

Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut

Biblical, Traditional, Congregational

Lord's Day Worship for
February 9, 2025
(Snow Storm Edition)



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*"I am a stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your commandments from me."
– Psalm 119:19*

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Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Call to Worship – John 14:16-27

- 16 “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;
- 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.
- 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
- 19 After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also.
- 20 In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.
- 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”
- 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?”
- 23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.
- 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.
- 25 These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you.
- 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.
- 27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.”

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Gospel Absolution Texts – Ephesians 2:12-13

- 12 remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
- 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

*Hymn #334 (red hymnal) – “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” John 20:22

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til my will is one with thine, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Edwin Hatch, 1878

TRENTHAM S.M.
Robert Jackson, 1888

Scripture Reading – Psalm 10

- 1 Why do You stand afar off, O LORD? Why do You hide Yourself in times of trouble?
- 2 In pride the wicked hotly pursue the afflicted; Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.
- 3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire, and the greedy man curses and spurns the LORD.
- 4 The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance, does not seek Him. All his thoughts are, "There is no God."
- 5 His ways prosper at all times; Your judgments are on high, out of his sight; As for all his adversaries, he snorts at them.
- 6 He says to himself, "I will not be moved; Throughout all generations I will not be in adversity."
- 7 His mouth is full of curses and deceit and oppression; Under his tongue is mischief and wickedness.
- 8 He sits in the lurking places of the villages; In the hiding places he kills the innocent; His eyes stealthily watch for the unfortunate.
- 9 He lurks in a hiding place as a lion in his lair; He lurks to catch the afflicted; He catches the afflicted when he draws him into his net.
- 10 He crouches, he bows down, and the unfortunate fall by his mighty ones.
- 11 He says to himself, "God has forgotten; He has hidden His face; He will never see it."
- 12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand. Do not forget the afflicted.
- 13 Why has the wicked spurned God? He has said to himself, "You will not require it."
- 14 You have seen it, for You have beheld mischief and vexation to take it into Your hand. The unfortunate commits himself to You; You have been the helper of the orphan.
- 15 Break the arm of the wicked and the evildoer, seek out his wickedness until You find none.
- 16 The LORD is King forever and ever; Nations have perished from His land.
- 17 O LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear
- 18 To vindicate the orphan and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth will no longer cause terror.

Ancient Creedal Reading – Apostle Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 – Westminster Larger Catechism, Q144.

Question: What are the duties required in the ninth commandment (which is “*Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor*”)?

Answer: The duties required in the ninth commandment are, the preserving and promoting of truth between man and man, (Zech 8:16) and the good name of our neighbour, as well as our own; (3John 12) appearing and standing for the truth; (Prov 31:8-9) and from the heart, (Ps 15:2) sincerely, (2Chr 19:9) freely, (1Sam 19:4-5) clearly, (Josh 7:19) and fully, (2Sam 14:18-20) speaking the truth, and only the truth, in matters of judgment and justice, (Lev 19:15; Prov 14:5,25) and in all other things whatsoever; (2Cor 1:17-18; Eph 4:25) a charitable esteem of our neighbours; (Heb 6:9; 1Cor 13:7) loving, desiring, and rejoicing in their good name; (Rom 1:8; 2John 4; 3John 3-4) sorrowing for, (2Cor 2:4; 12:21) and covering of their infirmities; (Prov 17:9; 1Pet 4:8) freely acknowledging of their gifts and graces, (1Cor 1:4-5,7; 2Tim 1:4-5) defending their innocency; (1Sam 22:14) a ready receiving of a good report, (1Cor 13:6-7) and unwillingness to admit of an evil report, (Ps 15:3) concerning them; discouraging tale-bearers, (Prov 25:23) flatterers, (Prov 26:24-25) and slanderers; (Ps 101:5) love and care of our own good name, and defending it when need requireth; (Prov 22:1; John 8:49) keeping of lawful promises; (Ps 15:4) studying and practicing of whatsoever things are true, honest, lovely, and of good report. (Phil 4:8)

Prayer of Illumination

Biblical Text – Exodus 22:21-24

- 21 You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.
- 22 You shall not afflict any widow or orphan.
- 23 If you afflict him at all, and if he does cry out to Me, I will surely hear his cry;
- 24 and My anger will be kindled, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.

Message – “Extreme Balance”

Amazing Grace!

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Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?
1 Chron. 17:16

The musical score is written in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: G, D7, Em, C, G, D7, G. The second system also has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp and a 3/4 time signature. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, G, Em, G, D7, G. The lyrics are printed below the melody lines.

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom- ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

*Benediction— Jude 24-25

- 24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,
25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Announcements

- This **Tuesday's Bible Study** is canceled.
- **New Members Classes** will start soon. If you are interested in joining the church, or have questions, please contact Pastor Doug.
- As of now, **Wednesday Study** will begin at the standard time of **6:30 PM**.

Upcoming Events

- 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 Children's curriculum: KVB Publications Women's Study: Baucham's <u>Expository Apologetics</u> Adult Study: Westminster Larger Catechism Worship (Lord's Supper on the 1 st Sunday of the month) Coffee Hour Fellowship
	10:30 – c.11:40 AM c.11:40 AM	
<i>Tuesday</i>	10:30 AM – Noon	Tuesday Study (Evangelism in Acts) at Pastor Doug's house
<i>Wednesday</i>	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Wednesday Study (on Exodus) at Pastor Doug's house Gen Alpha Club (on 1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays)
<i>Friday</i>	6:30 - ??? PM	Young Adult Discussion Group at Pastor Doug's house (1 st & 3 rd Fridays)
<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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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.)

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