

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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The Lord's Day

Christmas Sunday

December 31st, 2017 • 10:45 am

Trinity Fellowship Church exists to glorify God by equipping a community of believers to worship God and be witnesses of Him in Central Arkansas and to the ends of the earth.

◀ PARAMETERS ▶

Liturgical colors have an instructional purpose and point us to the life of Christ and the great acts of redemptive history.

These colored hangings, called paraments, are seen on the pulpit, communion table, and baptismal font.

White represents purity. It is displayed for festivals of the Lord Jesus, primarily used in celebrating Christmas and Easter.

Greeters and Ushers	Date	Nursery Volunteer
Nick Sartain <i>and</i> Aiden Sartain	12/31	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Glenn VanEnk <i>and</i> AJ VanEnk	01/07	Rae Belle Sartain
Josh Childress <i>and</i> Jim Gilchrist	01/14	Jenna Vos
Leo Jones <i>and</i> Ed Sartain	01/21	Aaliyah Sartain <i>and</i> Kylie Sartain

Celebration of Worship

The Greeting and Announcements

Announcements can be found on page 14.

The Prelude

*During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation
for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary.
(Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)*

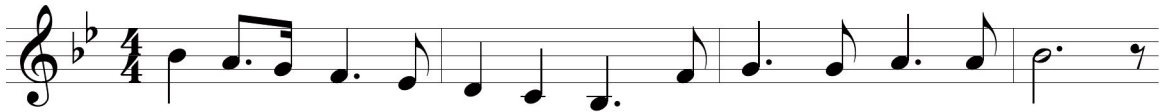
✠ The Call to Worship

from Psalm 98

Leader: *Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.*

† The Hymn of Praise

Joy to the World!
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1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re - ceive her King;
2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em - ploy;
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the ground;
4. He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions prove



Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room And heav'n and na - ture sing,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy,
He comes to make His bless - ings flow Far as the curse is found,
The glo - ries of His right - eous - ness, And won - ders of His love,



And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
And won - ders of His love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

† The Prayer of Invocation

The Exhortation from Scripture

James 4:13–17

Leader: *Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.*

The Hymn of Approach

All Glory Be to Christ
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1. Should noth - ing of our ef - forts stand, no leg - a - cy sur - vive;
2. His will be done, His king - dom come, on earth as is a - bove;
3. When on the day the great I Am, the Faith - ful and the True;



Un - less the Lord does raise the house, in vain its build - ers strive.
Who is Him - self our dai - ly bread, praise Him the Lord of love.
The Lamb who was for sin - ners slain, is mak - ing all things new.



To you who boast to - mor - row's gain, tell me what is your life?
Let liv - ing wa - ter sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price;
Be - hold our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light,



A mist that van - ish - es at dawn, all glo - ry be to Christ!
We'll take a cup of kind - ness yet, all glo - ry be to Christ!
And we shall e'er His peo - ple be, all glo - ry be to Christ!



All glo - ry be to Christ, our King, all glo - ry be to Christ!



His rule and reign we'll ev - er sing, all glo - ry be to Christ!

The Call to Confession

from Isaiah 55

Leader: *“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

The Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardon

Titus 2:11–14

Leader: *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

† The Hymn of Assurance

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

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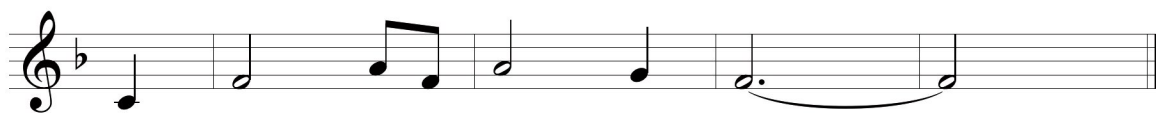
1. A - maz - ing that grace! how sweet the sound
 2. 'Twas grace man - y that taught my heart to fear,
 3. Through Lord y has dan - gers, toils and snares
 4. The Lord y has prom - ised good and to like me,
 5. The earth shall soon dis - solve like snow,



That saved a wretch like me!
 And grace my fears re - lieved;
 I have al - read y come;
 His word my hope se - cures;
 The sun for - bear to shine;



I once - was lost but now am found,
 How pre - cious has did brought that grace ap - pear
 'Tis grace has my shield called me safe thus far,
 He will my who shield called me por - tion be -
 But God, who called me here be - low,



Was blind, but now I see.
 The hour I be - lieved!
 And grace will lead me home.
 As long as for life en - dures.
 Will be for ev - er mine.

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

Unison: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, 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 the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

The Prayers of the People

*God calls us to be a praying people.
Let us join in prayer, offering our praise,
thanksgiving, and intercession to God.*

The Offertory

*Our offering is an act of worship in which we express our gratitude and reliance on God.
For those of you who are guests with us today, giving is not obligatory.
We are eager to share with you more about our church and its ministry
and to invite you to participate with us as you are called by God.
If you have filled out a visitor's card, please place it in the plate as it is passed.*

✠ The Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

6 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly

12 host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

✠ The Prayer of Dedication

*This prayer acknowledges that God is the giver of all good gifts
and that money itself cannot accomplish good in the world without God's blessing*

[18] “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

[19] “‘I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. [20] But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. [21] I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. [22] Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, [23] and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. [24] But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. [25] Only hold fast what you have until I come. [26] The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, [27] and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. [28] And I will give him the morning star. [29] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

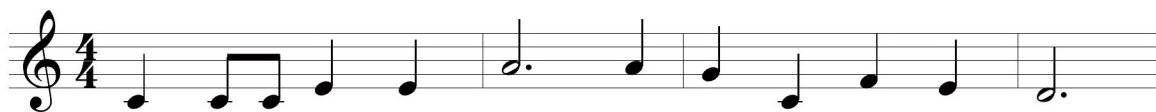
The Sermon

“Tolerance for the Sake of Advancement”

Gage Jordan

† The Hymn of Response

Soldiers of Christ, Arise
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1. Sol - diers of Christ, a - rise And put your ar - mor on,
2. Stand then in His great might, With all His strength en - dued,
3. Leave no un-guard - ed place, No weak - ness of the soul;



Strong in the strength which God sup - plies Thro' His e - ter - nal Son;
And take, to arm you for the fight, The pan - o - ply of God.
Take ev - 'ry vir - tue, ev - 'ry grace, And for - ti - fy the whole;



Strong in the Lord of hosts And in His might - y power,
From strength to strength go on And wres - tle, fight and pray;
That hav - ing all things done, And all your con - flicts past,



Who in the strength of Je - sus trusts is more than con - quer - or.
Tread all the powers of dark - ness down And win the well - fought day.
Ye may o'er - come thro' Christ a - lone And stand com - plete at last.

✠ The Benediction

✠ The Gloria Patri

First system of the Gloria Patri. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the".

Second system of the Gloria Patri, starting at measure 5. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is".

Third system of the Gloria Patri, starting at measure 9. The lyrics are: "now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.".

The Postlude

As you leave the sanctuary today, may you know the hope to which God has called you, experience the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and trust his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Please help us love our community by recycling your unneeded bulletins as you leave.

A recycling bin is located by the door in the foyer.

Announcements

Sunday School ▶ Sunday School resumes next Sunday, January 7th. Classes are offered for all ages!

Valentine's Banquet ▶ Our annual Valentine's Banquet will be Saturday, February 10th, beginning at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided for children and youth (ages 18 and under). Entrées for adults include choice of pepper-crusted pork loin or chicken in sherry mushroom sauce. All entrées include carrot soufflé, yeast rolls, strawberry romaine salad with raspberry vinaigrette, and chocolate cake. A link to sign up can be found on our website. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 4th.

Nursery Volunteers ▶ We are in need of volunteers to serve in the nursery on Sunday mornings in 2018. A sign up sheet is located in the narthex.

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