

TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

Fellowship

- **Men's Bible Study:** Tuesday, 6:30am @Rudys' BBQ, Topic: Genesis.
- **After work fellowship** at Black Mesa, 5:30pm. Wednesday.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Thursday, 10:30am. 535 E. Boyd. & Wednesday,

8:00pm (on zoom). "The Lamb of God: Exodus." New this week!

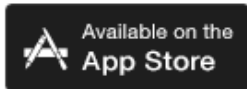
-**Sunday Discipleship Ministries**- "Attributes of God." 9:45-10:15 am.

-**Ministry Season Opening Day 2021-22**- August 22nd

-**Church Organization Sunday**- September 19, 2021. Save the Date!

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Ministry/Service Teams Forming: Fill out the form on our website!

Avenues for Giving:

Each week tithes & offerings are collected during the service.

On-site: In the offering plates on the resources table.

Online giving is at trinitynorman.com or through the Trinity Norman App.

Text giving: text "trinitynorman" to 77977.

By mail: P O Box 6016, Norman, OK 73070.

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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, April 18, 2021 – 10:30-11:45 am
Trinitynorman.com**



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A Church for Norman

"Glorifying God & Enjoying Him Forever."
"We exist to gather and perfect the saints of God
in Norman, OK and beyond."

Pre-Service Meditation

“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” -Revelation 1:5-8

“*The Holy Scriptures tell us that the first thought and the first word of the day belong to God.*”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, citing Psalm 5:3; 88:13; 57:8ff; 119:147; 63:1; 46:5/

“By nature we are of a fierce cruel disposition. When God cursed the ground for man’s sake, the curse was that it should bring forth ‘thorns and thistles’ (Genesis 3:18). The heart of man naturally lies under this curse. It brings forth nothing but the thistles of strife and contention. But when grace comes into the heart, it makes it peaceable. It infuses a sweet, loving disposition. It smoothes and polishes the most knotty piece. It files off the ruggedness in men’s spirits. Grace turns the vulture into a dove, the briar into a myrtle tree (Isaiah 55:13), the lion-like fierceness into a lamb-like gentleness. ‘In that day the wolf and lamb will live together (Isaiah 11:6-9)/ It is spoken of as the power which the gospel shall have upon hearts; it shall make such a metamorphosis that those who before were full of rage and hatred, shall now be made peaceable and gentle...the character of a true saint. He is given to peace. He is a keeper of the peace. He is a ‘son of peace.’”

-Thomas Watson, *The Beatitudes*.

“When we talk about God as sovereign, we mean that God is king..Only in recent days have Presbyterians begun to understand that, like every aspect of our salvation, our holiness depends on our faithful resting upon God’s alone.

- Sean Lucas, *On Being Presbyterian*

“The true and only way of justification for all men is by the righteousness of God imputed through faith in Jesus Christ.”

- Robert Haldane, *Commentary on Romans*

“The one encouragement we can always give to our children (and one another) is that God is more powerful than our sin, and he’s strong enough to make us want to do the right thing. We can assure them that his help can reach everyone, even them. Our encouragement should always stimulate praise for God’s grace rather than for our goodness.”

– Elyse Fitzpatrick & Jessica Thompson, *Give Them Grace*.

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:

#642

“Be Thou My Vision”

Closing Words & Announcements

Hymn of Commitment

#32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Benediction

Romans 16:20

Minister: “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”

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.

Further Questions for Study & Meditation:

Question ONE: Paul responds to the misunderstanding that being a Jew was of no advantage. What non-saving advantages exist for all those who attend bible believing churches and who are raised in a Christian home?

Question TWO: What are the “oracles of God” and wherein lies their value?

Question THREE: How does Paul quotation of Psalm 51 clarify how off-base someone would be if he or she reasoned that God was unfaithful because of unbelief of Israel? How does this also rescue us from reasoning that people cannot be redeemed after moral failures?

Question FOUR: How does the reasoning of the objectors in Romans 3:5-8 strike at the heart of the gospel?

Question FIVE: Related to the final objection answered, what issues or life-situations tempt you to employ the principle, that good ends justify shady means?

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 Hebrews 10:19-22

Minister: Therefore, my friends,

People: since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary 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 approach 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.

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 Invocation

#53

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Psalm Lesson- Psalm 51:1-12

“He is Justified in His Judgment”

¹ *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

² *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!*

³ *For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*

⁴ *Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.*

⁵ *Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

⁶ *Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.*

⁷ *Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.* ⁸ *Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.*

⁹ *Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.*

¹⁰ *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.* ¹¹ *Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.* ¹² *Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

Public Confession of Sin

Father of All Mercies, who delightest not in the death of a sinner, have compassion upon us, wash us from all our sins that we have committed against thy Holy Majesty since the time we first came into this world. Create in us a clean heart, and strengthen us

continually with thy Holy Spirit, that we, being truly consecrated to thy service, may set forth thy praises, though Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

Micah 7:18-20

¹⁸ Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

²⁰ You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old."

Hymn of Celebration

#498

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Give to God Ourselves Through Prayers, Tithes, and Offerings

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.

Collection of Tithes & Offerings

Offering Hymn

Gloria Patri #735

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Children's Catechism Lesson –

w/ Dr Ryan & Mrs. Stephanie

Q10. What does God require in the fourth and fifth commandments?

A: Fourth, that on the Sabbath day we spend time in public and private worship of God, rest from routine employment, serve the Lord and others, and so anticipate the eternal Sabbath. Fifth, that we love and honor our father and our mother, submitting to their godly discipline and direction.

"Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God." - Leviticus 19:3

Receiving the Word of God

Sermon: Romans 3:1-8

"Thinking God's Thoughts after Him"

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

Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? 2 Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. 3 What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? 4 By no means! Let God be true though everyone were a liar, as it is written, "That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged."

5 But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.) 6 By no means! For then how could God judge the world? 7 But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? 8 And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Israel (and us) should have learned from the oracles of God that He is faithful God in the following three ways:

- I. The oracles of God reveal God will save his people from their sins.
- II. The oracles of God reveal God will judge the world for its sin.
- III. The oracles of God reveal God never sanctions our evil acts.

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