

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

July 18th, 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

“At the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ But they all alike began to make excuses.”

– Luke 14:17–18

In today’s passage, Jesus tells a somewhat troubling parable. What lies behind this text was an ancient Jewish custom that when a major feast was prepared by a wealthy person, two invitations were given. The first invitation went out to the guests whom the host was asking to attend. When the meal was prepared and the time was at hand, a second invitation would be sent to those who had accepted the first invitation. The guests would then come and participate.

In this parable, the servant went and gave the second invitation to those who had accepted the first invitation, but “they all alike began to make excuses.” Even though they had said they would come, when the time actually came, each of them refused to come.

We have a tendency when we read Scripture to wonder how they could be so foolish and wicked as to say they were going to the banquet and fail to show up. But that’s who we are. We often fail to keep our commitments. Each of us who is a church member made a vow to participate in the life of the church. Everybody who’s married has made a vow to maintain honor in their marriage. We are people who make commitments in every aspect of our lives, and we often don’t keep those commitments.

These were people who put second things first and fixed their eyes on the things of this world. It used to be said of Christians that they were so heavenly minded that they were of no earthly good. Now the problem is the opposite. We’re so earthly minded that we’re of no heavenly good. We need to lift our gaze to heaven and think of the things that God has stored up for us for eternity.

As Mephibosheth, the crippled survivor in the Old Testament, was invited to dine at the king’s table in the house of David, so all who are born of the Spirit, redeemed by Christ, and adopted into His family are invited to the heavenly feast that God has prepared in all eternity, the marriage feast of the Lamb with His bride. All of us who are in Christ are His bride. We will participate in that bridal feast.

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.)*

† Processional Hymn

Hymns of Grace

O Church, Arise

Nº 353

† Call to Worship

from Psalm 62

Leader: *For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.*

Unison: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Leader: *Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.*

† Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

My Soul Finds Rest

Nº 359

† Prayer of Invocation

† Please stand, as able

Call to Confession

Zechariah 3:1–4

Leader: *Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. And the LORD said to Satan, “The LORD rebuke you, O Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?” Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. And the angel said to those who were standing before him, “Remove the filthy garments from him.” And to him he said, “Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments.”*

Corporate Prayer of Confession

from *The Valley of Vision*

Unison: Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your will in your Word, of neglecting to seek you in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I praise you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Continue subduing my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them. Deliver me from every evil habit, every increase of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, and everything that prevents me from delighting in you. Amen.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 2:14–18

Leader: *Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, [Christ] himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

† **Hymn of Trust**
Hymns of Grace

Before the Throne of God Above
N^o 187

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

N^o 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

Luke 14:1–24
pp. 873–874

Sermon

“True Hospitality”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **Hymn of Response**

How Sweet and Aweful Is the Place (vv. 1–5)

Hymns of Grace

N^o 350

† **Benediction**

† **Recessional Hymn**

How Sweet and Aweful Is the Place (v. 6)

Hymns of Grace

N^o 350

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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Articles ▶ The final day to submit articles for the August Newsletter is Sunday, July 25th. Articles can be sent via email to Heath.

Women's Retreat ▶ The 2021 TFC Women's Retreat will be September 10th–12th at the CrossHeirs Retreat Center in Stuttgart, AR. More information will be available in the coming weeks.



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 offering plate on the narthex table.
- ❖ Large print ESV Bibles are available near the bulletins on the narthex table.
- ❖ A cry room is available for infants and small children. The cry room is located on the left as you exit the sanctuary.

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

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