

Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut

Biblical, Traditional, Congregational

Lord's Day Worship for
February 16, 2025
(Snow Storm Edition)

*"Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."
- 1Corinthians 16:13*



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Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Call to Worship – Hebrews 10:35-11:3; 12:1-3

- 35 Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.
- 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.
- 37 For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay.
- 38 But My righteous one shall live by faith; And if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him.
- 39 But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.
- 1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- 2 For by it the men of old gained approval.
- 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible . . .
- 1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- 3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Gospel Absolution Texts – Ephesians 2:8-9

- 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;
- 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Hymn #353 – "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells. Ps. 26:8

1. I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
 2. I love thy church, O God: her walls be - fore thee stand,
 3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers as - cend:
 4. Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heav'n - ly ways,

the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
 dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
 to her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.
 her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

5. Jesus, thou Friend divine,
 our Savior and our King,
 thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe
 shall great deliv'rance bring.

6. Sure as thy truth shall last,
 to Zion shall be giv'n
 the brightest glories earth can yield,
 and brighter bliss of heav'n.

Scripture Reading – Ephesians 1:13-21

- 13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation
 –having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,
 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's
 own possession, to the praise of His glory.
 15 For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among
 you and your love for all the saints,
 16 do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers;
 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit
 of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.
 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is
 the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,
 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in
 accordance with the working of the strength of His might

- 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,
21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

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, Q72.

Question: *What is justifying faith?*

Answer: Justifying faith is a saving grace, (Heb 10:39) wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit (2Cor 4:13; Eph 1:17-19) and word of God, (Rom 10:14-17) whereby he, being convinced of his sin and misery, and of the disability in himself and all other creatures to recover him out of his lost condition, (Acts 2:37; 4:12; 16:30; John 16:8-9; Rom 5:6; Eph 2:1) not only assenteth to the truth of the promise of the gospel, (Eph 1:13) but received and rested upon Christ and his righteousness, therein held forth, for pardon of sin, (John 1:12; Acts 10:43; 16:31) and for the accepting and accounting of his person righteous in the sight of God for salvation. (Phil 3:9; Acts 15:11)

Prayer of Illumination

Biblical Text – Matthew 8:4-13

- 5 And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, imploring Him,
6 and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, fearfully tormented."
7 Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."
8 But the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed.
9 For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it."
10 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled and said to those who were following, "Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel.
11 I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven;
12 but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."
13 And Jesus said to the centurion, "Go; it shall be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed that very moment.

Gloria Patri #735

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.

Message – “Biblical Faith”

Hymn #645 – “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

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Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

The love of Christ ... that surpasses knowledge. Eph. 3:18, 19

1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee with sweet-ness fills my breast;
2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mem - 'ry find,
3. O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite heart, O Joy of all the meek,
4. But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show:
5. Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;

but sweet - er far thy face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.
a sweet - er sound than thy blest name, O Sav - ior of man - kind.
• to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
the love of Je - sus, what it is none but his loved ones know.
Je - sus, be thou our glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

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

- **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

- 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
	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
<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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<i>TRC's Youtube Channel:</i>	youtube.com/@TrinityReformedCT
<i>Pastor Doug's</i>	youtube.com/simplyreformed
<i>Youtube Channels:</i>	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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