

# TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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**Worship for the Lord's Day**

**April 25<sup>th</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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*“But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”*

– Luke 12:20–21

One of the most remarkable things about the Ten Commandments is that God includes in it a law against a covetous disposition. If we were to come up with a law code, we would not likely put such a rule in place; rather, we would focus on external sins such as murder or theft. But our Creator’s adding a law against covetousness represents a profound understanding of human nature. Untold destruction of families and nations has been wrought as a result of an individual’s unlawful desire to possess that which rightfully belongs to another. Wars between nations typically begin because one side wants something that belongs to the other. In fact, covetousness is actually one of the primal sins of humanity. Adam and Eve coveted the knowledge of good and evil—they wanted for themselves what was proper only to the Creator—and so they grasped for it, plunging the universe headlong into ruin.

Covetousness manifests itself in a lack of gratitude and generosity. There is nothing inherently wrong with being wealthy or seeking to increase one’s prosperity. The danger arises when we make riches our chief end, when we are never satisfied with what we have but think that acquiring more stuff will make us happy. That is what we see in the parable of the rich fool. The rich man did not stop to thank the Lord for his prosperity. He was dissatisfied with what he had and wanted bigger and better barns so that he could hold even more. He strove to acquire more and more because he prized self-sufficiency instead of a life of dependence upon God. He did not seek to help the poor, and thus failed to show trust that the Lord would continue to provide for him. What was the end of this man? God judged him for his idolatrous treatment of his wealth. People who are impenitently covetous will be likewise condemned for their lack of thankfulness and generosity.

Scripture does not condemn wealth, which can be a great tool for the kingdom of God. Instead, it condemns those who serve their wealth, men and women who make it their god and do not thank the Lord for their possessions. Our Creator calls us to be thankful and generous people. If we are not, we are likely giving in to covetousness, and we must repent and seek to serve God with our riches.

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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 149:1–2**

Leader: *Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the  
godly! Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their  
King!*

## † Hymn of Praise

**Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

Hymns of Grace

*Nº 425*

## † Prayer of Invocation

## Reading of the Law

**Westminster Shorter Catechism, 79–81**

Leader: *What is the tenth commandment?*

Unison: “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.”

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† 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 6:6–9**

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. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.*

### **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 you have given us relationships, which are a joy and help us persevere. 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

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.”*

## † Hymn of Trust

## How Firm a Foundation

Hymns of Grace

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## 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

## Be Thou My Vision

Hymns of Grace

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*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](http://trinityfellowshipca.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

**Luke 12:13–21**

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**Sermon**

**“Prioritizing Portfolios”**

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **Hymn of Response**

Hymns of Grace

**Take My Life and Let It Be**

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† **Benediction**

† **Recessional Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

**Take My Life and Let It Be (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.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Newsletter Articles** ▶ Today is the final day to submit articles for the May Newsletter. Articles can be submitted via email to Heath.

**Communion** ▶ 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."



**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.

### **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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Michelle Hill . . . . . Revive Our Hearts; Michigan  
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