

TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

Gathering & Perfecting

- **Men's Bible Study:** This week: Genesis. Rudy's on Hwy 9. Tuesday, 6:30-7:30. Back July 13!
- **After work fellowship** at Crossed Cannons, 5:30pm. Wednesday.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Thursday,

10:30am. 535 E. Boyd.

- **Sunday Discipleship Ministries**-“Attributes of God.” 9:45-10:15 am.
- **Baptism Sunday**- July 18th
- **Called Congregational Meeting**- After worship, Aug 8th
- **Ministry Season Opening Day 2021-22**- August 29th
- **Church Organization Sunday**- September 19, 2021. Save the Date!

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Submit a Prayer Request: How can we pray with & for you?

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 our ten digit code: **(833) 381-4569**.

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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, July 11, 2021 – 10:30-11:45 am
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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

“Throughout the history of the church, emotions were always viewed with suspicion because they could vacillate so wildly. Now they are praised. Too often they are the standards by which we make judgments. When feelings become more important than faith, people will become more important, and God will become less important.

– Ed Welch, *When People Are Big and God Is Small*

“Not what these hands have done Can save this guilty soul; Not what this toiling flesh has borne Can make my spirit whole. Not what I feel or do Can give me peace with God, Not all my prayers and sighs and tears Can bear my awful load. Thy work alone O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin; Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, Can give me peace within. Thy grace alone, O God, To me can pardon speak, Thy power alone, O Son of God, Can this sore bondage break. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine; And, with unfalt’ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.

–Horatius Bonar, *Not What my Hands Have Done*.

“If a person is convinced there is no God when actually there is one, he is merely mistaken. But this is never the case according to Paul’s explanation of Psalm 14 in Romans 1-3. The reason the person is a fool and not merely mistaken is that he knows there is a God and yet chooses to believe and act as if there is none...It is not possible for a person to move himself from saying Psalm 14:1 to saying 14:7, God must act upon us in Jesus Christ. In the first chapter of 1 Corinthians the apostle Paul is talking about wisdom. He is contrasting the true wisdom of the gospel with the apparent wisdom of the wise, who regard the gospel as foolishness. God has destroyed this human wisdom, he says. And he has given us Jesus, “who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness, and redemption” (1 Cor. 1 :30). That is it exactly! Left to ourselves, our minds run to utter foolishness, and we act the fool too. But in Christ we find wisdom from God which is able to save us and lead us in the way of righteousness.”

- James Montgomery Boice, *Psalms Volume 1*.

³ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,* ⁴ *to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,* ⁵ *who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

⁶ *In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,* ⁷ *so that the tested genuineness of your faith--more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

- 1 Peter 1:3-7

Responding to the Word Preached

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26-29

“Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.”

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

Communion Hymn:

#32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Closing Words & Announcements

Hymn of Commitment

“Living Hope”

Closing Prayer

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.

Review Questions:

Use these questions personally or in a group to engage further with God’s message in the sermon:

Question ONE: What was God’s promise to Abraham in Genesis 15? What were some of the obstacles that Abraham could see which would seem to make God’s promise impossible?

Question TWO: What is God’s promise to all sinners from Genesis to Revelation? What are some of the obstacles which you see which make it hard to trust or believe God’s promise?

Question THREE: How does the fact that God made a covenant with Abraham which extends to all his descendants strengthen your hope?

Question FOUR: How does your belief that Jesus truly rose from the dead strengthen your belief that you are truly and inseparably united to him in righteousness?

Question FIVE: Abraham’s faith encourages us. How have others who have walked with Christ and trusted him through their weakness encouraged your faith? Would you write them a letter or note and let them know how God has encouraged you through them?

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 98:6-9**

Minister: Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

People: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

People: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!

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”**

The Law’s Demands **Psalm 14**

1 The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.

2 The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. 3 They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. 4 Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?

5 There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous. 6 You would shame the plans of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge. 7 Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

Public Confession of Sin **adapted from Scottish *Psalm Prayers* (1589)**

O God only just and righteous, we beseech thee that it will please thee to draw us out of this folly from sin. For it is a fearful corruption wherewith the whole race of mankind is infected. Deliver us from the guilt, power, and misery of sin. We ask that we may be empowered to abandon folly and walk in simplicity and all godliness. We count ourselves by faith to be in the generation of the righteous with whom you dwell and work deliverance. May you enable us toward the end that we enjoy the fruit of that happy deliverance which thou

hast given us by atonement for us by the sacrificial death of the Son, Christ Jesus, and justification through our union with Him in his resurrection from the dead. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance 2 Kings 8:18-19

18 And [Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah] walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as the house of Ahab had done, for the daughter of Ahab was his wife. And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD.¹⁹ Yet the LORD was not willing to destroy Judah, for the sake of David his servant, since he promised to give a lamp to him and to his sons forever.

Hymn of Celebration #347 “The Church’s One Foundation”

Confession of Faith The Belgic Confession (1561) Article 23

Minister: Christians, what do you believe about justification?

People: We believe that our salvation consists in the remission of our sins for Jesus Christ’s sake, and that therein our righteousness before God is implied: as David and Paul teach us, declaring this to be the happiness of man, that God imputes righteousness to him without works. And the same apostle says, that we are justified freely by his grace, through the redemption which is in Jesus Christ. And therefore we always hold fast this foundation, ascribing all the glory to God, humbling ourselves before him, and acknowledging ourselves to be such as we really are, without presuming to trust in anything in ourselves, or in any merit of ours, relying and resting upon the obedience of Christ crucified alone, which becomes ours, when we believe in him. This is sufficient to cover all our iniquities, and to give us confidence in approving to God; freeing the conscience of fear, terror and dread, without following the example of our first father, Adam, who, trembling, attempted to cover himself with fig-leaves. And verily if we should appear before God, relying on ourselves, or on any other creature, though ever so little, we should, alas! be consumed. And therefore everyone must pray with David: O Lord, enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

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

Receiving the Word of God

Children’s Catechism Lesson – w/ Dr Ryan & Mrs. Stephanie

Q21. What sort of Redeemer is needed to bring us back to God? One who is truly human and also truly God.

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” – Isaiah 9:6

Sermon: **Romans 4:18-25** **“Justification and Saving Faith-not all faith is saving faith.”**

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

¹⁸ *In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be."*¹

¹⁹ *He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.²² That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness."*²

²³ *But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Abraham was saved not by works but through faith alone. It’s called saving faith and is the instrument whereby God declares his people righteous and forgiven of their sins- justified.

We’ll see three points on saving faith in the text:

- I. Saving faith trusts God’s word, not our sight. V18
- II. Saving faith can grow stronger resulting in worship as we consider our weakness, V19-21
- III. Saving faith’s only object must be the risen Jesus. V23-25

¹ Citing Genesis 15:5

² Citing Genesis 15:6