

### Avenues for Giving:

As worship, each week tithes & offerings are collected during the service in the offering plates. Old covenant believers were instructed to give back to the LORD a tenth/tithe of that which He had blessed them and to make offerings as led by the Spirit. Present day believers stand upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the new covenant reality. While the scripture does not give us a number/percentage, we reason that new covenant realities entail that we should be more generous, not less, with that which God has given to us than our old covenant counterparts.

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### Our Mission: "Gathering & Perfecting"

- Men's Bible Study: @Rudy's. Tuesday, 6:30am, Genesis 37.

-After work fellowship at Big Brew, 5:30-7:00pm. Monday.

- Women's Bible Study: Thursdays. 10:30am, Contact: Tammie W.

-Sunday Discipleship Ministries- "Christian Worldview" 9:45-10:15

-Session Meeting: Nov 17, 5:30-7pm

-Baptism Sunday- Nov 21. Join the church or be baptized. Contact the pastor.

-Ski-Grace- January 2-6, 2023- Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) go skiing for three days and study God's grace in the mountains prior to the beginning of Spring semester 2023.



### Get Connected

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← Women's Ministry Group link:

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**Trinity Presbyterian Church of Norman**  
**The Service of Worship of the Triune God**  
**Sunday, November 7, 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:

“Christianity is not just intellectually defensible but also intellectually satisfying at the deepest of levels. Yes, we believe God with our hearts. But we can also enjoy him with our minds.”

- Michael Kruger, *Surviving Religion 101*

“[Sanctification] is a process that includes on the one hand medication and diet (in the form of biblical instruction and admonition coming in various ways to the heart), and on the other hand tests and exercises (in the form of internal and external pressures, providentially ordered, to which we have to make active response). The process goes on as long as we are in the world, which is something that God decides in each case.”

— J.I. Packer, *Rediscovering Holiness*

“It sounds really spiritual to say God is interested in a relationship, not in rules. But it's not biblical. From top to bottom, the Bible is full of commands. They aren't meant to stifle a relationship with God, but to protect it, seal it, and define it. Never forget: first God delivered the Israelites from Egypt, then He gave them the law. God's people were not redeemed by observing the law. But they were redeemed so that they might obey the law.”

— Kevin DeYoung, *The Hole in Our Holiness: Filling the Gap between Gospel Passion and the Pursuit of Godliness*

“Growth in grace is growth downward: it is the forming of a lower estimate of ourselves; it is a deepening realization of our nothingness; it is a heartfelt recognition that we are not worthy of the least of God's mercies.”

--A.W. Pink, *Spiritual Growth*

“The life of holiness is one of downward growth all the time. When Peter writes, “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18), and when Paul speaks of growing into Christ (Ephesians 4:15) and rejoices that the Thessalonians' faith is growing (2 Thessalonians 1:3), what they have in view is a progress into personal smallness that allows the greatness of Christ's grace to appear. The sign of this sort of progress is that they increasingly feel and say that in themselves they are nothing and God in Christ has become everything for their ongoing life.”

--J.I. Packer, *The Life of Repentance*.

“Here [and Rom. 7:14, 23-4], not only the schoolmen, but also some of the old fathers, are much troubled, seeking how they may excuse Paul. For it seemeth unto them absurd and unseemly to say, that that elect vessel of Christ should have sin. But we credit Paul's own words, wherein he plainly confesseth that he is sold under sin, and that he is led captive of sin, that he hath a law in his members rebelling against him, and that in the flesh he serveth the law of sin. Here again they answer, that the Apostle speaketh in the person of the ungodly. But the ungodly do not complain of the rebellion of their flesh, of any battle or conflict, or of the captivity and bondage of sin: for sin mightily reigneth in them. This is therefore the very complaint of Paul and of all the saints.”

--Martin Luther, *Commentary on Galatians*.

## Responding to God's 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.”

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### Communion Hymn

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“Take my Life and Let It Be”

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### Closing Words & Announcements

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### Hymn of Commitment

“In Christ Alone”

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### Benediction

**Romans 16:20**

*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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**Review Questions:** Use these questions personally or in a group to engage further with God's message in the sermon:

**Question ONE:** Who is the “I” in Romans 7:14-25? Is this Paul describing his experience as a “born-again believer,” “a carnal, or immature believer,” or “a non-believer?” What assumptions have impacted how one answers that question?

**Question TWO:** What key verbs in v15 & v22 lend support that the description of Paul in this paragraph must be his experience as a “born-again believer?” How has this ever given you comfort in the midst of your struggles with sin?

**Question THREE:** How has your growing awareness of the tension Paul describes in v18-20 impacted how you feel about Jesus?

**Question FOUR:** Consider Paul's statement in v21. Can you remember from experience a ratcheting up of temptation when you sought to intentionally glorify God?

**Question FIVE:** How have you understood the deliverance described in v24-25? What have you been delivered from and how did it happen?

**Welcome & Statement of Purpose**

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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 145**

Minister: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!

**People: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power,**

Minister: To make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

**People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

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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 do ne, 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**

**“Yet Not I, But Christ in Me”**

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**The Law of God “Learning from God: Alef, Beth, Gimel.” Psalm 25:1-10, 22**

Of David. To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. 2 O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. 3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. 5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

6 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. 7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. 9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. 10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies....<sup>22</sup> Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

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**Public Confession of Sin**

**Good & Gracious God, who desirest nothing but the health and salvation of them that trust in thee, extend thy goodness and infinite mercies upon thy poor servants, and put away all our iniquities, that we, being governed by the Holy Spirit, may walk uprightly in thy holy commandments, without wavering; that**

in the end we may enjoy the bliss obtained for us by thy son, Christ Jesus.  
Amen.

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**Private Confession of Sin**

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**Words of Assurance**

**John 6:37-39**

*37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.*

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**We Respond to the Gospel with Singing, Speaking Truth, Giving, & Prayers**

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**Hymn**

**#457**

**“Come Thou Fount”**

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**Confession of Faith**

**Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

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**Congregational Prayer**

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**Collection of Tithes & Offerings**

**1 Chronicles 29:16**

**“O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own.”**

**Offering Hymn**

**Gloria Patri #735**

**We Hear, Receive, and Rest upon the Word of God**

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

**Q33.** Should those who have faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works, or anywhere else?

A: No, they should not, as everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ. To seek salvation through good works is a denial that Christ is the only Redeemer and Savior.

*“Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified” – Galatians 2:16*

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**Sermon: Romans 7:14-25**

**“Advanced Christianity”**

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

Rev. Justin Westmoreland

*14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. 15 For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. 17 So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.*

*21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Main Idea: Advanced Christianity consists of growing downward into these two convictions regarding two wretched men.

- I. That I am a wretched man in need of salvation in particular ways.
- II. That God became a wretched man to save particularly wretched me.