

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

January 31st, 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

“Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot.”

– Ecclesiastes 5:18

Money will never satisfy those who love money, who make acquiring riches their chief purpose in life. Such individuals will always want more. Pursuing wealth as one’s chief end cannot provide lasting satisfaction. The Preacher is not making an absolute statement that those who live in great material prosperity are never, under any circumstance, able to enjoy it. Rather, he commends finding joy in the very work that leads to that prosperity. It is a good thing to find enjoyment in our toil.

This bit of wisdom provides a helpful corrective to a prevailing attitude toward labor in our culture. From songs that proclaim, “everybody’s working for the weekend,” to bumper stickers that state, “I say we fish five days and work two days every week,” popular culture sends us the message that says work is pure drudgery and that we should maximize our leisure time. While we should never discount the thorns and thistles that attend all of our labor in this fallen world, the aforementioned message about work and leisure cannot be found in Scripture. We were commissioned to work before the fall into sin, and it is in working that we find much of our purpose in life. Work is not an evil to be avoided but a gift from the Lord to be embraced.

How do we turn labor from drudgery to delight? Part of the answer has to be found in Paul’s call that we “work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.” The yoke of Christ is easy and His burden is light, so if we do our work unto Him, we will find Him lightening our load. We will find abiding joy in our hearts in even the most difficult working environments. Matthew Henry comments, “Those that cheerfully use what God has given them thereby honor the giver, answer the intention of the gift, act rationally and generously, do good in the world, and make what they have turn to the best account, and this is both their credit and their comfort.” If we would honor the Lord in all things, then we must endeavor to rejoice in our labor. By His Spirit, He will grant us peace and contentment when we seek Him.

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 127:1–2; 128:1–2

Leader: *Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.*

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

† Hymn of Praise

All Glory Be to Christ

Hymns of Grace

N^o 133

† Prayer of Invocation

Reading of the Law

Westminster Shorter Catechism, 79–81

Leader: *What is the tenth commandment?*

Unison: The tenth commandment is, “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

† Please stand, as able

Leader: *What is required in the tenth commandment?*

Unison: The tenth commandment requires full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

Leader: *What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?*

Unison: The tenth commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

Call to Confession

1 Timothy 6:6–8

Leader: *Godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.*

Corporate Prayer of Confession *Praying through the Ten Commandments*

Unison: Father God, every good and perfect gift comes from above. And you have graciously poured out more than we could possibly imagine. You have given us this beautiful creation to subdue and cultivate. You have given us your word to sustain us and change us. You have given us your son and your spirit to give us life and hope. You have provided for our daily needs, and you have gone to make a place for us. And yet despite your lavish generosity, we simply want more. We fill our minds with the things that we don't have, instead of gratefully living in the grace of what we have been given. We delude ourselves that just one more item, one more experience, one more person will bring peace and contentment that can only be found in you. Please restore unto us the joy of our salvation. Kindly give to us a profound rest in what you have done for us in Jesus. Help us desire to know the giver, instead of getting lost in the gifts. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 13:5–6

Leader: *Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"*

† **Hymn of Trust**

Hymns of Grace

Psalm 23

Nº 168

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

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 5:8–6:12

pp. 555–556

Sermon

Rev. Brad DeVries

“Gifts for Today”

† Hymn of Response

Hymns of Grace

Be Thou My Vision

Nº 176

† Benediction

Leader: *Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing and create.*

People: We go with the assurance of God's blessing.

Leader: *Go into the world: risk, explore, discover, and love.*

People: We go with the assurance of God's grace.

Leader: *Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle, and remember.*

People: We go with the assurance of God's love. Thanks be to God!

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.*

We are scheduled to celebrate the Lord's Supper next Sunday. Let us therefore follow Paul's admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:27–29 to partake of the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner by examining ourselves before the Lord. The Westminster Shorter Catechism states, "It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon Him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer and Praise Service ▶ There will be a Prayer and Praise Service tonight at 5:00 P.M.

Virtual Missions Conference ▶ Plan to join us on the weekend of February 19th for food, fellowship, prayer, and reflection on the mission of the church. We will host a watch party for content provided by MTW, hear from supported missionaries, and consider the great privilege of partnering in God's mission to grow his kingdom. This is a free event, but we will be asking for volunteers to help with food and children's activities. A schedule for the weekend can be found in the February Newsletter.

RYM Summer Conferences ▶ Church registration for the summer RYM youth conferences opens tomorrow. If you are interested in going, please let Heath know today. 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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