

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

October 4th, 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

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

– 2 Peter 3:18

In today’s passage, Peter concludes his second epistle with a warning not to be unprepared for the assaults of the enemy. In 2 Peter 3:17 we see that we must take care so that we are not carried away by the error of “lawless people.” The people in view here are of course the false teachers that he has described throughout his epistle. We must be willing to turn away from false teaching anytime it is presented to us.

If we do not do this, Peter tells us we may lose our stability (v. 17). Peter is not teaching that true Christians can lose their salvation, although those who never turn from damnable errors show that they never had true faith (1 John 2:19; 5:12; 2 John 7–11). We must note, however, that even true Christians can flirt with false doctrine and begin to waver in their profession and assurance of salvation. If we see this happening to ourselves or to other believers, it is incumbent upon us to discover the false ideas lying behind such errors and then either graciously receive reproof from others or gently, but firmly, remind our fellow believers of the teachings given to us by the apostles.

Like his first epistle, Peter does not give only a warning at the end of his second epistle. He also includes words of exhortation. Verse 18 of chapter three reminds us to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus, who is worthy of glory both now and forever. Having helped us to recognize false teaching, Peter reminds us at the close of this epistle that only as we seek after the glory and truth of our Savior will we be able to avoid the errors that may come our way.

While it is certainly true that all of those without true faith will not finally fall away, this does not mean that we who confess Christ have the right not to take the warnings of Scripture seriously. Warnings like the one found in today’s passage are used by the Holy Spirit to keep us in faith. Pray that you would be receptive to the warnings of Scripture and study so that you may not fall prey to error.

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

from Psalm 95

Leader: *Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

† Hymn of Praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Hymns of Grace

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† Prayer of Invocation

Affirmation of Faith

New City Catechism, 47

Leader: *Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?*

Unison: No, Christ died once for all. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal celebrating Christ's atoning work; as it is also a means of strengthening our faith as we look to him, and a foretaste of the future feast. But those who take part with unrepentant hearts eat and drink judgment on themselves.

† Please stand, as able

Call to Confession

1 Corinthians 11:27–29

Leader: *Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.*

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Unison: Conqueror of Death, we celebrate your finished work when we take the Lord's Supper. May our eating be a confession of faith, that though we are unworthy, we have been joined together with the worthiness of Christ. May we come to your table with repentant hearts, putting away pride and self-sufficiency, enjoying the free grace you offer to us. Amen.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 3:18

Leader: *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.*

† Hymn of Trust

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Hymns of Grace

Nº 184

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

2 Peter 3:15–18

ESV Pew Bible

p. 1019

Sermon

“Growing Home”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† Hymn of Preparation

O Fount of Love

Hymns of Grace

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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

All Glory Be to Christ

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† **Benediction**

† **Recessional Hymn**

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

My friends, may you grow in grace
and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory, now and forever,
now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever,
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.*

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

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

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. Today is the final day to register.

Fellowship Lunch and Small Groups ▶ Our monthly Fellowship Lunch will be next Sunday, October 11th, following the worship service. Small Groups will meet following the Fellowship Lunch.

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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