

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

October 17th, 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

“If Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.”

Hebrews 4:8–10

It can be a helpful exercise for understanding Scripture when we do our best to put ourselves in the shoes of the original audience. The original recipients of this letter were Christians from a Jewish background who knew the Old Testament well. The author likens this audience’s position to that of the wilderness generation of Israelites who had been rescued from Egypt but who had not yet entered the rest of the promised land. If they were to abandon Christ and go back to the old covenant, they would be like those Israelites who rebelled in the wilderness and were not allowed to go into Canaan. Moreover, that rest in Canaan was not the ultimate rest that God has prepared for His people.

Quoting from Psalm 95, written to the Israelites long after Joshua’s day, the author of Hebrews points out that the psalmist speaks of hearing and obeying God’s voice “today”—the latter day of the psalmist—in order to enjoy God’s rest. The entry into Canaan under Joshua could not have been the ultimate rest promised by the Lord to His people; otherwise, the prospect of failing to enter it would not have been held out to a later generation of Israel.

The final Sabbath rest for God’s people in His presence in the promised land was held out to the later Israelites, for this rest is brought by Jesus, the greater Joshua. Everyone who trusts in Christ has already entered the perfect rest of God, for in Jesus we rest from sin. Yet, we wait for that rest to be consummated in the new heavens and earth. We anticipate that final rest on a weekly basis, the Lord’s Day, remembering what Christ has done and what we have to look forward to in the consummation of His rest. By observing the Lord’s Day, we prepare ourselves to enjoy God’s final rest.

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

Psalm 95:1–7a

Leader: *Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

† Hymn of Praise

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymns of Grace

N^o 23

† Prayer of Invocation

† Please stand, as able

Call to Confession

Psalm 95:7b–11

Leader: *Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways.” Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.”*

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Unison: Today, our Father, we hear You speaking, just as You did to those who went before us in the faith, inviting them to an Exodus of freedom and the Promised Land of life with You.

Today, Lord Jesus, we hear You speaking, as the final word of God bringing life. In our noisy world that distracts us at every turn, help us to heed and obey Your invitation.

Today, Holy Spirit, we hear You speaking through the words of Holy Scripture. Strengthen us to respond with willing hearts.

We admit, O God, that You are faithful, but we are often more like Your people of times past: hot and cold, inconsistent and half-hearted in our pursuit of You. Forgive us, renew us, and set us on the path again.

All this we pray in Your name, Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—forever speaking and forever searching to whom be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Matthew 11:28–30

Leader: *“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

† **Hymn of Trust**

Hymns of Grace

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Nº 391

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.*

Our Worship in the World for the World

*Salvation and life in union with Christ frees us to worship and work
for the glory of God and the fulfillment of our created purpose.
In obedience to His commission, we support the work of the church in all places
and faithfully serve in the many vocations to which we have been called.*

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.
If you have filled out a visitor's card, please place it in the plate as it is passed.*

† **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

Hebrews 3:7–4:13

pp. 1002–1003

Sermon

Rev. Brad DeVries

“Believe and Rest”

† Hymn of Response

Hymns of Grace

Depth of Mercy

N^o 189

† Benediction

† Recessional Hymn

Hymns of Grace

Now unto Him

N^o 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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Promise ▶ Pledges for our annual Faith Promise giving for the missions outreach of the church will be received throughout the month of October. Faith Promise pledges may be placed in the offering plate or given to Brad.

Saturday Seminar ▶ There will be a watch party for the 2021 Wilberforce Weekend's "Imago Dei" conference this Saturday, October 23rd, from 9:00 A.M.–2:30 P.M. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Contact Brad for more information.

Reformation Day Party ▶ There will be a Reformation Day Party on Sunday, October 31st at 4:00 P.M.



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. 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.

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