

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

Reformation Sunday

October 31st, 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

“Though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.”

Hebrews 5:11–13

The author of Hebrews pauses his discussion of Jesus’ high priestly office in Hebrews 4:14–5:10 to give a warning and exhortation to his readers. At this point in the book, he wants to continue discussing the priestly work of Christ further, but he cannot because the audience is not ready. They have become “dull of hearing.” Here the author refers to spiritual unpreparedness. Their equivocating on whether to remain followers of Jesus was impeding their advancement in the faith. This, then, warns us that growth in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ comes only to those who are ready for it. A lack of committed discipleship can dull our spiritual senses and even move us backward in the school of Christ.

Spiritual immaturity characterized the original audience of the book of Hebrews. As the author goes on to argue in today’s passage, the spiritual regression of the readers put them in a situation where they would need remedial education in the “basic principles of the oracles of God.” This should not have been. Although we do not know exactly how long the audience had been believers when the book of Hebrews was written, it was certainly long enough that their continuing immaturity was unacceptable. So it is for us. God expects Christians to grow. The Lord does not want us to be content with only the basics of the faith, the essential gospel that saves us. As we are able, we should seek to grow in the breadth and depth of our knowledge of the faith.

It is good to know the basics of the faith, but growing Christians are never content with only the basics. As we advance in our Christian lives, the Spirit gives us a greater hunger for the truth of His Word and for the deep truths of the Christian faith. Let us seek to satisfy that hunger by growing in our understanding of the doctrines of the Word of God when and where we are able.

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 46

Leader: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

Unison: *Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.*

Leader: *There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.*

Unison: *The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Leader: *Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"*

Unison: *The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

† Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

N^o 53

† Please stand, as able

† Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession

Matthew 4:17; Luther's First Thesis

Leader: *Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said "Repent," he intended that the entire life of believers should be repentance.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 3:23–26

Leader: *All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

† Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, 33

Leader: *What is justification?*

Unison: *Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.*

† Hymn of Trust

By Grace Alone

Hymns of Grace

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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

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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 5:11–6:3

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Sermon

“Milk to Meat”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† Hymn of Response

Hymns of Grace

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken (vv. 1–5)

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† Benediction

† Recessional Hymn

Hymns of Grace

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken (v. 6)

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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.*

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

Reformation Day Party ▶ There will be a Reformation Day Party today at 4:00 P.M. We will begin with a Prayer and Praise service, with Reformation Day activities to follow.

Baby Shower for April Manley ▶ It's a baby shower! Please join us as we celebrate mom-to-be April Manley on Saturday, November 13th beginning at 10:00 A.M. at the home of Sharon Plate. The Manley's are registered at Amazon and Target. The Amazon registry is under April Drinkwater (maiden name) and the Target registry is under April and Michael Manley. Diapers and wipes are also welcome!

Thanksgiving Fellowship Lunch ▶ Our annual Thanksgiving Fellowship Lunch will be held on Sunday, November 14th, following the worship service. The Heidelberg small group is asked to provide sweet potatoes, rolls/bread, and desserts. The Westminster small group is asked to provide mashed potatoes, vegetables, and cranberry sauce.

Church Bookkeeper ▶ The Session is looking for interest in the position of Church Bookkeeper. This is an administrative role that includes church deposits, bills, payroll, and financial reports to the Session. If you would like to exercise your administrative and organizational skills, and believe that this is a way for you to serve your church family, please contact one of the elders.



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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