

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

September 27th, 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

“Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.”

– 2 Peter 3:14

Spiritually-minded people are often criticized for being “so heavenly-minded that they are no earthly good.” Most of us at one time or another have affirmed this statement. After all, many people do think that true piety is passive and solitary, entailing withdrawal from society at large. This mind-set can even affect one’s daily responsibilities and service in the church.

However, we must not let ourselves think that those who truly live in light of the world to come will be no earthly good. The Bible is filled with people who properly longed for the age to come by working for the kingdom here and now. Those who rightly understand the biblical view of the world’s final state will rightly be affected by it. Given that righteousness will dwell in the new heavens and the new earth, Peter tells us in today’s passage that those waiting for them to come must be diligent to be found without spot or blemish and at peace.

Those who rightly understand the world to come, those who truly and eagerly long for it, will be concerned with the transformation of themselves and of society to reflect the kingdom that is to be consummated. Those who really love righteousness will seek to be not blots and blemishes but spotless and pure. John Calvin writes, “He who waits for the new heavens, must begin with renewal as to himself, and diligently aspire after it; but they who cleave to their own filth, think nothing, it is certain, of God’s kingdom, and have no taste for anything but for this corrupt world.”

Only if we are in Christ will we be spotless and therefore pure enough to enter the world to come. His righteousness imputed to us in justification will be the only thing that secures our entry into heaven. However, our justification reveals itself in that we are concerned to be conformed to Christ’s blamelessness in our sanctification. As you rejoice in the gift of Jesus’ perfect righteousness, always remember that this gift must motivate you to manifest holiness yourself.

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.)*

† Processional Hymn

Hymns of Grace

Glorious Day

N^o 212

† Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1–6

Leader: *Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!*

† Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

N^o 161

† Prayer of Invocation

† Please stand, as able

Call to Confession

from Joel 2

Leader: *Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness!*

For the day of the LORD is great and very awesome; who can endure it? “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 2:11–14

Leader: *The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

† Hymn of Trust

The Solid Rock

Hymns of Grace

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Children’s Message

Children are invited to come forward during this time.

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 trinityfellowshippca.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 3:10–14

p. 1019

Sermon

Rev. Brad DeVries

“While We Wait”

† Hymn of Response

Hymns of Grace

See, He Comes

N^o 422

† Benediction

† Recessional Hymn

Hymns of Grace

Now unto Him

N^o 437

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."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Articles ▶ Today is the final day to submit articles for the October Newsletter. Articles should be submitted via email to Heath.

Guys Camping Trip ▶ The annual Guys Camping Trip will be October 16th–18th at Petit Jean State Park in Morrilton. This event is for the men, young men, and boys of Trinity Fellowship Church. For more information and to register, please visit the church website. The deadline to register is next Sunday, October 4th.

Fellowship Lunch ▶ Our monthly Fellowship Lunch will be Sunday, October 11th, immediately following the worship service.

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. 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.

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.

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 plate located in the narthex.
- ❖ Large print ESV Bibles are available near the bulletins.
- ❖ A cry room is available for infants and small children. The cry room is located adjacent to the narthex.

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