

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

January 17th, 2021 • 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

“I saw all the living who move about under the sun, along with that youth who was to stand in the king’s place. There was no end of all the people, all of whom he led. Yet those who come later will not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a striving after wind.”

– Ecclesiastes 4:15–16

Political power remains an enticing lure for people around the world. Every four years in the United States, billions of dollars are spent by presidential candidates who are vying for the office of chief executive of the nation. The power that high office brings with it is a temptation that many find irresistible.

While we would not want to discount the impact that political leaders have on the world around us, pursuing political power as an end in itself is ultimately done in vain. It is as fleeting as anything else in creation. One may attain great power in this life, but this power does not go with those who hold it when they die. It is passed on to someone else and the memory of the earlier ruler fades. It is of no lasting value, at least for the one who holds it, for every leader surrenders his authority at his death.

Christ’s parable of the rich fool in Luke 12:13–21 also speaks to the point made in today’s passage. The rich man thought himself secure in his wealth and influence, but he finally lost everything, for he was not “rich toward God.”

Of course, it is possible to be godly while being rich or politically powerful, so we should not read the above examples as telling us that only evil, godless people attain wealth and influence. However, from the perspective of this world, godly rulers die and give up their power no less than godless kings. It is better, therefore, to be poor and wise than to attain the heights of political power and believe that one’s wealth, understanding, and strength are forever. Such leaders are only fooling themselves.

Over the centuries, understanding the fleeting nature of political power has helped the church to stand firm in the midst of persecution. When one understands that God’s reign is eternal, it is much easier to stand firm in truth when this world demands that we deny it. We are citizens of “a kingdom that cannot be shaken,” and our faithfulness in suffering carries with it an eternal reward.

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

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Nº 14

† Call to Worship

from Psalm 119

Leader: *Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope. This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life.*

The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!

Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes.

† Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

For the Beauty of the Earth

Nº 429

† Prayer of Invocation

† Please stand, as able

Call to Confession

Matthew 6:19–21

Leader: *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

Corporate Prayer of Confession

from *Prone to Wander*

Unison: Lord Jesus, We confess that we have long been loving treasures that have nothing to do with you or your kingdom. We love material treasures, such as our money, bodies, and talents, and we demonstrate that these are our treasures by finding deep satisfaction in them.

We thank you, Jesus, for your perfect obedience on our behalf, constantly seeking first God’s kingdom and his glory. You always understood where true treasure lies. Though we continue daily to value other things ahead of you, you were put to death so that we, the very ones who crucified you, might become your treasure. For this, we are profoundly grateful.

Help us, Lord Jesus, to respond in faith to this good news. Remind us of our utter poverty in ourselves and the riches you have lavished upon us. Turn our hearts from earthly treasure, so that we may rightly treasure you above all else.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

from Psalm 145

Leader: *The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.*

† Hymn of Trust

Hymns of Grace

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

Nº 98

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 trinityfellowshipppca.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

Ecclesiastes 4:1–16

p. 555

Sermon

“Strength in Numbers”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **Hymn of Response**

Hymns of Grace

Abide with Me

N^o 59

† **Benediction**

† **Recessional Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

Now unto Him

N^o 437

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling
And to make you stand in His presence blameless and with great joy.
To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Be the glory and the majesty, dominion and authority,
Both 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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Articles ▶ The final day to submit articles for the February Newsletter is next Sunday, January 24th. Articles should be submitted via email to Heath.

Prayer and Praise Service ▶ There will be a Prayer and Praise Service on Sunday, January 31st, at 5:00 P.M.

Virtual Missions Conference ▶ TFC will host Mission to the World's Virtual Missions Conference on Friday, February 19th–Saturday, February 20th. Visit mtw.org/vmc for more information and to register.

RYM Summer Conferences ▶ Church registration for the summer RYM youth conferences opens in February. If you are interested in going, please talk to Heath by Sunday, January 31st. Conferences offered are:

High School Colorado June 14th–19th <i>8th–12th Grade</i>	High School Florida July 5th–9th <i>8th–12th Grade</i>	Middle School Texas August 3rd–7th <i>5th–8th Grade</i>
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Women's Bible Study ▶ The Women's Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, January 20th at the church. The morning group will meet at 9:30 and the evening group will meet 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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