

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

November 8th, 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

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”

– Colossians 4:2

Scripture frequently exhorts us to include thanksgiving in our prayers. We can discern at least two reasons why thanksgiving is a key element of prayer that honors our Creator.

First, thanksgiving stands in opposition to one of our most fundamental sins. Idolatry and ingratitude form the core of our fallenness, and although we are decisively changed in our regeneration and conversion, the tendency toward idolatry and ingratitude remains. The only way to fight ingratitude is to cultivate a thankful disposition, which we do by thanking God for His good gifts when we pray.

A second reason for including thanksgiving in our prayers has to do with our forgetfulness. How easy it is for us to ask the Lord for ten things in prayer, receive nine of them, and then to dwell on the one thing to which He said no. We do not remember the myriad of ways in which God has blessed us but instead focus on what we have not received. Thanking God for His specific blessings assists us in remembering His goodness and mercy, helping us not to take them for granted.

As fallen creatures, we are inclined to take the Lord and His gifts for granted, and we frequently forget all that He has done for us. When we make it a practice to remember what the Lord has done for us and to thank Him, we help to keep the sin of ingratitude at bay. What can you thank God for in prayer this day?

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

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

N^o 436

† Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1–3

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.*

† Hymn of Thanksgiving

Hymns of Grace

For the Beauty of the Earth

N^o 429

† Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession

James 5:16

Leader: *Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.
The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*

† Please stand, as able

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Unison: Holy God, you have given us many good gifts. Today we thank you for all of them, but we also confess that sometimes we love those gifts more than we love you. Forgive us for not being content and thankful. Forgive our selfishness. Help us to love you more than everything else. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:10–14

Leader: *Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Unison: Thanks be to God.

† Hymn of Thanksgiving

Now Thank We All Our God

Hymns of Grace

N^o 433

† Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, 116

Leader: *Why is prayer necessary for Christians?*

Unison: Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness which God requires of us. Moreover, God will give His grace and the Holy Spirit only to those who constantly and with heartfelt longing ask Him for these gifts and thank Him for them.

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

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

Nº 440

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

† Prayer of Dedication

Reading of Scripture

ESV Pew Bible

Philemon 1–25

p. 1000

Sermon

“Appeal to the Heart”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† Hymn of Thanksgiving

Hymns of Grace

We Gather Together (vv. 1–2)

N^o 435

† Benediction

† Recessional Hymn

Hymns of Grace

We Gather Together (v. 3)

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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

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

Small Groups ▶ Small Groups will meet today following the Thanksgiving Lunch.

Faith Promise ▶ Pledges for our annual Faith Promise giving for the missions outreach of the church will be received through November 15th. Please be in prayer as to how God would have you give and return your Faith Promise pledge by next Sunday.

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.

Prayer and Praise ▶ There will be a Prayer and Praise service on Sunday, November 29th, at 5:00 P.M.

Cookout and Bonfire ▶ There will be a Cookout and Bonfire following the Prayer and Praise service on Sunday, November 29th. Those attending are asked to bring a picnic side to share.

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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