

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

January 24th, 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

“Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few.”

– Ecclesiastes 5:2

Ecclesiastes contains wisdom for all of life, including the public, corporate worship of God. We see this in today’s passage as the Preacher outlines the approach we are to have when we draw near to God in His “house.” How do wise people enter into the Lord’s presence? The answer is that they enter with few words and with an eagerness to listen.

In worship, we are to express our praise to God verbally. However, if there is not time devoted to hearing from God, then we have not truly offered up worship that is pleasing to our Creator. While we are not to come before the Almighty as spectators who are seeking entertainment, we are to seek a word from Him upon which we will actively meditate and which we will apply to our lives. As Scripture explains, this is a listening to the very Word of God itself. Part of loving the Lord with our hearts and our minds involves paying close attention to His words for us. Matthew Henry gives counsel regarding our duties in worship, particularly as we sit under the ministry of the Word: “We must diligently attend to the word of God read and preached,” and “we must resolve to comply with the will of God as it is made known to us.”

As many commentators have noted, the point of this passage is that our words must not outrun our thinking. We are to remember the greatness of our God in heaven and that He deserves only sincere words that accurately reflect our hearts and minds. Our temptation is to go through the motions, to get the words out because we know we must speak to God. Those who seek to honor the Lord above all else will put thought into what they say in worship.

When we come into the Lord’s presence, it is particularly important for us to be purposeful about what we say and how we listen. We should come to corporate worship expecting a word from God, namely, the faithful exposition of the Scriptures. Moreover, we should pray to the Lord with words carefully considered. We are to be quick to listen and slow to speak, responding to God thoughtfully that we might love Him with all of our hearts and minds.

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

Psalm 2:1–6, 10–12

Leader: *Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.” He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”*

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

† Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

N^o 18

† Prayer of Invocation

† Please stand, as able

Call to Confession

Matthew 15:7–9

Leader: *[Jesus said to the Pharisees,] “You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”*

Corporate Prayer of Confession

from *Streams of Mercy*

Unison: Merciful and mighty God, You alone deserve all of our adoration and praise, and we thank you for giving us a glimpse of the heavenly worship service whenever we gather with your people. We ought to be filled with awestruck wonder that we belong to you. We confess to you that instead of being amazed by this, we are easily capable of finding worship to be dull and boring, and of resenting your command to gather together weekly. Lord, have mercy on us.

We thank you for Jesus Christ. He is the spotless Lamb who became our perfect sacrifice. We thank you for his life of perfect obedience and flawless worship on our behalf. In him we are counted as perfect worshipers, and we fall before you and praise you for this wonderful gift of his righteousness.

Holy Spirit, stir our cold and lazy hearts with gratitude. Help us to grow as worshipers, until the day we join the angels dressed in festival robes and gather around your throne to honor you as your righteous children made perfect in Christ. In his strong name we pray, amen.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 12:22–24, 28–29

Leader: *You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.*

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

† **Hymn of Trust**

Hymns of Grace

How Sweet and Aweful Is the Place

Nº 350

Children's Message

Children are invited to come forward during this time.

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 Hymn

Hymns of Grace

Speak, O Lord

Nº 368

*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

Ecclesiastes 5:1–7

p. 555

Sermon

“Watch Your Step”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **Hymn of Response**

Hymns of Grace

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (vv. 1–3)

Nº 2

† **Benediction**

† **Recessional Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (v. 4)

Nº 2

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 ▶ Today is the final day to submit articles for the February Newsletter. Articles should be submitted via email to Heath.

Prayer and Praise Service ▶ There will be a Prayer and Praise Service next 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
8th–12th Grade

High School Florida
July 5th–9th
8th–12th Grade

Middle School Texas
August 3rd–7th
5th–8th Grade



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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