I shall walk held by Your same un - chang - ing love. Be still my
 faith to bear that cross! To bear my sin, what won-drous love! My hope was
 rose, so I shall rise in ran-somed glo - ry at the throne. My heart re -
 Name we o - ver - come, for You shall see us safe - ly home. Now as Your

21 C F C F C G **To Coda** 



soul, O lift your voice and pray, }
 sure when there my Sav - iour prayed: } "Fa - ther, not my will, but Yours be
 stored with all your saints I sing: }
 church, we lift our voice and pray: }

24 1, 2, 3. 4. **D.S. al Coda**



done."

2. How in that done." And in this
 3. When I am
 4. As we go

CODA

29 Am C/G F C G Am C/G



done. Fa - ther, not my will, but Yours be done. Fa - ther,

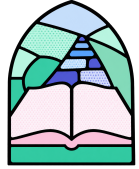
32 F C G C Am



not my will, but Yours be done.

Sermon

"Relinquishing Control"
2 Samuel 15:13-37
Sermon Series, 2 Samuel
Rev. Dr. Chris Polski



*Song of Response

It Is Well with My Soul
Trinity Hymnal #691

***Benediction** *If you would like a time of prayer with one of our elders,*



FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 class for all ages meet today. See previous page for info on the 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: Schaffer, Thomason, Schlitt, Roberts. Nursery: McCall, Highmark, Manwaring, Hendricks. SS: Broughton. CC: Mitchell, Hendricks. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Heintz, Standerfer, Smith. Nursery: Goldstein, Williamsons, Davis. SS: Emerson. CC: Emersons.

Women's Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesdays at 9am or 6:15pm. Childcare is available for the morning study. We are studying the Book of Ecclesiastes this fall.

Men's Bible Study: NO study this week (1st, 2nd, & 3rd Wed. of the month) at 6:15pm.

20th Anniversary Celebration: Join us as we celebrate 20 years of God's faithfulness to Trinity Church. On Thur., **Nov. 5th** from **6-7:30pm**, we will enjoy a catered dinner, testimonies, a special video of Trinity memories, and more! **Registration is required** for this event.

Please see today's insert about **volunteer sign ups for our annual Christmas Craft Party**. This event takes MANY hands! You can sign up at the table in the narthex or on Church Center.

Join us for a **special concert by W Mark Akin** at Trinity on November 8th at 2pm. While you may see him playing guitar for worship, you may not know that Mark is an award-winning classical guitarist. You won't want to miss this special event! No sign up needed.

Are you **interested in becoming a member of Trinity** or want to learn more about our ministries and the PCA? Sign up for our next Trinity Connect class on Fri., evening, Nov. 20th and Sat., morning, Nov. 21st. Child care is available when you **register using the QR code to the right**.

Men's Breakfast: Sat., Nov. 14 from 8-9:30am. Let Kyle Roberts know you are coming or sign up in Church Center.

Volunteers are needed for the Nov. Robinson Food Pantry on 11/23. Sign up using the QR code to right.

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

Nov. 5 20th Anniversary Dinner

Nov. 8 Mark Akin Concert 2pm

Nov. 12 Ladies Connect

Nov. 14 Men's Breakfast

Nov. 15 Baby Shower for Mychal Powell

Nov. 20 & 21 New Member's Class

Nov. 23 Robinson Food Pantry

Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Service

Nov. 28 Church Christmas Decorating

Dec. 5 Christmas Craft Party

Dec. 6 Annual Congregational Mtg.

Dec. 9 Women's Wreath Event

Dec. 19 & 20 Christmas Concert

Global Mission News
Featuring Meghan Rintoul,
Campus Outreach
Serving in Birmingham, UK

Meghan Rintoul is a Kirkwood native that has been serving with Campus Outreach in Birmingham, UK since August 2023. The ministry desires to see college student reached with the good news of the Gospel. Campus Outreach seeks to glorify God by building laborers, on campus, for the lost world.

Meghan currently serves as the Operations Director to the Executive Director of the ministry. She helps to build systems and structures to advance the ministry there in the UK and Europe. Alongside this she spends time at the University of Birmingham where she and the staff team seek to build relationships with students through participating in workout classes, societies, and other university events.

Please Pray!

Please pray for our team here in Birmingham. We are about to enter a season of significant transition. Two families of our team are transitioning off the field and back to the US. Pray for myself and our team as we grieve the loss of deep friendships leaving and fill leadership gaps in their absence.

Pray for the start of our University of Birmingham staff teams first "Supper Club" on October 26th. Pray that many christian students would invite their non-christian friends as well as the students our staff have met on campus. Would it be a time of community building and a way into Gospel conversations with students.

Pray for continual favor with the UK government. Over the past few months I have been working on getting Campus Outreach set up as an official charity in the UK and we are seeking visa sponsorship through it. Pray that it would be granted and God would help us to build a sustainable organization that benefits Birmingham and the UK for years to come!

Pray that I would cling to the Lord through prayer and that he would give me James 3 wisdom!



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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