

# TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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**Worship for the Lord's Day**

**October 24<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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*“We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

Hebrews 4:15–16

Among the greatest truths of the Bible is that God is not far off; rather, He comes near to His people. We see that as far back as the garden of Eden, where God walked with Adam and Eve. Even after the fall into sin, the Lord continued to draw near to His people, dwelling among the Israelites first in the tabernacle and then in the temple. But God has come nearest to us in the person of Jesus Christ. The Son of God took on our humanity such that He is like us in every way, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:14–16 uses our Savior’s similarity to us in order to encourage us to draw near to God when we need mercy and grace. While we should take seriously the warning of judgment in 3:7–4:13 for those who abandon Christ, we do not do so by thinking: “I have fallen too far. God might never take me back. I have to get my life in order before the Lord will have me again.” Instead, we are to run to our Creator through Christ’s mediation. We are not supposed to get ourselves together, to make ourselves righteous, before we come to Jesus. We must believe God will be gracious to us in Christ and draw near to God confidently, forsaking sin in the process. Faith and repentance go together, but faith has the logical priority. There is no point to forsaking sin unless we first trust that the Father wants to forgive and receive us in Christ.

John Calvin comments, “We have no reason to dread the majesty of Christ since he is our brother.” Jesus became incarnate in order to atone for sin, but He also took on our nature in order to encourage us to come to God through Him. If we are in Him, we can come to God confident in the fact that the Father will receive us in the Son and provide all that is needed to sustain our faith and increase our holiness.

We should always have reverence for our God, but if we are in Christ, we need not be terrified of Him. He welcomes us with open arms in His Son and draws near to us in Christ. We will rightly feel shame when we sin against Him, but we must not let that shame or fear keep us from running to Him for pardon. He wants to forgive His people, and He will do so when we go to Him in faith and repentance.

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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

## Psalm 110

Leader: *The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth. He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.*

## ✠ Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

## Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Nº 116

## ✠ Prayer of Invocation

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✠ Please stand, as able

## Call to Confession

**Hebrews 10:19–22**

Leader: *Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

Unison: Father, we know that we were made for You, that our souls will only find true peace and joy when we are in reconciled relationship with You both for now and for eternity.

We confess, O God, that we are lost without You. Our minds are confused with various messages, our hearts are stirred by diverse desires, and our very being is trapped in cycles of sin and brokenness.

Jesus, only Son of the Father, You alone are our Great High Priest, who makes a way for us to boldly approach God's throne of grace for the help we need.

Holy Spirit, set us ablaze again with the Pentecost fire of Your indwelling presence that we might once again burn for Your glory as a shining light in this world.

All this we pray in Your name, Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—the One we need more than anything or anyone else and also the One who provides for our greatest need. Amen.

## Individual Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

**Philippians 2:5–11, Romans 8:1**

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.*

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

## ✠ Hymn of Trust

Hymns of Grace

## And Can It Be?

Nº 180

## Children's Message

*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.  
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 4:14–5:10**

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**Sermon**

**“Draw Near”**

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **Hymn of Response**

Hymns of Grace

**Before the Throne of God Above**

*N<sup>o</sup>* 187

† **Benediction**

† **Recessional Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

**Before the Throne of God Above (v. 1)**

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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.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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.

**Newsletter Articles** ▶ Today is the final day to submit articles for the November Newsletter. Articles can be sent via email to Heath.

**Reformation Day Party** ▶ There will be a Reformation Day Party next Sunday, October 31st, at 4:00 P.M. We will begin with a Prayer and Praise service, with Reformation Day activities to follow.

**Thanksgiving Fellowship Lunch** ▶ Our annual Thanksgiving Fellowship Lunch will be held on Sunday, November 14th, following the worship service. The Westminster Small Group is responsible for setting up for 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. 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.

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### SESSION

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