

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

August 29th, 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

“The tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other.”

– Luke 18:13–14a

In the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus gives a strong rebuke to those who trust in their own righteousness before the Lord. Somewhat ironically, Christ concludes that it is not the most devoted law-keeper that is justified—declared righteous—before God; rather, the person whom God declares righteous recognizes His own unrighteousness and turns to the Lord for mercy (vv. 10–14).

The Pharisee in Jesus' parable erred because He did not understand God's standard for righteousness. The Lord does not grade on a curve. Contrary to the Pharisee's belief, it is not that God accepts one person and not another because the one has not committed as many heinous sins as the other. Neither does the Lord justify one person and not another because the former is more scrupulous in his obedience than the latter (vv. 11–12). No, if people want to be justified—declared righteous—by keeping the law, the standard is absolute perfection. It is not enough to keep just one commandment for justification—you must keep them all. It is a deadly proposition for sinners, for no sinner can keep God's law perfectly.

Why was the tax collector justified and not the Pharisee? Because the tax collector recognized His unrighteousness and His inability to make Himself righteous before God, turning to God's mercy alone. That's the only way a sinner can be justified.

Turning to God's mercy alone does not mean turning to some vague idea of a forgiving deity. Instead, we must rest in Christ alone for our salvation, trusting that He paid the penalty for our sins and was raised for our justification. As long as we think we must add our works to this, we have missed the gospel. Christ and Christ alone can justify us.

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 18

Leader: *The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.*

In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me.

With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless. For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down.

For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to your name. Great salvation he brings to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his offspring forever.

† Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Nº 2

† Prayer of Invocation

† Please stand, as able

Call to Confession

Mark 11:25

Leader: *“Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”*

Hymn of Confession

God, Be Merciful to Me

Hymns of Grace

Nº 398

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4:9–10

Leader: *In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

† Hymn of Trust

Rock of Ages

Hymns of Grace

Nº 209

Children’s Message

“Self-Control”

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

*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

Luke 18:9–14

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Sermon

“Empty Handed”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **Hymn of Response**

Hymns of Grace

Not in Me

Nº 405

† **Benediction**

† **Recessional Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

Benediction (v. 1)

Nº 438

May the peace of God our Heav’nly Father,
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
keep our hearts and minds within His love.
And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav’n;
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain,
Christ eternal, the King of kings.

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.*

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."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School ▶ There will be no Sunday School on September 5th or 12th. Our fall classes will begin on September 19th.

Prayer and Praise Service ▶ There will be a Prayer and Praise tonight at 5:00 P.M.

Women's Retreat ▶ The 2021 TFC Women's Retreat will be September 10th–12th at the CrossHeirs Retreat Center in Stuttgart, AR. For more information and to register, please visit our website.

Women's Bible Study ▶ The Women's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 15th. The morning group will meet at 9:30 and the evening group will meet at 6:30. Both groups will be discussing *Hosea* from the *Knowing the Bible* series. Visit trinityfellowshipppca.org/hosea to purchase the book on Amazon. 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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