

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

November 7th, 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

“Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.”

Psalm 111:2–3

So great are the works of God that those who know them cannot help but proclaim them publicly. In His works of creation, we see His attributes and come to a clearer understanding of who God is and, if we have been given new hearts by His Holy Spirit, we long to learn as much as we can about Him. Moreover, we study His works and ways as much as we can, confident that we can know Him truly but never exhaustively, and we do so no matter what the world around us might think. John Calvin comments, “Incomprehensible as is the immensity of the wisdom, equity, justice, power, and mercy of God in his works, the faithful nevertheless acquire as much knowledge of these as qualifies them for manifesting the glory of God; only it becomes us to begin the study of his works with reverence, that we may take delight in them, contemptible though they be in the estimation of the reprobate.”

But the greatness of God's works is not limited to His works of creation. There is also His work of salvation, which is the focus of Psalm 111:4–9. Commentators suggest that the psalmist has in view the exodus from Egypt and conquest of Canaan. Looking to the generation of the exodus enables the psalmist to conclude his hymn with the statement that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” This is a lesson to be learned from the Israelites in both a positive and negative sense. Positively, seeing how God provided for His people after rescuing them from Egypt shows us how wise it is to fear our Creator. If we fear Him and are joined to His covenant people, He will meet our needs. Negatively, seeing what happened to that generation when they did not fear the Lord encourages us to fear Him. If we do not continue in the fear of the Lord, we will miss His inheritance just as the Israelites wandering in the wilderness were barred from the Promised Land.

Calvin also comments that nothing is more profitable for believers “than to spend their lives in the celebration of the praises of God.” Meditating on the works of the Lord reminds us of His greatness and that wise men and women fear Him, showing Him honor and love. Let us take time daily to think on the greatness of God's works.

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 103:1–5

Leader: *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

† Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Nº 2

† Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8–9

Leader: *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

† Please stand, as able

Hymn of Confession

Hymns of Grace

God, Be Merciful to Me

Nº 398

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 6:9–11

Leader: *Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

† Hymn of Trust

Hymns of Grace

O the Love of My Redeemer

Nº 207

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

Psalm 111, 112

pp. 509–510

Sermon

Rev. Brad DeVries

“Steadfast Hearts”

† **Hymn of Preparation**

Hymns of Grace

Oh, How He Loves You and Me

N^o 157

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

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.

If you are not able to receive communion, please use this time to meditate on the prayer found on page 6.

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

Still, My Soul, Be Still (vv. 1–2)

N^o 67

† **Benediction**

† **Recessional Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

Still, My Soul, Be Still (v. 3)

N^o 67

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

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.*

A Prayer of Belief: Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Baby Shower for April Manley ▶ It's a baby shower! Please join us as we celebrate mom-to-be April Manley this Saturday, November 13th, at the church beginning at 10:00 A.M. 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 next 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.

Small Groups ▶ Small Groups will meet next Sunday, November 14th, following the Fellowship Lunch.

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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