

# TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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**Worship for the Lord's Day**

**March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 • 10:45 A.M.**

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*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.*

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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*“Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil.”*

– Ecclesiastes 9:9

Benjamin Franklin, the great early American statesman, was by no means a believer in Christ, and yet he had great insight that has benefitted many people. Franklin once said that “lost time is never found again,” a pithy way of saying that we should make the most of the moments that we do have, for once the present is gone, it is gone forever.

Divorced from divine revelation, the notion that we should make the most of the short time that we have on this earth can inspire wanton hedonism. In light of what God has spoken in His Word, however, we find that the brevity of life can be a proper encouragement to enjoy the gifts He has given us. The point of the Preacher is that, despite the brevity of life on this side of glory, we are to find godly enjoyment where our Creator has given it. We are to be aware that our days are numbered, but instead of lamenting this fact, we are to see this brief span allotted to us as an opportunity to rejoice in God’s generosity. Among the most precious gifts of our generous Maker is a godly spouse, and we are not to take any of the time that we have with our spouse for granted. Yet how often do we despise the precious blessing by not taking the opportunity to enjoy the company of the one whom the Lord has given to walk with us through the trials and joys of this present life?

By extension, we could apply this instruction to the rest of our families. Though we would never want to make our families into idols, it is nevertheless true that God wants us to enjoy our parents, our siblings, our children, and all of the loved ones with whom He has blessed us. Our time with them is short indeed. Parents well know that all they have to do is blink and their children are grown and gone. Our portion in this life under the sun is to thank our Creator for this time with our families, and to do so by enjoying our lives with them while we can.

The proper enjoyment of time with our spouses and families actually points us to our Creator. As we take the time to enjoy our loved ones, we are reminded that they are precious gifts from God and that He is a kind and generous Lord who grants us many blessings to ease the pain of life in this fallen world.

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# Celebration *of* Worship

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## Greeting and Announcements

*Announcements can be found on page 7*

## 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 16:7–11

Leader: *I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

## † Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

## For the Beauty of the Earth

Nº 429

## † Prayer of Invocation

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† Please stand, as able

## Call to Confession

**Jeremiah 17:9–10**

Leader: *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? “I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.”*

## Individual Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

**Romans 8:28–31**

Leader: *We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

*What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

### † Hymn of Trust

Hymns of Grace

### These Great Things

Nº 32

## 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 [trinityfellowshipbca.org/give](http://trinityfellowshipbca.org/give),  
or by texting GIVE to 501-456-4896.*

## **† Doxology**

Hymns of Grace

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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 9:1–12**

*pp.* 557–558

### **Sermon**

**“Joy of the Wise”**

Rev. Brad DeVries

## **† Hymn of Response**

Hymns of Grace

**Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken (vv. 1, 3–5)**

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## **† Benediction**

† **Recessional Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

**Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken (v. 6)**

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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.*

**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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Newsletter Articles** ▶ The final day to submit articles for the April Newsletter is Sunday, March 28th. Articles should be submitted via email to Heath Warbritton.

**Good Friday Service** ▶ Our Good Friday Service will be Friday, April 2nd, at 5:00 P.M.

**Easter Schedule** ▶ Our annual Easter Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 4th, at 9:30 A.M. Our Easter Service will follow at 10:15 A.M.



**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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Caring Hearts Pregnancy Center . . . . . North Little Rock  
Dan Anderson . . . . . Central Hope Church; Little Rock  
Del Farris . . . . . MNA Ministry to State; Colorado  
Michelle Hill . . . . . Revive Our Hearts; Niles, Michigan  
Mike and Eli Sabin . . . . . MTW; Guam  
Tom and Karen Mirabella . . . . . MTW; Chiba, Japan  
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