

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

May 2nd, 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

“Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, ‘I have no pleasure in them.’”

– Ecclesiastes 12:1

As the Preacher who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes approaches the end of his work, he states, “Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come.” This instruction refers to far more than simple mental recollection. It is a call to think on the Lord and His will, and to live according to His standards. It involves action; those who remember God worship Him and seek guidance from Him in His Word. Why the call to remember our Creator in our youth? Part of it has to do with the complacency of youth, the assumption while we are young that we yet have many years ahead of us, and so we can put off for tomorrow what we might otherwise do today. The call is also given so that young people make the best use of the strengths of youth before old age saps our energy and gives us more burdens to carry. Matthew Henry comments, “Call him to mind when thou art young, and keep him in mind throughout all the days of thy youth, and never forget him. Guard thus against the temptations of youth, and thus improve the advantages of it.” Ecclesiastes 12:2–8 paints the slow decline of old age in order to underscore the need to use the strength of youth wisely for God—while this strength remains.

But the most important reason to remember God while we are young lies in the fact that life is fleeting. Life is vanity, that is, quick to come and go. Youth—and even old age—will not last forever. But all that we do in memory of our Creator, no matter how old we are when we do it, will be remembered by the Lord forever.

Whether we are young or old, our lives on this side of the grave will not go on forever. A day is coming in which we will stand before our Creator, and He will reveal how we have remembered Him. If we have remembered His character and what He has done, repenting of our sin and trusting in Him alone, we will inherit eternal life. But if we die without having remembered the Lord, we will suffer the eternal pain and death of hell.

Celebration of Worship

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

from Psalm 90

Leader: *Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.*

✠ Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Nº 55

✠ Prayer of Invocation

✠ Please stand, as able

Call to Confession

Jeremiah 17:5–10

Leader: *Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.” 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

Psalms 103:8–18

Leader: *The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children’s children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.*

✠ Hymn of Trust

Hymns of Grace

Abide with Me

Nº 59

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 trinityfellowshipppca.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 11:9–12:8

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Sermon

“Growing Old”

Rev. Brad DeVries

✠ Hymn of Preparation

Hymns of Grace

Here Is Love

Nº 185

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*We welcome all baptized Christians who have professed their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation
and are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive holy communion with us.*

We serve gluten-free bread and your choice of
grape juice (colored cups, outer ring) or wine (clear cups, inner rings)‡

✠ Hymn of Response

Hymns of Grace

All Glory Be to Christ

Nº 133

✠ Benediction

✠ Recessional Hymn

Hymns of Grace

Now unto Him

Nº 437

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling
And to make you stand in His presence blameless and with great joy.
To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Be the glory and the majesty, dominion and authority,
Both now and forever.
Amen.

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.*

‡ As the elements are distributed, please wait until all are served so that we may partake together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter ▶ The May Newsletter is now available. Hardcopies of the newsletter can be found in the narthex.

Church Clean Up Day ▶ There will be a Church Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 8th, beginning at 9:00 A.M. Lunch will be provided. There will be tasks for people of all ages and activity levels and many hands make light work!

Baby Bottle Drive ▶ A Baby Bottle Drive to support Caring Hearts Pregnancy Center will be held from Mother's Day, May 9th through Father's Day, June 20th. Bottles can be picked up in the narthex and returned at any time.

Prayer and Praise Service ▶ There will be a Prayer and Praise service on Sunday, May 30th, at 5:00 P.M.



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.

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

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