



**Trinity Presbyterian Church of Norman**  
**Service of Worship of the Triune God**

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**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN**  
 A Church for Norman

**Purpose: Glorifying God and Enjoying Him Forever**  
**Mission: To gather and perfect the saints of God**  
**in and beyond Norman, Oklahoma**

**The Call of Abram**

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negev. -Genesis 12:1-9

**The Mustard Seed and the Leaven**

He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.” -Matthew 13:31-33

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. -1 Corinthians 10:1-6

Have you realized that most of your unhappiness in your life is due to the fact that you are listening to yourself rather than speaking to yourself?  
 -Martyn Lloyd Jones, *Spiritual Depression*

The principal character in the Book of Numbers is unequivocally God. That God exists and proactively works in and through the lives of his special creation, humanity, male and female, is a quintessential theme of the Book of Numbers. The book is composed such that several aspects of God’s nature are disclosed: (1) Presence—God exists and extends himself so as to abide with his people. (2) Revelation—God relates and reveals himself to humanity. (3) Faithfulness—God is for his people and fulfills his promises. (4) Holiness—God is holy and unchanging, and he demands the sanctity of his followers. (5) Uniqueness and Exclusivity—God is singular and will not endure the worship of other forms of deity. -Dennis Cole, *Numbers (New American Commentary)*

## Welcome and Statement of Purpose

Silent prayer of preparation. Perhaps utilize prayers and quotes from page two.

### We Come to Worship at His Bidding and Confess Our Sin

*O send out thy light and thy truth that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling. -Psalm 43:3*

#### Call to Worship

**Psalm 104.1; 29.3; 27.1; 28.8; 29.2**

*Minister: O LORD my God, You are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a garment.*

*People: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders!*

*Minister: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

*People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name. The LORD is The strength of His people*

#### Prayer of Adoration, Invocation, and the Lord's Prayer

**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 Praise to the Lord the Almighty #2**  
**Reading the Word "Remembering" Psalm 77**

TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO JEDUTHUN. A PSALM OF ASAPH.

<sup>1</sup>I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, and he will hear me. <sup>2</sup>In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted. <sup>3</sup>When I remember God, I moan; when I meditate, my spirit faints. *Selah*

<sup>4</sup>You hold my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

<sup>5</sup>I consider the days of old, the years long ago. <sup>6</sup>I said, "Let me remember my song in the night; let me meditate in my heart." Then my spirit made a diligent search: <sup>7</sup>"Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable?"

<sup>8</sup>Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time? <sup>9</sup>Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?" *Selah* <sup>10</sup>Then I said, "I will appeal to this, to the years of the

right hand of the Most High." <sup>11</sup>I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. <sup>12</sup>I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds. <sup>13</sup>Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? <sup>14</sup>You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. <sup>15</sup>You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. *Selah* <sup>16</sup>When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; indeed, the deep trembled. <sup>17</sup>The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; your arrows flashed on every side.

<sup>18</sup>The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightning lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook <sup>19</sup>Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen. <sup>20</sup>You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

#### Public Confession of Sin

**You, O Lord, have promised, that if we will confess our sins You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins. We come in penitence seeking Your forgiveness, that we may know the joy of Your presence, and the light of Your face. You alone know how often we have offended You, and hurt the lives of others. Forgive us, O Lord, for every unkind thought, every untrue word, every wrong act. Forgive us, for we have been selfish, and have not thought of the needs of others. Forgive us, for our ingratitude, our neglect of prayer, our carelessness in the use of money, our forgetfulness of our sacred vows. O God, have mercy upon us. Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

#### Private Confession of Sin

#### Words of Assurance

*Romans 8:1*

*Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

### We Receive and Respond to the Gospel with Singing, Speaking Truth, Giving, and Prayers

**Hymn Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah #598**

**Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed (2<sup>nd</sup> Century)**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Congregational Prayer  
Collection of Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory Prayer  
Offering Hymn

Gloria Patri

2 Corinthians 8:9  
Mr. Ross McClish  
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We Are Blessed to Hear, Receive, and Rest upon God's Word

**Sermon: "The Congregation of God" Numbers 1:1-46**

**Rev. Justin Westmoreland**

(If able, please stand in honor of the reading of God's word.)

*1 The Lord spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,*

*2 "Take a census of all the congregation of the people of Israel, by clans, by fathers' houses, according to the number of names, every male, head by head. 3 From twenty years old and upward, all in Israel who are able to go to war, you and Aaron shall list them, company by company. 4 And there shall be with you a man from each tribe, each man being the head of the house of his fathers. 5 And these are the names of the men who shall assist you. From Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur; 6 from Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai; 7 from Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab; 8 from Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar; 9 from Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon; 10 from the sons of Joseph, from Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud, and from Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur; 11 from Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni; 12 from Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai; 13 from Asher, Pagiel the son of Ochran; 14 from Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel; 15 from Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan." 16 These were the ones chosen from the congregation, the chiefs of their ancestral tribes, the heads of the clans of Israel.*

*17 Moses and Aaron took these men who had been named, 18 and on the first day of the second month, they assembled the whole congregation together, who registered themselves by clans, by fathers' houses, according to the number of names from twenty years old and upward, head by head, 19 as the Lord commanded Moses. So he listed them in the wilderness of Sinai.*

*20 The people of Reuben, Israel's firstborn, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go to war: 21 those listed of the tribe of Reuben were 46,500.*

*22 Of the people of Simeon, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, those of them who were listed, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go to war: 23 those listed of the tribe of Simeon were 59,300.*

*24 Of the people of Gad, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go to war: 25 those listed of the tribe of Gad were 45,650.*

*26 Of the people of Judah, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: 27 those listed of the tribe of Judah were 74,600.*

*28 Of the people of Issachar, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: 29 those listed of the tribe of Issachar were 54,400.*

*30 Of the people of Zebulun, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: 31 those listed of the tribe of Zebulun were 57,400.*

*32 Of the people of Joseph, namely, of the people of Ephraim, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: 33 those listed of the tribe of Ephraim were 40,500.*

*34 Of the people of Manasseh, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: 35 those listed of the tribe of Manasseh were 32,200.*

*36 Of the people of Benjamin, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: 37 those listed of the tribe of Benjamin were 35,400.*

*38 Of the people of Dan, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: 39 those listed of the tribe of Dan were 62,700.*

*40 Of the people of Asher, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: 41 those listed of the tribe of Asher were 41,500.*

*42 Of the people of Naphtali, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: 43 those listed of the tribe of Naphtali were 53,400.*

*44 These are those who were listed, whom Moses and Aaron listed with the help of the chiefs of Israel, twelve men, each representing his fathers' house. 45 So all those listed of the people of Israel, by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war in Israel— 46 all those listed were 603,550.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Proposition: The congregation of the people belonging to God exist because God fulfilled His promise and are therefore to be of all things primarily a congregation.**

- I. The People of God were known by God in eternity
- II. The People of God are foretold in promises of God and realized
- III. in His historic fulfillment.
- IV. The People of God are to be a congregation on the move.
- V. The People of God are to be a vast uncountable number, but known to God, from all tribes, tongues, and nations.

Sermon Notes

### Avenues for Giving

Online giving is at trinitynorman.com or through the app  
By mail: P O Box 6016, Norman, OK 73070.  
Today: Ushers will pass plates for tithes and offerings.

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#### Gathering and Perfecting the Saints

##### Discipleship Ministries:

**Sundays** 9:30-10:15 a.m.  
**Adults:** *Westminster Confession* **MS/HS:** *Catechism*  
**Kids:** *Great Commission Publications*

**Mid-Week Fellowship** Blu Tuesday 5:30-7 p.m.

##### Mid-week Bible studies

**Men's -** Rudy's BBQ Tuesdays 6:30 a.m.  
**Women's -** 535 E Boyd St. Thursdays 10:30 a.m.

**Church Luncheon** Potluck Sign-up now! Next Sunday

**Membership Explorers Class:** Wednesday 6-8p.m.

#### Read through the Bible Reading Plan

Click the QR code for a link to the plan and to the  
Daily Video Commentary Series  
by Justin.



### Responding to God's Word Preached The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 1 Corinthians 11

**Communion Hymn** Jesus Paid It All #308  
**Closing Words and Announcements**

**Hymn of Commitment** On Jordan's Stormy Banks

**Benediction** Numbers 6:24-26

*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!**

**Doxology** #731

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

1. What are the three most important principles for understanding how to properly interpret scripture?
2. How did Numbers 1 demonstrate how God kept his promise?
3. How do we see from what we know regarding the rest of redemptive history that Numbers 1 is a largely physical realization of God's kingdom that will one day be realized completely physically and spiritually?
4. What has God's congregation looked like throughout redemptive history?
5. How do you relate to God's congregation today?
6. What is God's congregation's mission today?
7. How does seeing God's fulfilling the promise revealed to Abraham in Numbers 1 help you to trust God today?