

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

November 14th, 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

“It is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift...and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.”

Hebrews 6:4–6

The author of Hebrews intended to guide everyone in his original audience beyond the basics of the Christian faith into full spiritual maturity. However, he also understood that this could happen only if the Lord so willed it. Some could not be guided into maturity, namely, those who commit final apostasy by abandoning the Christian faith and never coming back.

Hebrews 6:4–6 features perhaps the best-known warning passage in all of Scripture, and almost certainly the most-used proof text for those who believe that people who exercise true saving faith in Jesus can lose their salvation. However, we confess that this interpretation fails in light of the entire witness of Scripture and even the book of Hebrews itself. Matthew 1:21, for instance, tells us that Jesus will unfailingly save His people—all His people—from their sins. Romans 8:29–30 reveals that everyone who is justified—united to Christ and declared righteous through faith alone—will also be glorified. Hebrews 10:14 explains that Jesus’ atonement has perfected for all time all those who are now being sanctified, and one cannot be sanctified apart from true faith in Christ. F.F. Bruce writes that the author of Hebrews “is not questioning the perseverance of the saints; we might say that rather he is insisting that those who persevere are the true saints.”

What are we to make of the description in Hebrews 6:4–6 of the people who cannot be restored to repentance after falling away? The basic answer is that the characteristics given in these verses need not apply only to true Christians, to those who possess the faith they profess. They can be true also of those who come very close to placing their trust in Jesus, to those who make a profession of faith and join the church when their hearts are not truly in it. They might appreciate the goodness and truth of God’s Word, even believing it is factually true, without personally trusting Jesus to save them from their sins. The bottom line is that a mere profession of faith never saves anyone. But those who possess faith will persevere in it until the end.

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 92:1–4

Leader: *It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the
music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O LORD, have
made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.*

† Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

N^o 104

† Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession

Colossians 2:1–3; Hebrews 6:10–12

Leader: *For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at
Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be
encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of
understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are
hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

† Please stand, as able

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

from *Streams of Mercy*

Unison: Heavenly Father,

We confess before you the weakness of our grip on you. In good times, we declare with assurance that in Jesus we have a sympathetic High Priest and that you will never leave us nor forsake us. Yet when trials and troubles come, we quickly feel abandoned and alone, convinced that you have forgotten us. Father, forgive us.

Jesus, thank you that you entered this world of suffering and temptation as our merciful and compassionate High Priest. Thank you for the gentleness with which you receive us, and for not reproaching us for our constant weakness, doubt, and folly.

Holy Spirit, help us to cling to Christ. Intercede for us in our weakness, taking our incoherent prayers and presenting them perfectly before the Father. Strengthen us in growing holiness as you continue in us the good work that you have already begun, so that on the last day we might receive what you have promised us in Christ, along with all of the saints. In Jesus' name, amen.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 37:27–29, 39–40

Leader: *Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever. For the LORD loves justice; he will not forsake his saints. They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.*

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble. The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

† **Hymn of Trust**
Hymns of Grace

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul
Nº 52

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.*

The Lord's Prayer

Unison: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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 6:4–12
pp. 1003–1004

Sermon

“Don’t Walk Away”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **Hymn of Response**

Hymns of Grace

He Will Hold Me Fast

N^o 388

† **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

Thanksgiving Fellowship Lunch ▶ Our annual Thanksgiving Fellowship Lunch will be held in the fellowship hall following the worship service. All are invited!

Small Groups ▶ Small Groups will meet today following the Fellowship Lunch.

Hanging of the Green ▶ There will be a Hanging of the Green to prepare our worship space for the Advent season next Sunday, November 21st, following the worship service. Many hands make light work!

Chrismon Program ▶ Our annual Chrismon Program will be Sunday, November 28th, during the Sunday School hour.

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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