



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

September 1, 2019

Visiting with us today?

We are glad you are here! We would love to reach out to you (not in a nagging way) this week. Please fill out a card in the seat pockets and place in the offering basket or hand to an usher or pastor, or text your name to: **314-384-2444**.

We are happy your little ones are here too. They are welcome throughout the worship service, but if you prefer we offer:

- Nursery care for children 6 weeks through pre-school age.
- Children's Church gathers in the 1st & 2nd gr. classroom (room 111) during the offering for ages 4yrs through 2nd grade (and stays there for the remainder of the service).
- The worship service is streamed to the Fireplace Room for nursing moms.

If you are not able to find seats in the sanctuary, overflow is set up in the Youth Room.

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WORSHIPING THE GOD OF OVERWHELMING MERCY

Liturgist: Rev. Nate Taylor

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Duncan Highmark

Scripture Reader: Tom Schmidt

Quotes and Reflections

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. — Hebrews 4:12-13

“All the compassions of all the tender fathers in the world compared with the tender mercies of our God would be but as a candle to the sun or a drop to the ocean.” — Matthew Henry

“Repentance is a tear in the eye of faith.” — D.L. Moody

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Reflect quietly and prayerfully on these words as we prepare to enter into worship.

A summary of the five reasons Dr. John Piper trusts the bible as the inerrant and authoritative word of God from a talk given at the Resurgence Conference in 2008.

1. I have met Jesus in the gospel and his self-authenticating glory has won my admiration and my allegiance and my trust.

I met him in the Gospel. Picture the dead and blind heart. Christ and the cross and sin are boring and foolish and a stumbling block. Then the word of God, the gospel comes empowered by the Spirit and touches the heart. It awakens to see the very thing that the word carries, the news about Jesus Christ.

2. Paul's witness to Jesus wins my trust.

I turn to Paul as a contemporary witness to Jesus who more than any other witness in the New Testament lets us see into his own soul and ministry. I do this because when I need to credit someone, I need to know him. Paul's witness to Jesus wins my trust. He does not sound like a lunatic or a liar. His story rings true. It coheres with the self-authenticating Christ that I met in the gospel.

3. Christ believed in the inspiration of the Old Testament.

With my knowledge of Christ and his will and his vision of the world expanded by the witness of Paul, I turn to the gospels to listen to their witness to Christ and to hear his own words in their witness, and I find there the same self-authenticating Christ who won my allegiance in the gospel and in Paul. And I find that this Christ vindicated his own life and ministry on the basis of the truth and authority of the Old Testament. So, through him I yield to the inspiration of the Old Testament and approach it with my heart open to hear God through it.

4. What is "the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God"?

When the answer says that the Scriptures manifest themselves to be the word of God "by the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God," it is linking up with something in us that we know immediately from our own created existence in the world (unless we suppress it as Romans 1:18) -- that all glory belongs to God not us, and that we are guilty before him for not giving him this glory, and that the only hope of salvation will be by the initiative of this God to preserve his glory while finding a way to forgive our sins.

5. How is the Holy Spirit "able fully to persuade [the heart of man] that [the Scriptures] are the very word of God?"

John Calvin on the internal testimony of the Spirit and the problem with relying on the Church to decide what is the Word of God:

"A most pernicious error widely prevails that Scripture has only so much weight as is conceded to it by the consent of the Church. As if the eternal and inviolable truth of God depended upon the decision of men! . . . Yet, if this is so, what will happen to miserable consciences seeking firm assurance of eternal life if all promises of it consist in and depend solely upon the judgment of men?" (*Institutes*, I, vii, 1)

Song of Preparation

Shout To The Lord

Words and Music by Darlene Zschech

$\text{♩} = 76$

A E F#m E

My Je - sus, my Sav - iour, Lord, there is none ___ like ___ You; ___

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

___ All of my days ___ I want to praise ___ the won - ders of Your

7 G D/F# Esus E D/E A E/G#

might - y love. My com - fort, my shel - ter,

11 F#m E D

Tow - er of ref - uge and strength; ___ Let ev - 'ry breath, ___

13 A/C# D A/E F#m G D/F# Esus E

___ all that I am, ___ nev - er cease to wor - ship You. ___

17 A F#m D D/E E

Shout to the Lord, ___ all the earth, ___ let us sing. ___



The image shows a musical score for the song 'Shout To The Lord' by Darlene Zschech. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 76. The score consists of six staves of music, each with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: 'My Je - sus, my Sav - iour, Lord, there is none ___ like ___ You; ___ All of my days ___ I want to praise ___ the won - ders of Your might - y love. My com - fort, my shel - ter, Tow - er of ref - uge and strength; ___ Let ev - 'ry breath, ___ all that I am, ___ nev - er cease to wor - ship You. ___ Shout to the Lord, ___ all the earth, ___ let us sing. ___' The chords used are: A, E, F#m, D, A/C#, G, D/F#, Esus, A, E, D/E, A, E/G#, F#m, D, D/E, E.



19 A F#m D Esus E
Pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise_____ to the King_____

21 F#m D
Moun - tains bow down_____ and the seas_____ will roar_____ at the

23 E F#m E/G# A F#m
sound_____ of Your name_____ I sing for joy_____ at the work_____

26 D D/E E A F#m
_____ of Your hands,_____ for - ev - er I'll love_____ You, for - ev -

28 D Esus E F#m
er I'll stand,_____ noth - ing com - pares_____ to the prom -

30 D D/E E A
ise I have_____ in_____ You._____

***Call to Worship—Psalm 81 (selected)**

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength;

People: In distress you called, and I delivered you;

Leader: I answered you in the secret place of thunder;

People: I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Leader: Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

All: We will raise a song and sound the tambourine...We will shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Song of Adoration**

And Can It Be That I Should Gain
Trinity Hymnal #455

***Prayer of Adoration**

"We adore the Lord because He is the highest and greatest and most perfect being in existence." — Anon.

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Hebrews 13:1-8

Walking in Faith

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever... Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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—Luke 14:7-11

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

"True repentance has a double aspect; it looks upon things past with a weeping eye, and upon the future with a watchful eye." — Robert South

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Romans 4:7-8

Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for covering our sin!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you

***Song of Pardon**

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

Trinity Hymnal #253

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church in the 1st/2nd grade classroom.)

Sermon

"Go and Sin No More!"

John 7:53-8:11

Rev. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

O The Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus

Words by Samuel Trevor Francis. Music by Thomas J. Williams

Em B C B Em

1.0 the deep, deep love of Je - sus
 2.0 the deep, deep love of Je - sus
 3.0 the deep, deep love of Je - sus

5 G B Em Am B Em

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

9 Em B C B Em

Roll - ing as a might - ty o - cean,
 How he lov - er - eth, 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 - ver, more
 'Tis a ha - ven sweet 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, deep love of Je - sus

21 Em Am Am B

Is the cur - rent them of thy love
 Died to call them of all his own
 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me

25 Em

Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward,
 How for he lifts up to - ce - deith,
 And it them me in ter - glo - 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

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—Matthew 26:26—29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

Please remain seated and hold the elements until instructed to partake together.

(Please note: Grape juice is in the grape-tinted cups in the outer ring. Wine is in the clear cups. If the tray is out of grape juice, raise your hand and an elder will bring it to you.)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

Abide with Me

Words and Music by Travis Cottrell, Jeff Pardo, and Michael Farren

When You abide with me, I fear no foe. No bitter tears could ever shake my soul.

Though arrows fly, though terror reigns, I will not fear for You abide with me.

When You abide with me, my worries bow. You are my comforter in ev'ry hour.

Though sorrows rise like raging seas, I will not fear for You abide with me.

Never forsaken, my strength will ever be found in the hope that's taken hold of me.

Through light and darkness, my soul will sing; for You abide with me.

When You abide with me, my heart finds rest, my life is hidden in Your righteousness.

Hell has no pow'r; death has no sting, and I will not fear for You abide with me.

When You abide with me, I overcome. Through flood and fire, the victory's won.

I stand secure in joy and peace, forever Yours for You abide with me.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Doxology

Trinity Hymnal #731

*Benediction

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Class — Hot Topics (Sanctuary)

Join us on September 8 and 15 as we wrap up our Sunday school series on Biblical Sexuality with two panels that will be available to our congregation to respond to our questions. On September 8 we will have Aaron Goldstein (Instructor in Biblical Languages at Covenant Seminary) and Dr. Robbie Griggs (Professor of Systematic Theology at Covenant) to help us work through biblical textual and theological issues that touch on same sex attraction. Then on September 15 we will have Sean Maney and Kyle Keating to help us process a number of the most important pastoral issues. Sean directs FirstLight Ministries which offers guidance and counsel to individuals struggling with sexual brokenness. Kyle is a Ruling Elder at South City Church (PCA) and a person who has dealt with same sex attraction in his own life, but who is now married with children.

Children/Youth Sunday School

Classes

Teachers

Pre K & K

Jessica Doiron, Michelle Goldstein, Melissa Jorgensen, Melissa Kocher

1st & 2nd grade

Mimi Steele, Sue Freeman, Beth Kling, Janice Koch

3rd, 4th & 5th grade

Gary & Patty Peterson, Bill & Laurel Elzinga, Scott & Amy Mitchell

Jr. & Sr. High

Ben & Elisa Tharp

Jr. High Foundations

The Foundations class is designed for students to study the major framework of scripture, foundational books of the Bible, and key reformed theological principles. Join us this Fall as we study the framework of God's Word (creation, fall, redemption, and restoration) and how it relates to the world we live in today.

Sr. High Formations

The Formations class is designed for the spiritual formation of students as they become more like Christ. They will primarily study books of the Old & New Testament that focus on the Christian Life, as well as key theological doctrines and figures. Join us this Fall for our class going through the book of Acts as we learn about the importance of God's Church.

These are just announcement highlights. If you'd like to know more about Trinity, connect with us in one of the following ways...

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Worship and General Church Information

- **Sunday school for all ages meets today.** The adults will meet in the sanctuary.
- **Volunteers next week:** Nursery: Please check your email this week for the new schedule. Ushers: Roberts, O'Neal, Lackey, Maglione.
- **Small Groups** will be kicking off in a few weeks. This is a great way to get plugged in and fellowship with others. **Sign-up lists are in the hallway.** Contact Pastor Nate with questions.
- **Men's Night** this Wed. at 8pm at Chris Freeman's home.
- **Moms' Night this Friday** at 7:30pm at Erin Taylor's. Please RSVP to Erin.
- **Prayer Gathering** this Friday at 7:30am.
- **Women's Bible Study** books and sign ups are on the hall table. The evening group meets twice a month at 7pm (next gathering is Sept. 10th) at Melissa Jorgensen's home. The morning group will meet weekly at 9am at Trinity. Childcare is available for Wed. mornings.
- **Calling all singers!** We need YOUR voices for our choral ensemble which will be singing during the service on Sun., Sept. 15th. No experience necessary to join this group, and we'd love to have many voices. There will be **TWO rehearsals: Wed., Sept. 4th and 11th from 6-7pm**, both at Trinity church. If you are planning to sing, or have questions, please contact Katie Polski.
- **Scripture Readers needed.** Please see sign up sheet on the hall table.
- **Parents:** We would greatly appreciate it if you would help us care for our instruments and sound equipment by **not allowing your children on the stage or to play with the instruments.**
- **Trinity Kid's Connect (membership class)** will take place on **Sept. 14th from 9-11:30am at Trinity.** If you have a child reading age through 5th grade, who is interested in becoming a communing member of Trinity, please contact Pastor Nate or Pastor Ben.
- Mark your Calendars for Trinity's annual **Party on the Lawn, Sat., September 28th** at 5pm. Bring your friends and family for a free food, live entertainment, games, and more!

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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