

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

February 28th, 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

“In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him.”

– Ecclesiastes 7:14

It is no sin to be joyful when we prosper. Though we should be aware of the temptations that are unique to prosperity, we should not therefore think that prosperity is something to be avoided or that we have necessarily done something wrong when we enjoy the good things of life. Jesus, after all, even though He was not a wealthy man and warned that we cannot serve God and money, found time to rejoice at the wedding in Cana. He even blessed the guests with a type of prosperity when He turned water into the best wine available.

Ecclesiastes 7:14 confirms this point, commanding us to be joyful in the day of prosperity. Wise people rejoice when good things have happened to them and when God has tangibly blessed their efforts. There is a place before the face of God to take joy in our Lord’s bounty and to enjoy what He has given us.

Being the realistic student of life in this fallen world that he is, however, the Preacher who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes is under no illusions that God’s people will experience material prosperity at every turn. Actually, there will be days of adversity. Moreover, these days of adversity are no less made or ordained by the Lord than days of prosperity. Essentially, the Preacher wants us to understand that because God ordains days of both blessing and hardship, there is a place for both in our fallen creation. We should not think that days of trouble are any less from the hand of God than are days of ease and abundance. This will help prevent us from thinking that the Lord is acting less kindly toward us on our difficult days than He is on our easy ones. All that God does is good, and if He has ordained days of trouble for us, we know that He has done so for a good purpose.

Life often fluctuates between good days and bad days, but both are from God. Only He understands how all this works out. We should therefore trust in Him and His goodness. As we grow in faith, we should find ourselves increasingly aware that our hard days are from the Lord no less than our good ones, and we should be thanking Him for bringing trials into our lives through which He works to conform us to the image of His Son.

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

Isaiah 40:25–28

Leader: *To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.*

† Hymn of Praise

This Is My Father’s World

Hymns of Grace

Nº 31

† Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession

Romans 3:10–18

Leader: *“None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive. The venom of asps is under their lips. Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes.”*

† Please stand, as able

Corporate Prayer of Confession

from *Prone to Wander*

Unison: Lord of all wisdom, we thank you for the wisdom by which you made this world. You order all nature and history by your wisdom, working all things according to your holy will. You order our personal lives by your wisdom, bringing into them exactly the right combination of joys and sorrows, trials and blessings, to shape us after the image of your beloved Son.

Lord, we confess that we have rejected your perfect wisdom, revealed in your Word, preferring to trust the wisdom of this world instead. We have grumbled about your providence and the circumstances of our lives, instead of recognizing and delighting in your fatherly wisdom that does all things well.

Jesus, thank you that you are the wisdom of God. You never complained about your Father's will for your life, even though it meant learning obedience through suffering. In the end, you paid the penalty that our sinful folly deserved, so that through the wisdom of the cross you might accomplish the Father's plan to redeem your people.

Spirit of wisdom, teach us to seek after wisdom passionately. Show us how wisdom always leads us back to the cross, on to obedience, and upward toward our heavenly home. Hasten the day when we will join the crowd around the throne in heaven, lost in reverence before the God of all wisdom, the Lamb slain for our sins. Amen.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:12, 18–19

Leader: *Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—*

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

† **Hymn of Trust**
Hymns of Grace

The Solid Rock
Nº 381

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

*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 7:13–29
pp. 556–557

Sermon

“God-Inhabited Life”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† Hymn of Response

Hymns of Grace

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

Nº 25

† Benediction

† Recessional Hymn

Hymns of Grace

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God (v. 3)

Nº 25

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

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



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.

A Special Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! Our prayer is that you will find great joy and spiritual nourishment as we worship together today.

- ❖ Welcome packets are available in the narthex. We encourage you to fill out a visitor's card and place it in the plate located in the narthex.
- ❖ Large print ESV Bibles are available near the bulletins.
- ❖ A cry room is available for infants and small children. The cry room is located adjacent to the narthex.

For a complete listing of activities within the life of the church, visit trinityfellowshipppca.org/calendar

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