

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 43.

-**Women's Bible Study:** @Tammie's, Thursday, 10:30am, "Wisdom of God."

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

-Children's Discipleship Ministries- "Church Values." 9:45-10:15

-**Session Meeting:** January 19

-**Midweek fellowship-** January 10, 5:30-7:00, BIG Brew, Main St.

-**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, January 9, 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:

“No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine,
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.”

- Charles Wesley, *And Can It Be That I Should Gain?*, 1738

“Salvation is not a reward for the righteous, but a gift for the guilty. It cannot be earned or merited, but only received.”

- Steve Lawson

“For it appears from Moses that idols were in use before this eagerness to consecrate images of the dead prevailed, which is frequently mentioned by secular writers. When he relates that Rachel stole her father’s idols [Gen. 31: 19], he is speaking of a vice that was common. From this we may gather that man’s nature, so to speak, is a perpetual factory of idols. After the Flood there was a sort of rebirth of the world, but not many years passed by before men were fashioning gods according to their pleasure. And it is believable that while the holy patriarch was still living his descendants were giving themselves over to idolatry, so that he discerned with his eyes (not without the bitterest pain) that the earth, whose corruptions God had recently purged by a most dreadful judgment, was polluted with idols. For as Joshua testifies [Josh. 24: 2], Terah and Nahor were worshipers of false gods before the birth of Abraham. If Shem’s offspring degenerated very rapidly, what are we to judge of Ham’s descendants who had already been cursed in their father? So it goes. Man’s mind, full as it is of pride and boldness, dares to imagine a god according to its own capacity; as it sluggishly plods, indeed is overwhelmed with the crassest ignorance, it conceives an unreality and an empty appearance as God.

To these evils a new wickedness joins itself, that man tries to express in his work the sort of God he has inwardly conceived. Therefore, the mind begets an idol; the hand gives it birth. The example of the Israelites shows the origin of idolatry to be that men do not believe God is with them unless he shows himself physically present. “We know not,” they said, “what has become of this Moses; make us gods who may go before us.” [Ex. 32: 1.] They knew, indeed, that this was God whose power they had experienced in very many miracles; but they did not trust that he was near them unless they could discern with their eyes a physical symbol of his countenance, which for them would be a testimony of the ruling God. Therefore, they wished to recognize from an image going before them that God was the leader of their march. Daily experience teaches that flesh is always uneasy until it has obtained some figment like itself in which it may fondly find solace as in an image of God. In almost every age since the beginning of the world, men, in order that they might obey this blind desire, have set up symbols in which they believed God appeared before their bodily eyes.”

- John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*

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

#460

“Amazing Grace”

Closing Words & Announcements

Hymns of Commitment

“Yet Not I, But through Christ In Me”

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: Spend some time reflecting upon how your mind is radically different than it was before you knew Jesus as your Lord?

Question TWO: Does this scripture teach us that any sinner has any hope of changing himself into a person who desires to please God? What then must be true for someone to change in this manner?

Question THREE: In general, who will be a better interpreter of scripture: a scholar well versed in biblical languages and classical history and archaeology or a much less formally educated individual who has years of experience participating in the worship and fellowship of a faithful biblical church? What possible differences in these two types of people account for how you answer that question?

Question FOUR: Do you truly believe that the Holy Spirit is God? Do you believe God is sovereign? What are some implications for our hope and confidence if a believer is in vital union with Christ via work of the Holy Spirit?

Sermon Notes

Welcome & Statement of Purpose

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 47:1-2, 8

Minister: Clap your hands, all peoples!

People: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Minister: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,

People: a great King over all the earth.

Minister: God reigns over the nations;

People: God sits on His holy throne.

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

#32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Reading the Word

“You Turned my Mourning to Dancing.”

Psalm 30

A Psalm of David. A song at the dedication of the temple. I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. 2 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. 3 O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

4 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. 5 For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

6 As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." 7 By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

8 To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy: 9 "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? 10 Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, 12 that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Public Confession of Sin

O God, Deliverer of all them that call upon thee in their adversity, we give thanks for your kind and gracious deliverance. Whereas justice demanded full vindication due our sins of omission and commission against your holy standard, you have not treated us with grace. May we not lose the wonder and joy of salvation based upon the covenant of grace in that the very Lord, himself, became the mourner, so that we could dance. In the plan of redemption, the Lord suffered historic loss including his true, physical death that we might gain all spiritual treasures beginning with our being

united to him in his bodily resurrection so that you would be our God and we your people. May we never be silent in the celebrating of your faithfulness to undeserving sinners such as us. We pray together in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

Psalm 56:13

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

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

Hymn

#252

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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

Deuteronomy 16:17

“Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.”

Offering Hymn

Gloria Patri #735

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

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

Q42. How is the Word of God to be read and heard? With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17).”

Sermon:

Romans 8:5-8

“The Idol Factory”

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

Rev. Justin Westmoreland

*5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.
6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Main Point: Faith in the Gospel affords an assurance of being uncondemnable, let those who believe in Christ remember where we were “in the flesh,” who we are presently, and who we are going to be in the future.

- I. Before the Spirit, our hearts were idol factories with no desire to please God. Our past was darker than we remember
- II. With the Spirit, our present life is full of potential.
- III. Because the Spirit is God, our future is brighter than we can imagine.