

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 41.

-Women's Bible Study: The Wisdom of God, Nancy Guthrie, January 7.

-Sunday Discipleship Ministries- "Covenant Theology w/ Cody" 9:45-10:15,

-Session Meeting: Friday, Dec 17.

-Christmas Caroling- December 19 @Cleveland Elem 5:30, Hot chocolate/cookies.

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



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Trinity Presbyterian Church of Norman
The Service of Worship of the Triune God
Sunday, December 19, 2021 – 10:30-11:45 am
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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:

“Our fundamental need is not for “mortification” or even for “sanctification.” It is for the Lord Jesus Christ himself. Mortification and sanctification are but the pathway to “Christification”! And as Abraham Kuyper shrewdly put it, there are no other resources in heaven or on earth for the Holy Spirit to employ to make us Christlike outside of Christ himself. Only in him are there resources appropriate and adequate to transform sinful humans into Christlike ones.”

- Sinclair Ferguson

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above,
and he leads his children on, to the place where he is gone.

- *Once in Royal David's City*, Cecil Alexander.

3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, (Rom 8:3 ESV)

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. (Gal 4:4-5 ESV)

¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. (Heb 2:14-16 ESV)

²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. (Heb 7:23-26 ESV)

“That which is not taken up is not healed.”

- Gregory of Nazianzus, *Epistle 101*, 329-390 AD.

“His body was that true, substantial temple and tabernacle whereof he was the minister... That, therefore, wherein God dwells really and substantially, and on account whereof he is our God in the covenant of grace, that, and no other, is the true tabernacle. But this is in Christ alone, for ‘in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,’ Col 2:9. Thus the human nature of Christ is the true, substantial tabernacle, wherein God dwelleth personally.”

- John Owen, *Hebrews Commentary, Volume 6*, p19.

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.”

Communion Hymn

#196 “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Closing Words & Announcements

Hymns of Commitment

#195

“Joy to the World!”

#210

“Silent Night! Holy Night!”

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

24 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.

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: How do Christians actually see God through the sense of hearing?

Question TWO: How has our flesh, which is our biggest obstacle to beholding God, in Christ, become our greatest help in seeing God?

Question THREE: Write out short definitions of God’s glory, God’s grace, and God’s truth?

Question FOUR: How did the tabernacle and Moses prepare the way for Jesus, but also have zero effectiveness to people knowing God unless Jesus became flesh?

Question FIVE: Why do you think John employed the phrase “grace upon grace” in v16?

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 98:2-4, 6

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

#214

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Reading the Wor

“The Birth of the Savior.” Luke 2:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus”.

Public Confession of Sin

O God, in the beginning You spoke, and creation was born, the object of Your loving care. In the fullness of time You spoke, and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of Your love. We wonder at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation! Forgive us, for though Jesus came so that we might be Your sons and daughters, we have been wayward children, lacking in our love for You and for one another. This year, would You lift the veil from our eyes, so that we might behold Jesus for who He really is, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Great I Am! We wait upon You with ready hearts, O merciful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Private Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

Jeremiah 33:15-16

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.

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

Hymn

#207

“Good Christian Men Rejoice”

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..

*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places

Congregational Prayer

Collection of Tithes & Offerings

1 Chronicles 29:16

Offering Hymn

Gloria Patri #735

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

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

Q38. What is prayer? Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving.

Q39 With what attitude should we pray? With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God's will, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers.

Sermon: John 1:1-18 “A Christological Christmas Part 4- God in the Flesh”

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Main Point (v14-18) at the incarnation, God becomes what we are: fleshy, dirty, familiar, and ordinary so we can receive what he is: glory, the fullness of grace and truth- or grace upon grace. Bottomline: Jesus, the Word, Reveals God to Hearers so that

- I. Hearers May See His Glory
- II. Hearers May Receive His Grace
- III. Hearers May Declare His Truth