

Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut

Biblical, Traditional, Congregational

Lord's Day Worship for
January 5, 2025

"But he knows the way that I take;
when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold." – Job 23:10



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“*” = *Please stand if you are able.*

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Call to Worship – Romans 5:1-5

Leader: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,

People: We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand,

People: And we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Leader: Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings,

People: Knowing that suffering produces endurance,

Leader: And endurance produces character,

People: And character produces hope,

Leader: And hope does not put us to shame,

People: Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Gospel Absolution Text – 1 John 2:1-2

"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

***Hymn #2** (red hymnal) – “O Worship the King”

Scripture Reading – Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 3:7-11

Ancient Creedal Reading – Nicene Creed (pg#846 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 #128** (red hymnal) – “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

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 27 and 28

Leader: What do you understand by the providence of God?

People: The almighty and ever-present power of God by which He upholds, as with His hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by His fatherly hand.

Leader: What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?

People: We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future, we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from His love, for all creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will, they cannot so much as move.

Ministry of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

***Sermon Text** – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

***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 Nobility of Suffering”

Ministry of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation & Warning

Prayer

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Partaking of the Bread and then the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn #625** (red hymnal) – “Tell Me the Old, Old Story”

***Benediction** – Number 6:24-26

All are welcome for Fellowship & Food downstairs after Worship

Announcements

- **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**.

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.)

Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut

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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Music Coordinator: Cindy Rines

Clerk: Sheryl Gabelmann

Treasurer: Cindy Rines
