

# TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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## Worship for the Lord's Day

September 5<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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*“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.’ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”*

Luke 20:17–18

Italy contains magnificent artwork produced by sculptors of the Renaissance period, which reached its apex with Michelangelo, the greatest sculptor of that era. Before Michelangelo began his work, he would visit the area of Carrara, where they had white marble that was unequaled in the world. At the quarry, he meticulously inspected each stone. He searched for the smallest flaw, anything that would mar the stone, any blemish that he could discern with the naked eye. If it didn't perfectly meet his specifications, he would reject it.

The Word of God says that a particular stone that the builders rejected would become the chief cornerstone of the building that God will build. There are many metaphors that describe the church in the New Testament. It is called the body and the bride of Christ. But one of the most vivid images is of a building made of living stones, which are the people of God; the foundation of the building is the prophets and the Apostles, with the chief cornerstone being Christ.

Jesus told the Pharisees and the Sadducees, the scribes and the elders, that this cornerstone would be a stumbling block. People will look at it and not find any beauty in it. They will trip over it. They will fall on their faces and fall into ruin. Then, He said, “Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” We gather each Lord's Day to meet with the Chief Cornerstone of the church, the One who is a stumbling block to many people.

If you trip over Him, you will fall into pieces, and the Father will take that Chief Cornerstone of His church whom you reject and He will crush you. The Word of God says that on the final day, the day of judgment, every knee will bow to Jesus Christ. Many of those people who will bow to Jesus Christ will do so because they acknowledge Him not only as their Savior but as their King. In a spirit of obeisance and adoration and reverence, they will willingly and joyfully get on their knees in front of Him. Those who despise Him will bow because God will break their knees with a rod of iron. One way or another, everyone will bow.

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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

**Philippians 2:5–11**

Leader: *Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

## † Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

**How Great Thou Art**

*Nº 5*

## † Prayer of Invocation

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† Please stand, as able

## **Affirmation of Faith**      **Westminster Larger Catechism (Modernized), 171**

Leader: *How do we prepare to receive the Lord's supper?*

Unison: Preparation for the Lord's supper involves careful examination: of the condition of our life in Christ; of our sins and failings; of whether we truly and to what degree know God, believe in him, and have repented, and of whether we love God and our fellow believers. We should have a charitable attitude toward everyone, including forgiveness of those who have wronged us. We must also assess how much we desire Christ and whether we are living in newness of obedience. Finally we must renew the practice of these graces in us by serious meditation and fervent prayer.

## **Call to Confession**

**John 3:16–19**

Leader: *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.”*

## **Individual Prayers of Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**1 Peter 2:6–10**

Leader: *“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

† **Hymn of Trust**

Hymns of Grace

**In Christ Alone**

*N<sup>o</sup> 177*

**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](http://trinityfellowshipppca.org/give).*

† **Doxology**

Hymns of Grace

*N<sup>o</sup> 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 20:9–19**

*pp. 879–880*

**Sermon**

**“The Sword in the Stone”**

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **Hymn of Preparation**

Hymns of Grace

**The Church's One Foundation (vv. 1–3)**

N<sup>o</sup> 354

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Hymns of Grace

**The Communion Hymn**

N<sup>o</sup> 343

*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

**The Church's One Foundation (v. 4)**

N<sup>o</sup> 354

† **Benediction**

† **Recessional Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

**Benediction (v. 2)**

N<sup>o</sup> 438

May this peace which passes understanding,  
and this grace which makes us what we are,  
And the fellowship of His communion  
make us one in spirit and in heart.

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.*

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

**Sunday School** ▶ There will be no Sunday School next Sunday, September 12th. Our fall classes will begin on September 19th.

**Fellowship Lunch** ▶ There will be no Fellowship Lunch next Sunday, September 12th. Our next Fellowship Lunch will be Sunday, October 10th, following the worship service.

**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 [trinityfellowshipcca.org/hosea](http://trinityfellowshipcca.org/hosea) to purchase the book on Amazon. Contact Katie DeVries for more information.

**Guys' Camping Trip** ▶ The 2021 Guys' Camping Trip will be October 1st–3rd at Lake Greeson in Murfreesboro, AR. For more information and to register, please visit our website.

**CPYC** ▶ Our winter youth conference, CPYC, will be December 3rd–5th at Victory Ranch in Bolivar, TN. This conference is for students grades 7–12. Contact Heath Warbritton 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.

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For a complete listing of activities within the life of the church, visit [trinityfellowshipcca.org/calendar](http://trinityfellowshipcca.org/calendar)

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- Caring Hearts Pregnancy Center . . . . . North Little Rock
- Dan Anderson . . . . . Central Hope Church; Little Rock
- Del Farris . . . . . MNA Ministry to State; Colorado
- Michelle Hill . . . . . Revive Our Hearts; Michigan
- Mike and Eli Sabin . . . . . MTW; Guam
- Tom and Karen Mirabella . . . . . MTW; Japan
- Union Rescue Mission . . . . . Little Rock



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