

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

July 4th, 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

“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.”

– 1 Corinthians 11:27–28

Paul tells us that we must not eat the Lord’s Supper in an unworthy manner lest we eat and drink judgment on ourselves. In this teaching, we learn that sacraments may actually become means of cursing and judgment for those who do not approach them properly. Since the spiritual realities of blessing and cursing occur when the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper is administered, we know that there must be a true spiritual presence of Christ in the sacrament.

Of course, we want to be blessed and not judged when we visit with the Lord Jesus Christ at His table. That means, the Apostle Paul says, that we must examine ourselves before we partake of the bread and the wine to ensure that we are worthy of coming to the Lord’s Table. Worthiness to come to the Lord’s Table does not require sinlessness, rather, it “consists chiefly in faith, which reposes all things in Christ, but nothing in ourselves; secondly in love—and that very love which, though imperfect, is enough to offer to God, that he may increase it to something better, inasmuch as it cannot be offered in completeness.”¹

The sacrament is for sinners, and yet it is not for all sinners; rather, it is only for sinners who have repented of their sin and turned to Christ for salvation. Question 81 of the Heidelberg Catechism puts it this way: those who may freely come to the table are “those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins” but who nevertheless trust that they are pardoned in Christ and yearn for the strength that He provides, by His Spirit, in His Supper.

Self-examination of one’s soul before partaking of the Lord’s Supper involves determining whether or not one is a Christian. We are to consider whether we are trusting in Christ alone for salvation, and we are to repent for the unbelief that remains in our hearts. We are to repent of our sin and seek reconciliation with others wherever possible. As we do these things, casting ourselves on Jesus Christ, we are welcome at the Lord’s Table.

1. Calvin. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, 4.17.42

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

Isaiah 40:9, 12–17

Leader: *Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”*

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord, or what man shows him his counsel? Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales; behold, he takes up the coastlands like fine dust. Lebanon would not suffice for fuel, nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering. All the nations are as nothing before him, they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

† Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

Behold Our God

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† Please stand, as able

† Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Leader: *“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”*

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Unison: Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken: we confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us. Though you have bound yourself to us, we have not bound ourselves to you. God, have mercy on us weak and willful people. Lead us once again to your table, and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

2 Timothy 2:11–13

Leader: *The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.*

† Hymn of Trust

He Will Hold Me Fast

Hymns of Grace

Nº 388

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

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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

John 11:17–27

ESV Pew Bible

p. 897

Sermon

“The Resurrection and the Life”

Mr. Blake Reap

† Hymn of Preparation

See the Destined Day Arise

Hymns of Grace

Nº 298

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.

If you are not able to receive communion, please use this time to meditate on the prayer found on below.

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

The Solid Rock (vv. 1–3)

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‡ Benediction

‡ Recessional Hymn

Hymns of Grace

The Solid Rock (v. 4)

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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 Prayer of Belief: Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Fellowship Lunch ▶ Our monthly Fellowship Lunch will be held next Sunday, July 11th, following the worship service. The Heidelberg Small Group is responsible for setting up for the Fellowship Lunch.

Small Groups ▶ Small Groups will meet next Sunday, July 11th, following the Fellowship Lunch.



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. Both groups are discussing *Men and Women in the Church* by Kevin DeYoung. 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.

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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