

Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut

Biblical, Traditional, Congregational

Lord's Day Worship for
December 29, 2024



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"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." - James 1:2-4

*** = Please stand if you are able.*

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Call to Worship – James 5:7-11

Leader: Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord.

People: See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.

Leader: You also, be patient.

People: Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Leader: Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged;

People: Behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

Leader: As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

People: Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast.

Leader: You have heard of the steadfastness of Job,

People: And you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Gospel Absolution Texts

Psalm 103:8, 10-12 – *The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

***Hymn #4** (red hymnal) – "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

Scripture Readings – Job 1:1-5; 1:13-2:10

Ancient Creedal Reading – Apostles Creed (pg#845 in the red hymnal)

Offerings Presented

[Please put your tithe/offering in the plates before or after the service – Thank you!]

[Gifts labeled “Deacon’s Fund go to aid those in need in the congregation.]

***Doxology #731** (red hymnal)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #162** (red hymnal) – “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Prayers of the Church & Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Reformation Creedal Reading – Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A #1

Leader: Question: *What is your only comfort in life and death?*

People: **That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Ministry of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

***Sermon Text** – Job 1:6-12

***Gloria Patri #735** (red hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Sermon – “God’s Purpose in Suffering: The Testing of Your Faith”

***Hymn #629** (red hymnal) – “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

***Benediction** – John 14:27

All are welcome for Fellowship & Food downstairs after Worship

Announcements

- There will be **no Sunday School** on **January 5th**.
Church will start at the usual 10:30 AM and there will be Coffee Hour.
- **Tuesday Morning Study** is done for the year – It will return on **January 14th**.
- **Wednesday Evening Study** is done for the year – It will return on **January 15th**.
- Pastor Doug will be on vacation from December 23rd through January 6th.

Upcoming Events

- There will be a **TRC Game Night** on January 24th at 6:30 PM at Tanja's parents house at 409 Oak Avenue, Torrington (with a snow date at Jan 31st).
- Sledding in February?
- There will be a **Ladies Bingo & Pot-Luck Supper Night** on Friday, March 28th at 6:00 PM (with a snow date of Friday, April 4th) at the Gabelmanns' pool-house. All adult ladies are welcome!
- Easter is on April 20th.

Regular Weekly Events

<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 – c.10:00 AM	Sunday School (Returns on January 12 th) Children's curriculum: KVB Publications Women's Study: Baucham's <u>Expository Apologetics</u> Adult Study: Westminster Larger Catechism
	10:30 – c.11:40 AM c.11:40 AM	Worship (Lord's Supper on the 1 st Sunday of the month) Coffee Hour Fellowship
<i>Tuesday</i>	10:30 AM – Noon	Tuesday Study (Evangelism in Acts) at Pastor Doug's house (Returns on January 14 th)
<i>Wednesday</i>	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Wednesday Study (on Exodus) at Pastor Doug's house (Returns on January 15 th)
<i>Friday</i>	6:30 - ??? PM	Young Adult Discussion Group at Pastor Doug's house (1 st & 3 rd Fridays) (Returns on January 17 th)
<i>Saturday</i>	morning	Prayer Group at the Gabelmann's. (Please call Sheryl to confirm if the group is meeting that day, 860-309-7250.)

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Worship Starts At: 10:30 AM (9:30 AM in the summer)

Sunday Worship At: Winchester Grange (100 Newfield Rd; Winchester Center, CT 06098)

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ONLINE RESOURCES

TRC's Webpage: TrinityReformedCT.org
TRC's Facebook Page: facebook.com/people/Trinity-Reformed-Church/61554974150922/
TRC's Youtube Channel: youtube.com/@TrinityReformedCT
Pastor Doug's youtube.com/simplyreformed
Youtube Channels: youtube.com/@PilgrimsofPlunder

INTERNET PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer requests for our prayer chain, please email them to Donna Ensminger at: **trcnwprayer@gmail.com**. (If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, also see Donna.)

LEADERSHIP

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