

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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The Lord's Day

February 25th, 2018 • 10:45 A.M.

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.

VOLUNTEERS

Greeters and Ushers

Nursery

Boyd Irby <i>and</i> Christopher Irby	02/25	Michelle Irby <i>and</i> Jessica Irby
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PARAMENTS

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.

Purple represents royalty, repentance, and suffering. It is displayed during Lent, a time of preparation and penitence.

CELEBRATION *of* WORSHIP

The Greeting and Announcements

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 Processional Hymn

Hymns of Grace

Come, Thou Almighty King

Nº 326

† The Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1-4, 16-17

Leader: *Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!*

† The Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Nº 55

† The Prayer of Invocation

† Please stand, as able

The Call to Confession

Psalm 22:23-24

Leader: *You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.*

The Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Prone to Wander*

Unison: King of heaven,

We confess before you the pride, fear, and selfishness that closes our eyes to hurting people around us. Instead of looking at them and seeing their great need, we quickly walk away, and turn toward people who make us feel good. Forgive us for the times when our hearts have been full of resentment and bitterness toward hurting people for needing us, and toward you for asking us to help them. Thank you that in your deep love for us you have not despised and abhorred us in our great affliction, but treasured us and sent your Son to rescue us.

Jesus, you see our great need and are not ashamed of us. We are crippled and afflicted by weakness and sin, but you rushed to rescue us. Thank you for seeing the needs of those around you, for loving them in their brokenness, and serving them with pure compassion, clean hands, and a pure heart. Thank you for your perfect obedience, which is credited to us, even though we continue to struggle every day with selfish hearts that lack compassion.

Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts, for we cannot soften them. Help us to enter the worlds of others, to celebrate with them, to grieve with them, and to walk alongside them with caring hearts and hands that are ready to help. May we grow into people who love as we have been loved and who serve as we have been served. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 40:1-3; 103:11-3

Leader: *I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.*

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. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

† The Hymn of Assurance

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Hymns of Grace

Nº 80

The Partnership in God's Mission

P. K. Beatty

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 Hymn of Thanksgiving

Hymns of Grace

Doxology

Nº 440

† The Prayer of Dedication

† **The Reading of Scripture**

ESV Pew Bible

Exodus 4:18-31

PP. 47-48

The Sermon

“The Father’s Heart”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **The Hymn of Response**

Hymns of Grace

Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right

Nº 66

† **The Benediction**

† **The Recessional Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

Benediction (v. 1)

Nº 438

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 narthex.*

We are scheduled to celebrate the Lord’s Supper next Sunday. Let us therefore follow Paul’s admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:27–29 to partake of the Lord’s Supper in a worthy manner by examining ourselves before the Lord. The Westminster Shorter Catechism states, “It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord’s Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord’s body, of their faith to feed upon Him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.”

NOTES

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION

- ❖ In what ways do we see the courage of the characters in Exodus 4:18-31? What is underneath true courage?
- ❖ Assuming it is the life of Moses that is in danger in vv. 24-26, why would this be the case? What does this show us about the importance of fulfilling covenant obligations and identifying with the people of God?
- ❖ Considering God's sovereignty and the hardening of Pharaoh's heart, one commentator says, "*The Bible does not have the discomfort with God's sovereignty that we do. It is a blessing, it is a good regardless of how little we understand it.*" What do you think of this? How do you view the hardening of Pharaoh's heart language at this point in the narrative?
- ❖ Do you believe God is the perfect heavenly Father? If so, what comfort and assurance does this bring? If not, what makes this difficult?
- ❖ This passage is replete with typology that enables us to understand Christ and our life in him. What types can you find in these verses that either heighten or find fulfillment in Jesus? (Examples: Exodus 4:19 ▶ Matthew 2:20, or the language in 4:31)

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