

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

June 20th, 2021 • 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.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the Lord. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, he would be utterly despised.”

– Song of Solomon 8:6–7

Like the books of Ecclesiastes and Esther, the Song of Solomon never uses the covenant name for God. This fact has led to some questions regarding the placement of this book in the biblical canon. Its presentation of sex and sensuality has also confounded some commentators, with the result that throughout history, the book has often been read as an allegory of the relationship between God and Israel, between Christ and His church. There are appropriate ways of discerning such allusions in the Song of Solomon. The book points beyond itself to our need for the Lord. Yet to understand this piece of wisdom literature rightly, we must begin with its literal sense, and this work clearly celebrates marriage, love, and sex.

That being said, there are two ways the Song of Solomon points us to Jesus. First, it helps us understand the strength of His love for us. The climax of the Song of Solomon tells us that love is like “the very flame of the Lord” in its intensity. Given the strength of the love of a bride for her groom and vice versa, it is no surprise that Scripture compares the relationship of God and His people to marriage. If the love between man and woman is as intense as the Lord’s fire, imagine how great the Almighty’s love for His people must be. Though we are undeserving, He is passionate for His own.

Secondly, the Song of Solomon encourages us to long for Christ. As noted, the Song depicts love and marriage in an idealized form. Yet every married couple knows that no matter how strong their relationship is, it still cannot fulfill their every need, much less always reach the heights depicted by Solomon. Even the best marriages have their bad days. This imperfection makes us long for a love that satisfies us wholly. Such love is found only in Christ.

Celebration of Worship

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

Ephesians 5:25–27; 6:4, 10–13

Leader: *Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.*

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

† Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Nº 378

† Prayer of Invocation

† Please stand, as able

Call to Confession

Hebrews 3:7–13

Leader: *The Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.’ As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’” Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.*

Corporate Prayer of Confession

from *Streams of Mercy*

Unison: Holy God, we confess that we are people with evil and unbelieving hearts, who do not naturally trust you. We are stubborn and rebellious, habitually unwilling to hear your loving, fatherly voice. We have pursued our desires for physical and emotional comfort, approval from others, health, wealth, success, or intimacy. We often do not take care of ourselves, or exhort one another, and we are easily hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Help our unbelief, Lord!

Help us, our Father, to trust you in the midst of this earthly life. We grow weary, and our strength is small, as we fight against the sin in our hearts and in the hearts of others. Help us to find our all in all in no less than Jesus Christ himself. Awaken us to trust you in the midst of this prison of sinful flesh, and remind us that our freedom has fully and finally been bought by the precious blood of Jesus. Amen.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Ezekiel 36:25–28; Isaiah 28:16

Leader: *I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.*

You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: "Whoever believes will not be in haste.""

‡ **Hymn of Trust**

Hymns of Grace

I Know Whom I Have Believed

Nº 356

Our Worship in the World for the World

*Salvation and life in union with Christ frees us to worship and work
for the glory of God and the fulfillment of our created purpose.*

*In obedience to His commission, we support the work of the church in all places
and faithfully serve in the many vocations to which we have been called.*

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.*

‡ **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

ESV Pew Bible

Song of Songs 8:6–14

pp. 564–565

Sermon

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **Hymn of Response**

Hymns of Grace

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

N^o 427

† **Benediction**

† **Recessional Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

Now unto Him

N^o 437

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling
And to make you stand in His presence blameless and with great joy.
To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Be the glory and the majesty, dominion and authority,
Both now and forever.
Amen.

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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Bottle Drive ▶ Today is the final day of our Baby Bottle Drive to support Caring Hearts Pregnancy Center. Returned bottles may be placed on the narthex table.

Newsletter Articles ▶ The final day to submit articles for the July Newsletter is next Sunday, June 27th. Articles should be submitted via email to Heath.

Advancing in Missions ▶ Are you interested in learning more about missions or how the mission focus of TFC could be tailored to our unique place and makeup? Mission to the World is providing a workshop in Little Rock for those churches interested in learning more. This "Advancing in Missions" workshop is intended to bring the church missions vision from 30,000 ft. to rubber-meets-the-road. Participants will walk away with tools, ideas, and resources for engaging the church in missions. The workshop will be hosted by Covenant Presbyterian Church on Saturday, July 17th. If you are interested and would like to participate, please talk to Brad.



Women's Bible Study ▶ The Women's Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesdays at the church. The morning group meets at 9:30 and the evening group meets at 6:30. Both groups are discussing *Men and Women in the Church* by Kevin DeYoung. Contact Katie DeVries for more information.

Men's Prayer Group ▶ The Men's Prayer Group meets weekly on Thursdays at 6:00 A.M. at the church. Contact Ron Plate for more information.

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- Michelle Hill Revive Our Hearts; Michigan
- Mike and Eli Sabin MTW; Guam
- Tom and Karen Mirabella MTW; Japan
- Union Rescue Mission Little Rock



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