



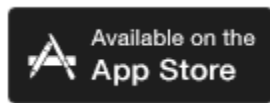
Fellowship This Week

- **Men's Bible Study:** Tuesday, 6:30am @Rudys' BBQ,
- **Monday night after work** at Big Brew on Main 5:30pm
- **Session Meeting:** Tuesday, 29th, 7:30.

Year-End Giving: In order to comply with IRS regulations, Thursday, December 31, is the deadline for donations to be received for 2020. Other than offerings given in worship or at trinitynorman.com/give, you may mail checks postmarked by December 31. For stock donation instructions, contact admin@trinitynorman.com. Please note that mutual fund donations can take up to one month to process. Thank you for your generosity in supporting all that God is doing at Trinity Presbyterian Church of Norman.

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Man's Chief End Is to Glorify God & Enjoy Him Forever.



Trinity Presbyterian Church of Norman
Order for the Worship of God
Sunday, December 27, 2020 – 10:30-11:45 am
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"Glorifying God & Enjoying Him Forever."
"May it be that through the Church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known" – Ephesians 3:10

Pre-Service Meditation

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of all comfort; Deal graciously, we pray Thee, with all those who mourn, that casting every care on Thee, they may know the consolation of Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. -*The Book of Common Prayer, 1928.*

“Clearly, accomplishment in life cannot be measured in terms of years alone. It often happens that those that die young have accomplished more than others who live to old age. Even infants, who sometimes have been with their parents only a few days, or even hours, may leave profound influences that change the entire course of the life of the family. And undoubtedly, from the divine viewpoint, the specific purpose for which they were sent into the world was accomplished. It is our right neither to take life prematurely, not to insist on its extension beyond the mark that God has set for it.”

—Lorraine Boettner, *Immortality, 1975.*

“Bono has written: ‘Ecclesiastes is one of my favorite books. It’s a book about a character who wants to find out why he’s alive, why he was created. He tries knowledge. He tries wealth. He tries experience. He tries everything. You hurry to the end of the book to find out why, and it says, ‘Remember your Creator.’ In a way, it’s such a letdown. Yet it isn’t.’ Getting to know our Creator before we grow old and die is the most important thing we can ever do....The Hebrew word for vanity (hevel) is the Preacher’s multipurpose metaphor to express the futility of life in a fallen world. Taken literally, the word refers to a breath or vapor, like the steam rising from a boiling kettle. Such is life. It is impossible to grasp, and before you know it, life is gone; it vanishes into thin air.”

-Phillip Ryken, *Ecclesiastes, 2010.*

“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD... and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder’s den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.” (Isaiah 11:1-9)

Responding to the Word Preached

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Institution of the Lord’s Supper

Mark 14:23-25

22 And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” 23 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. 24 And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. 25 Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Communion Hymn:

#194

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Closing Words & Announcements

Hymn of Commitment

#203

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.”

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Minister: ²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, “The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!

Questions for Meditation:

Question ONE: Is your future shaping your present? How do you know?

Question TWO: What are “goads” and what do they have to do with the Shepherd?

Question THREE: When was the last time you obeyed what the Bible told you even when it was not what you wanted to do?

Question FOUR: What do you find delightful about the Bible? Ecclesiastes?

Question FIVE: What are things for which you are preparing?

Question SIX: What does it mean to “fear God?”

Sermon Notes

Welcome

Silent prayer of preparation. You might utilize prayers & quotes from page 2.

We Come to Worship at His Bidding

“Let everything that has breathe praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!” Psalm 150:6

Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 98

Minister: The LORD has made known His salvation;

People: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Minister: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Minister: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

People: make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration, Invocation, & the Lord’s Prayer

All: 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.

Hymn of Praise

“Come Behold the wondrous Mystery”

Gospel Lesson

Isaiah 57:15

¹⁵ For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

“I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

Public Confession of Sin

Our God and Father, when we behold Your Son Jesus, we see Your great love for us, for You sent Your one and only Son into the world to die for sinner like us, so that whoever believes in Him would have eternal life. Yet, our Father, our appetite for things of secondary or even of no importance fills our lives with longings that You never intended us to have. Our love and devotion to our possessions and our pleasures reveal again our true need for Jesus.

Lord, in this Christmas season would You please give us Christ: fill our hearts with desire to know Him, to love Him, to serve and follow Him; fill our mouths

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with words to honor Him and proclaim Him; give us His presence to guide us in wisdom, to give peace to our troubled souls, to guard and protect our ways; grant us His grace and favor to forgive our sins, and to bring us to glory. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed as altered in 381 AD

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; he was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried, and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; from thence he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. In one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of Assurance

#211

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Collection of Tithes & Offerings

Offering Hymn

Doxology #731

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.

Congregational Prayer

The leader prays to Almighty God on behalf of the congregation and himself. This prayer includes adoration of God for who He is, confession of our sins against Him, thanksgiving for all of His manifold benefits to us, and supplication for our needs. The prayer is especially designed to help prepare the hearts and minds of God’s people for the preaching of God’s word which is to follow.

Trinity Kids’ Message

“What is Sin?”

28. What is Sin?

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of the law of God.

29. What is meant by want of conformity?

A. Not being or doing what God requires.

30. What is meant by transgression?

A. Doing what God forbids.

Receiving the Word of God

Sermon: Ecclesiastes 12

“The Meaning of Life: Everything Matters”

(If able, please stand for the reading of God’s word) **Rev. Justin Westmoreland**

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, “I have no pleasure in them”;² before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain,³ in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed,⁴ and the doors on the street are shut—when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low—⁵ they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets—⁶ before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern,⁷ and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.⁸ Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.

⁹ Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care.¹⁰ The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.

¹¹ The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd.¹² My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

¹³ The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!