

# TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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**The Lord's Day**

**First Sunday after Christmas**

**December 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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Josh Childress <i>and</i> Leo Jones	12/29	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Ed Sartain <i>and</i> Phillip Troutte	01/05	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Ron Plate <i>and</i> Nathanael DeVries	01/12	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Howard Gorter <i>and</i> Lucas Gorter	01/19	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

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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.

White represents the purity of Christ and the joy and peace believers find in Him. It is displayed during the Christmas season.

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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 Christmas Hymn

Hymns of Grace

### Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Nº 23

### ✝ The Call to Worship

### 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! Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!*

*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 Christmas Hymn

Hymns of Grace

### Joy to the World!

Nº 224

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✝ Please stand, as able

## † The Prayer of Invocation

### The Call to Confession

**Romans 8:18–23**

Leader: *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

### The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Unison: Giving and forgiving God, our hearts are filled with joy. You have given us the greatest gift of all by sending your Son to redeem us from the curse of the law. In spite of this, we confess that we long for more—more possessions, more power, more pleasure. Father, forgive us.

Incarnate Word, as we gather together to celebrate your first coming, we also groan inwardly as we eagerly await your second coming. We groan because of the curse of the fall. Come quickly and make your blessings flow as far as this curse is found, both within our hearts and within our world. Amen.

### The Individual Prayers of Confession

#### The Assurance of Pardon

**Galatians 4:4–5**

Leader: *When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*

## † The Christmas Hymn

Hymns of Grace

## Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Nº 226

## † The Affirmation of Faith

## Westminster Larger Catechism, 36 and 39

Leader: *Who is the Mediator of the covenant of grace?*

Unison: The only Mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father, in the fullness of time became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two entire distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Leader: *Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be man?*

Unison: It was requisite that the Mediator should be man, that he might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.

## 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

## God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

*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**

**Jeremiah 31:31–34**

**The Sermon**

**“Alien Hope in the Midst of Native Sin”**

Mr. Michael Kidd

✠ **The Christmas Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

**I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day**

*Nº 249*

✠ **The Benediction**

**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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