



## Fellowship This Week

- **Men's Bible Study:** Tuesday, 6:30am @Rudys' BBQ,
- **Monday night after work** at Big Brew on Main 5:30pm
- **Pastoral Visitation:** Sign Up on back table.

-**After Church Lunch:** Either Taco Truck here or Rudy's. Dec 20.

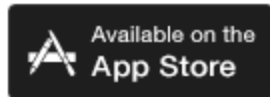
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**Year-End Giving:** In order to comply with IRS regulations, Thursday, December 31, is the deadline for donations to be received for 2020. Other than offerings given in worship or at [trinitynorman.com/give](http://trinitynorman.com/give), you may mail checks postmarked by December 31. For stock donation instructions, contact [admin@trinitynorman.com](mailto:admin@trinitynorman.com). Please note that mutual fund donations can take up to one month to process. Thank you for your generosity in supporting all that God is doing at Trinity Presbyterian Church of Norman.

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## **Stay Connected**

## **Download our App**



**How to Get the App:** Search "A Church for Norman." Please rate & review.

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

**Tri-Pres Daily:** Daily encouragement & notifications.

**Sermon & Worship Archives:** Always building more resources. We hope to have more videos, music, Sunday school and Catechism lessons in the future.

### **Avenues for Giving:**

Each week tithes & offerings are collected during the service. They can also be dropped in the box by the front door.

Online giving is at [trinitynorman.com](http://trinitynorman.com) or through the Trinity Norman App.

Text giving: text "trinitynorman" to 77977.

By mail: P O Box 6016, Norman, OK 73070.

***Man's Chief End Is to Glorify God & Enjoy Him Forever.***



**Trinity Presbyterian Church of Norman**  
**Order for the Worship of God**  
**Sunday, December 13, 2020 – 10:30-11:45 am**  
**[Trinitynorman.com](http://Trinitynorman.com)**



**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN**  
A Church for Norman

"Glorifying God & Enjoying Him Forever."  
"May it be that through the Church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known" – Ephesians 3:10

## Pre-Service Meditation

“My Dear LORD, I can but tell thee that thou knowest I long for nothing but thyself, nothing but holiness, nothing but union with thy will. Thou hast given me these desires, and thou alone canst give me the thing desired. My soul longs for communion with thee, for mortification of indwelling corruption, especially spiritual pride. How precious it is to have a tender sense and clear apprehension of the mystery of godliness, of true holiness!

What a blessedness to be like thee as much as possible for a creature to be like his creator! Lord, give me more of thy likeness; Enlarge my soul to contain fullness of holiness; Engage my soul to contain fullness of holiness; Engage me to live more for thee. Help me to be less pleased with my spiritual experiences, and when I feel at ease after sweet communings, teach me it is far too little I know and do. Blessed Lord, let me climb up near to thee, and love, and long, and plead, and wrestle with thee, and pant for deliverance from the body of sin, for my heart is wandering and lifeless, and my soul mourns to think it should ever lose sight of its beloved. Wrap my life in divine love, and keep me ever desiring thee, always humble and resigned to thy will, more fixed on thyself, that I may be fitted for doing and suffering. -*The Valley of Vision*, Longings after God, p127.

“The worship of God must be a great thing because the Lord is a great God, and it must be suitable to his greatness. Psalm 48:1 says, “Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.” –Jeremiah Burroughs (1599-1646), *Gospel Worship*

“We talk about the gospel and wonder why people are not interested in what we say. Of course, they are not interested. No man is interested in a piece of good news unless he has the consciousness of needing it; no man is interested in an offer of salvation unless he knows that there is something from which he needs to be saved. It is quite useless to ask a man to adopt the Christian view of the gospel unless he first has the Christian view of sin.”—J. Gresham Machen, (1881-1937), *Sin’s Wages and God’s Gift*.

“To a Christian man there can be nothing either more necessary or profitable, than the knowledge of holy Scripture, forasmuch as in it is contained God’s true word, setting forth His glory, and also man’s duty...and there is no truth nor doctrine necessary for our justification and everlasting salvation, but that is (or may be) drawn out of that fountain and well of truth.”—Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556), martyr.

## **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:** #196 “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

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

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**Hymn of Commitment** #207 “Good Christian Men, Rejoice.”

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#### **Benediction**

**Numbers 6:24-26**

Minister: <sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, “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.”

**People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!**

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#### **Questions for Meditation:**

Question ONE: Do you shelter yourself from the fear of failure by having space only for the predictable in your life? Could you change this?

Question TWO: When you respond to the people around you, how do you do so in a way that recognizes that these people are God’s gift to you? How is this an uncommon response?

Question THREE: Do you think God is for or against you having a bucket list? Justify your answer from scripture.

Question FOUR: How are the ways a disciple of Christ and an enemy of Christ experience aging diametrically opposed?

**Welcome**

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**Silent prayer of preparation: see Valley of Vision meditation on p2.**

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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 Luke 1:46-55**

Minister: Let our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior . . . for He who is mighty has done great things for us, and holy is His name.

**People: And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation . . . He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His offspring forever.**

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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 Praise**

**#203**

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

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**Gospel Lesson**

**Colossians 2:8-10; 1 John 4:1-3**

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

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**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 earthbound creatures, feeble in faith, empty of hope, lacking in love. We wait upon You with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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**Private Confession of Sin**

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## Confession of Faith

## The Scot's Confession Chp 6

When the fullness of time came God sent His Son, His eternal wisdom, the substance of His own glory, into this world, Who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the "just seed of David," the "Angel of the great counsel of God," the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one Person.

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## Responding to the Gospel with Singing, Prayer & Giving

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Hymn of Assurance #208 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

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We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

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Offertory Prayer

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Collection of Tithes & Offerings

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Offering Hymn

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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## 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.

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Trinity Kids' Message

"God Made a Covenant"

- 23 What covenant did God make with Adam?  
The covenant of life.
- 24 What is a covenant?  
A relationship that God establishes with us and guarantees by his word.

## Receiving the Word of God

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Sermon: Ecclesiastes 11

"Meditating upon Our Legacy"

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

- 1 Cast your bread upon the waters,  
for you will find it after many days.
- 2 Give a portion to seven, or even to eight,  
for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.
- 3 If the clouds are full of rain,  
they empty themselves on the earth,  
and if a tree falls to the south or to the north,  
in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.
- 4 He who observes the wind will not sow,  
and he who regards the clouds will not reap.

<sup>5</sup> As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.

<sup>6</sup> In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

<sup>7</sup> Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

<sup>8</sup> So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

<sup>10</sup> Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**Big Idea: The Preacher is meditating upon the vanity of seeking meaning in life without regard to God. As he closes, having made a case for his hearers to repent of folly and seek wisdom, Solomon commends his hearers to concern themselves with building a legacy in light of God's power, control, and presence in their lives.**

- I. Legacy by Bread Casting/Hedging/Talent Investing (v1-4)
- II. Legacy by Wisely Considering the Work of God in our Aging (v5-10)
- III. Legacy by Wisely Considering the Judgment of God in Eternity (v5-10)