

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

October 18th, 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

“Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.”

– Ecclesiastes 1:2

The English term “vanity” in Ecclesiastes 1:2 translates the Hebrew word *hebel*, which means something like “vapor” or “breath.” In the book of Ecclesiastes, it points to that which is fleeting or temporary, like a puff of vapor or a breath. In addition, that which is fleeting is hard to grasp or capture, so the term *hebel* in the book of Ecclesiastes can also refer to realities beyond our understanding. Certain things ultimately escape our full comprehension despite our ability to understand them to some degree. Much of life escapes our understanding, for we do not always see how everything in our lives fits into the grand story that God is telling with His creation.

This notion that there are aspects of life beyond our grasp stands out in today’s passage. In verse 3, for example, the Preacher asks what human beings gain by their labor. He is not asserting the meaninglessness of labor; rather, his point is that at least from a purely earthbound perspective, no one receives a lasting reward from his work. The old saying that “you can’t take it with you when you go” has an element of truth to it. No one takes his wealth with him in death. It is left behind for others. If we look at things only from the perspective of this life, it can be strange and hard to understand why we labor to build something that we ultimately leave behind to others.

The answer, of course, is that we are not to look at things only from the perspective of this life. Ecclesiastes repeatedly uses the phrase “under the sun,” inviting us to consider whether there might be another life that is not “under the sun,” a reality that gives meaning to that which escapes our full understanding.

As Christians, we know that the life to which Ecclesiastes points, that which is beyond life “under the sun” in this present world, is life in the presence of God Himself. Ultimately, we can find meaning in life only in the Creator who has created all things and invests them with meaning. Many things in this world will escape our grasp, but we can rest in the fact that God understands them, that He is working out all things for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28).

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

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

N^o 334

† Call to Worship

Psalm 136:1–3, 23–26

Leader: *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;*

It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever; and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever; he who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

† Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

N^o 14

† Prayer of Invocation

† Please stand, as able

Call to Confession

1 John 2:15–17

Leader: *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Book of Common Worship

Unison: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:14–18

Leader: *The love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.*

† Hymn of Trust

Hymns of Grace

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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Our Worship in the World for the World

*Salvation and life in union with Christ frees us to worship and work
for the glory of God and the fulfillment of our created purpose.*

*In obedience to His commission, we support the work of the church in all places
and faithfully serve in the many vocations to which we have been called.*

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

† Doxology

Hymns of Grace

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Reading of Scripture

ESV Pew Bible

Ecclesiastes 1:1–11

p. 553

Sermon

“I Want My Life to Count!”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **Hymn of Response**

Hymns of Grace

I Need Thee Every Hour

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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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Articles ▶ The final day to submit articles for the November Newsletter is Sunday, October 25th. Articles should be submitted via email to Heath.

Thanksgiving Lunch ▶ Our annual Thanksgiving Lunch will be Sunday, November 8th, following the worship service. The Heidelberg small group is asked to provide mashed potatoes, vegetables, and cranberry sauce. The Westminster small group is asked to provide sweet potatoes, rolls/bread, and desserts.

Hanging of the Greens ▶ There will be a Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 22nd, following the worship service. We are in need of volunteers to help “deck the halls” in preparation for the Advent and Christmas season.

Chrismon Program ▶ Our annual Chrismon Program will be Sunday, November 29th, during the Sunday School hour.

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.

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