

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

October 11th, 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

“Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and did not wholly follow the LORD, as David his father had done.”

– 1 Kings 11:6

Starting well is easy; ending well is much more difficult. A young man or woman rockets to fame and fortune in sports, in the arts, in business, or in politics. Yet as fast as this rise occurs, the person plummets into obscurity, brought low by scandal.

This is not only a modern phenomenon. It goes back at least to the old covenant monarchy. During the reign of Solomon, Israel and her king enjoyed unprecedented wealth and influence. In today’s passage, we read about his numerous horses and chariots, with the added information that these horses came from Egypt. This clearly violated the rules for kings found in Deuteronomy 17:16 and provides another indication that not everything was well during Solomon’s reign. But the worst of Solomon’s sins are recorded in 1 Kings 11:1–8. Apparently, Solomon had a weakness for forbidden women, for he married seven hundred women and had another three hundred concubines, many from the nations God had prohibited the Israelites from marrying into because they would lead God’s people to worship other deities.

Solomon’s sins had grave national consequences. They also show us the dangers of placing our confidence in mere human leaders. As Augustine of Hippo writes, Solomon’s fall proves that “no hope must be placed in any [mere] human being.”

Scripture calls us to honor the leaders whom God has set over us. That means we are to follow their guidance insofar as they do not ask us to sin. At the same time, Scripture encourages us not to put our hopes ultimately in our leaders. Even the best leaders among us are sinners and will fall short. We are to understand that only Christ will never fail us even as we follow those whom God has chosen to shepherd us.

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 72

Leader: *Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice! May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations! May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth! May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him! Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day! May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed! Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!*

† Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

Jesus Shall Reign

N^o 120

† Prayer of Invocation

† Please stand, as able

Call to Confession

Matthew 6:24

Leader: *“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”*

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 9:23–24

Leader: *Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”*

† Hymn of Trust

Hymns of Grace

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

N^o 80

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 Lord’s Prayer

Unison: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory Hymn

Hymns of Grace

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

Nº 98

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 trinityfellowship.ca.org/give,
or by texting GIVE to 501-456-4896.*

† **Doxology**

Hymns of Grace

Nº 440

Reading of Scripture

ESV Pew Bible

1 Kings 10:1–11:8

pp. 290–292

Sermon

“The King Who Excels Them All”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **Hymn of Response**

Hymns of Grace

Be Thou My Vision

Nº 176

† **Benediction**

† **Recessional Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

Benediction (v. 1)

Nº 438

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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Lunch ▶ Our monthly Fellowship Lunch will be held in the fellowship hall following the worship service. All are invited!

Small Groups ▶ Small Groups will meet today 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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