

# TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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## The Lord's Day

September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 • 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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## VOLUNTEERS

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### **Greeters and Ushers**

### **Nursery**

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Howard Gorter <i>and</i> Lucas Gorter	09/29	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Boyd Irby <i>and</i> Christopher Irby	10/06	Joy Denley <i>and</i> Audrey Lukas
David Lukas <i>and</i> Ben Lukas	10/13	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Micah Schmidt <i>and</i> Andrew Schmidt	10/20	Leah Lukas <i>and</i> Audrey Lukas

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## PARAMENTS

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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, adorn the pulpit, communion table, and baptismal font.

Green represents spiritual growth and world missions.

It is displayed during “ordinary time,” which is the period between Pentecost and Advent.

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# Celebration of Worship

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## 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

### O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Nº 136

### † The Call to Worship

from Psalm 91

Leader: *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."*

### † The Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

The Secret Place

Nº 51

### † The Prayer of Invocation

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† Please stand, as able

## **The Call to Confession**

**1 John 4:10–12**

Leader: *In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.*

## **The Corporate Prayer of Confession**

Unison: Father, we thank you that we who were once alienated from you have been grafted in to be your people. We confess that we have resisted your pruning of us through trials and temptations. We find it difficult to count it all joy when we face trials, not knowing that the testing of our faith is meant to produce steadfastness. Father, forgive us.

Jesus, our true vine, apart from you we can do nothing. We need you every hour. Come quickly and abide with us, or life is vain. Help us to express our love for you by following you and obeying your commandments.

Holy Spirit, help us to bear fruit in keeping with repentance—fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. As we bear this fruit, assure our hearts that we are united to the true vine, and fill us with his joy, to the glory of God, and for the good of our neighbor. Amen.

## **The Individual Prayers of Confession**

### **The Assurance of Pardon**

**1 John 4:13–16**

Leader: *By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.*

† **The Hymn of Trust**

Hymns of Grace

**I Need Thee Every Hour**

Nº 416

† **The Affirmation of Faith**

**Westminster Shorter Catechism, 1**

Leader: *What is the chief end of man?*

Unison: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

**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

**John 15:1–11**

*pp.* 901–902

**The Sermon**

**“Joyfully Abiding in Jesus”**

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **The Hymn of Response**

Hymns of Grace

**Abide with Me (vv. 1–4)**

Nº 59

† **The Benediction**

† **The Recessional Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

**Abide with Me (v. 5)**

Nº 59

**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."

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## NOTES

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## DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION

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- ❖ How are you growing and cultivating the most important relationship in your life?
- ❖ Does this metaphor teach us that Christians can lose their salvation? How does the rest of John's gospel speak into this?
- ❖ How does this passage speak into times of great trial and temptation? How do you respond when faced with the truth that no branch is exempt from pruning?
- ❖ What does abiding in the love Jesus look like? How would you describe the fruit of this abiding?

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