

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

September 6th, 2020 • 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

“...God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment”

– 2 Peter 2:4

In our day, it is easy for us to become discouraged because of the false teachings we encounter every day. The apparent success of many older heresies repackaged for today’s viewer by some television “preachers” can disturb those endeavoring to be true to the faith once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3). The decline of Christian influence and the rise of other religions in the West sometimes makes us wonder if there is any point in resisting false teachers.

However, while the rise of false teaching is indeed troubling, we should not think that it is unworthy of our resistance or that it will thwart God’s plan. In the first place, though the presence of false teaching might surprise us, it does not surprise the Father. For just as God ordained that false prophets would arise under the old covenant, so too has He ordained that false teachers will arise and trouble the new covenant church (2 Peter 2:1–3).

Today’s passage begins a section reminding us not to be discouraged at the presence of false teaching because God will not allow false and wicked teachers to escape condemnation. The first of three examples of God’s past judgments on the wicked reminds us that just as God judged evil in the past, so too will He do so in the future.

Though demons and false teachers remain powerful enemies of God’s people, we must never fear them. They too serve the ultimate purposes of God and are restrained by His mighty hand. God is never responsible for evil, but He does use the actions of His enemies to accomplish His will. When you are tempted to become fearful or discouraged regarding evil, ask the Lord to remind you of His sovereignty over evil and do what you can to serve God by resisting it.

Celebration of Worship

Greeting and Announcements

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

Psalm 138

Leader: *I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.*

All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

† Hymn of Praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymns of Grace

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† Please stand, as able

† Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession

Westminster Larger Catechism, 171

Leader: *How do we prepare to receive the Lord's supper?*

Unison: Preparation for the Lord's supper involves careful examination: of the condition of our life in Christ; of our sins and failings; of whether we truly and to what degree know God, believe in him, and have repented, and of whether we love God and our fellow believers. We should have a charitable attitude toward everyone, including forgiveness of those who have wronged us. We must also assess how much we desire Christ and whether we are living in newness of obedience. Finally we must renew the practice of these graces in us by serious meditation and fervent prayer.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

2 Timothy 2:11–13

Leader: *The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.*

† Hymn of Trust

He Will Hold Me Fast

Hymns of Grace

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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.*

*Tithes and offerings may be placed in the plates in the narthex,
or you may give online at trinityfellowshipcca.org/give,
or by texting GIVE to 501-456-4896.*

† Doxology

Hymns of Grace

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Reading of Scripture

ESV Pew Bible

2 Peter 2:1–10a

pp. 1018–1019

Sermon

“The Lord Knows”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† Hymn of Preparation

Hymns of Grace

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

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The 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)†

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

† **Hymn of Response**

Hymns of Grace

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

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† **Benediction**

† **Recessional Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

Now unto Him

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Women's Bible Study ▶ The Women's Bible Study begins this Wednesday, September 9th. The morning group meets at 9:30 and the evening group meets at 6:30. Contact Katie DeVries for more information.

Fellowship Lunch ▶ Our monthly Fellowship Lunch will be next Sunday, September 13th, following the worship service.

Small Groups ▶ Small Groups will begin next Sunday, September 13th, following the Fellowship Lunch. If you would like to commit to a Small Group, please sign up using the sheet in the narthex.

Sunday School ▶ Sunday School resumes September 20th at 9:30 A.M. More information can be found in the September Newsletter.

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

Men's Zoom Group ▶ The Men's Zoom Group meets weekly on Thursdays at 12:00 P.M. via Zoom. Contact Brad DeVries for more information.

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