

TRINITY  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

## Fellowship

- **Men's Bible Study:** This week:  
Genesis 27:1-29. Rudy's on Hwy 9.  
Tuesday, 6:30-7:30.
- **After work fellowship** at Big Brew,  
5:30pm. Monday.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Thursday,

10:30am. 535 E. Boyd. & Wednesday, 8:30pm (on zoom).

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

- **Ministry Season Opening Day 2021-22**- August 29<sup>th</sup>

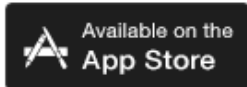
- **Called Congregational Meeting**- after worship, June 27, 2021.

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

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Each week tithes & offerings are collected during the service.

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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, May 23, 2021 – 10:30-11:45 am  
Trinitynorman.com**



**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN**  
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

“In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” – 1 John 4:10

“He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.” – 1 John 2:2

<sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. - Hebrews 2:17

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“Has the word propitiation any place in your Christianity? In the faith of the New Testament it is central. The love of God, the taking of human form by the Son, the meaning of the cross, Christ’s heavenly intercession, the way of salvation-all are to be explained in terms of it and any explanation from which the thought of propitiation is missing will be incomplete, and indeed actually misleading, by New Testament standards.”

- J.I. Packer, *Concise Theology*

“When Paul explains the gospel in Romans, he states that God, in providing redemption through the cross of Christ, demonstrates both that He is just and the justifier of those who have faith (Rom 3:26). The cross is the clearest expression of God’s grace and mercy that we find anywhere in Scripture. There are those who say they prefer the God of the New Testament because he is a God of love, grace, and mercy, while the Old Testament God is vengeful, angry, and concerned about law and justice. It is important to note in response that the most vivid demonstration of the wrath and justice of god we find in Scripture is found in the New Testament, at the cross. In the violence of that act, the wrath of God was poured out on One who, in and of Himself, was completely innocent but who took upon Himself our transgressions and our guilt.”

– R.C. Sproul, *Truths We Confess*

“Proverbs 4:23 instructs believers to ‘keep one’s heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life...’ God does not usually indulge sloth and carelessness. Outward morality is easy, but of killing the root of corruption within, the Christian’s duty never ends.

- John Flavel, *On Keeping the Heart*

## **Responding to the Word Preached**

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### **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.”

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#### **Communion Hymn:**

**#32**

**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

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#### **Closing Words & Announcements**

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#### **Hymn of Commitment**

**#521**

**“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**

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#### **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.”

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#### **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.

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#### **Further Questions for Study & Meditation:**

Question ONE: What are the implications for worship and ministry for God if we are not convinced he is just or unable to justify sinners?

Question TWO: Without the doctrine of justification by faith, why is God’s forgiving of our sins unjust? How is God vindicated?

Question THREE: Explain propitiation and the distinction between propitiation and expiation?

Question FOUR: Why is a God who offers Jesus as a propitiation worthy of your worship and service? How is the gospel made sweeter?

Question FIVE: Why would this term understood to mean, “propitiation” which is located in the heart of the greatest paragraph in the bible be neglected and forgotten?

## Sermon Notes

## Welcome

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

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### We Come to Worship at His Bidding

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

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#### Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 98:1-7

Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**People: The LORD has made known his salvation; 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; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**People: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

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#### 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.**

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#### Hymn of Invocation

#100

“Holy! Holy! Holy!”

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#### Psalm Lesson- from Psalm 8

“Our God, Our Glory”

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup>what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup>You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, <sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup>the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## Public Confession of Sin

Eternal God, who by thy mighty providence does govern all creatures, we confess we have not acknowledged the work of your hands which includes our calling to take dominion over creation according to your purposes for us. We have not cherished our place of honor, nor have we faithfully nurtured the gifts we have received from you. We humbly beseech you that it would please you to visit us by your Son, Jesus Christ, and restore to us that honor from which we were cast down by the sin of our forefather; and that we may, in remembrance of thy great benefits towards us, celebrate the miraculous power of your Holy Spirit, both now and evermore. Amen.

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## Private Confession of Sin

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### Words of Assurance

1 Peter 2:10, 24-25

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls..

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### Hymn of Celebration

#347

"The Church's One Foundation"

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### Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism Q1

Minister. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I belong—

body and soul, in life and in death—

not to myself,

but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,

who at the cost of His own blood

has fully paid for all my sins

and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;

that He protects me so well

that without the will of my Father in heaven

not a hair can fall from my head;

indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation.

Therefore, by His Holy Spirit,

He also assures me of eternal life,

and makes me wholeheartedly willing

and ready from now on to live for Him.

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

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### 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

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### Offering Hymn

Gloria Patri #735

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### Children's Catechism Lesson –

w/ Dr Ryan & Ms. Stevi

### Q15. Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose?

That we may know the holy nature and will of God, and the sinful nature and disobedience of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior. The law also teaches and exhorts us to live a life worthy of our Savior.

*"For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin." - Romans 3:20*

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## Receiving the Word of God

Sermon: Romans 3:25-26

"The Vindication of God"

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

*21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 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. 26 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.*

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

In v25-26, Paul continues to explain what "justification" is. Justification puts God in an awkward, apparent tension of being unjust in which God can only be vindicated if Jesus was, in fact, offered as a propitiation sacrifice. A vindicated God is a God who is worthy of our worship and our full devotion.

- I. Justification is received by faith alone.
- II. But this does not answer God's personal anger/wrath against sin.
- III. Unless Jesus functioned as a propitiatory sacrifice
- IV. Then God is both just and justifier of the one who has faith.