

# TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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**Worship for the Lord's Day**

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 • 10:45 A.M.**

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*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.*

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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*“The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?”*

1 Corinthians 10:16

In His grace and in His wisdom, God has provided ways by which we can regularly have our faith in His promises fortified. Historically, we have referred to these ways of strengthening our faith as the ordinary means of grace. Prayer, the preaching of the Word, and the sacraments are not elaborate or fancy methods of giving us what we need to confirm our trust in Christ. To an outside observer, they do not seem special at all. After all, they make use of rather common things such as human speech, bread, wine, and water. But by faith and the work of the Spirit, these common elements are used to do an uncommon work — the confirmation of our trust in Jesus and the strengthening of our wills to flee from sin and rest in Christ alone.

Preaching is not a powerless human explanation of the biblical text, for the Spirit accompanies it so that God’s Word achieves its purposes. Prayer is more than empty words; it establishes communion between us and the Creator, thereby empowering us for belief and faithful, effective service. Baptism and the Lord’s Supper are not mere memorials that we do simply because Jesus tells us to do them; rather, we participate mysteriously in Christ Himself when by faith we take part in these ordinances.

The sacraments are mysteries in that we cannot explain fully what God accomplishes through them. We do know, however, that they are more than memorial observations. They become effectual means of grace to those with faith by the working of the Holy Spirit. To downplay their importance is to desupernaturalize our holy religion, so let us have a high view of the sacraments as confirming signs of God’s Word.

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# Celebration of Worship

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## Greeting and Announcements

*Announcements can be found on page 7*

## 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.)*

## † Call to Worship

**Isaiah 60:1–3**

Leader: *Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.*

## † Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

**We Three Kings of Orient Are**

*N<sup>o</sup> 228*

## † Prayer of Invocation

## Call to Confession

**John 3:19**

Leader: *This is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.*

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† Please stand, as able

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

Unison: Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

## Individual Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:5–7

Leader: *This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

### † Hymn of Trust

Hymns of Grace

### There Is a Fountain

Nº 301

## 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.*

## 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.*

† **Doxology**

Hymns of Grace

Nº 440

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

**Reading of Scripture**

**Exodus 12:1–14; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17**

ESV Pew Bible

*pp.* 53–54; 957–958

**Sermon**

**“Back to the Future—Now”**

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **Hymn of Preparation**

**The Communion Hymn (vv. 1–3)**

Hymns of Grace

Nº 343

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*We welcome all baptized Christians who have professed their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation  
and are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive holy communion with us.*

*If you are not able to receive communion, please use this time to meditate on the prayer found on page 6.*

We serve gluten-free bread and your choice of  
grape juice (colored cups, outer ring) or wine (clear cups, inner rings)‡

† **Hymn of Response**

**The Communion Hymn (v. 4)**

Hymns of Grace

Nº 343

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‡ As the elements are distributed, please wait until all are served so that we may partake together.

## † Benediction

### † Recessional Hymn

Hymns of Grace

### Benediction (v. 2)

N<sup>o</sup> 438

May this peace which passes understanding,  
and this grace which makes us what we are,  
And the fellowship of His communion  
make us one in spirit and in heart.

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,  
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n;  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain,  
Christ eternal, the King of kings.

### 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.*

**A Prayer of Belief:** Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Newsletter** ▶ The January Newsletter is now available. Hardcopies of the newsletter can be found in the narthex.

**Sunday School** ▶ Sunday School classes will resume next Sunday, January 9th, at 9:30 A.M.

**Fellowship Lunch** ▶ Our monthly Fellowship Lunch will be held next Sunday, January 9th, following the worship service.

**Small Groups** ▶ Small Groups will meet next Sunday, January 9th, following the Fellowship Lunch.

### **A Special Welcome to Our Visitors**

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! Our prayer is that you will find great joy and spiritual nourishment as we worship together today.

- ❖ Welcome packets are available in the narthex. We encourage you to fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate during the offertory.
- ❖ Large print ESV Bibles are available near the bulletins.
- ❖ A cry room is available for infants and small children. The cry room is located on the left as you exit the sanctuary.

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For a complete listing of activities within the life of the church, visit [trinityfellowshipcca.org/calendar](http://trinityfellowshipcca.org/calendar)

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