

**The Centrality of Preaching Christ Crucified**

*<sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,*

*“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,*

*and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”*

*<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

*<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”*

*<sup>2</sup> And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified (1 Corinthians 1:17-2:2). <sup>3</sup> This is my defense to those who would examine me. <sup>4</sup> Do we not have the right to eat and drink? <sup>5</sup> Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? <sup>6</sup> Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? <sup>7</sup> Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?*

*<sup>8</sup> Do I say these things on human authority? Does not the Law say the same? <sup>9</sup> For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? <sup>10</sup> Does he not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop. <sup>11</sup> If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you? <sup>12</sup> If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we even more?*

*Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? <sup>14</sup> In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.*

*<sup>15</sup> But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing these things to secure any such provision. For I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of my ground for boasting. <sup>16</sup> For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup> For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. (1 Corinthians 9:3-18)*



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

**March 12 2023 10:30-11:45 am  
Trinitynorman.com**



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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**

## Welcome and Statement of Purpose

Silent prayer of preparation. Perhaps use 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

**1 Chronicles 29:11-13; James 1:17**

Minister: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours.

### People: Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all!

Minister: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

### People: We will thank You, our God, and praise Your glorious name!

### 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 **Be Thou My Vision**  
Reading the Word **"Better is One Day"**

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**Psalm 84**

<sup>1</sup> *How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!* <sup>2</sup> *My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

<sup>3</sup> *Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.* <sup>4</sup> *Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!*

<sup>5</sup> *Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.*

<sup>6</sup> *As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.* <sup>7</sup> *They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.*

<sup>8</sup> *O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah*

<sup>9</sup> *Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!*

<sup>10</sup> *For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

*I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.* <sup>11</sup> *For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.* <sup>12</sup> *O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!*

## Public Confession of Sin

*Valley of Vision 83*

**O Lord, no day of our lives has passed that has not proved us guilty in Your sight. Anchor our hope to Your perfect Son. Though unrighteousness weighs us down, His righteousness exalts us to Your throne. All things in us call for rejection; all things in Him plead our acceptance. In Christ we are guilty, but pardoned; lost, but saved; wandering, but found; sinning, but cleansed. Give us perpetual broken-heartedness, and flood us every moment with His descending grace, sparkling like crystal, flowing clear and unsullied through our wilderness of life.**

### Private Confession of Sin

*Words of Assurance*

*Psalm 32:5*

*I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord"; and You did forgive the guilt of my sin.*

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

Hymn

**Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me**

Confession of Faith

**Westminster Shorter Catechism**

Q. 14. What is sin?

**A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.**

Q. 15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

**A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.**

### Congregational Prayer

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

**2 Corinthians 8:9**

Offertory Prayer

**Mr. Ross McClish**

Offering Hymn

**Gloria Patri**

**#735**

**We Are Blessed to Hear, Receive, and Rest upon God's Word  
Sermon: "Dedicated"**

**Numbers 7**

**Rev. Justin Westmoreland**

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

## Offerings at the Tabernacle's Consecration

*On the day when Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle and had anointed and consecrated it with all its furnishings and had anointed and consecrated the altar with all its utensils, <sup>2</sup> the chiefs of Israel, heads of their fathers' houses, who were the chiefs of the tribes, who were over those who were listed, approached <sup>3</sup> and brought their offerings before the Lord, six wagons and twelve oxen, a wagon for every two of the chiefs, and for each one an ox. They brought them before the tabernacle. <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, <sup>5</sup> "Accept these from them, that they may be used in the service of the tent of meeting, and give them to the Levites, to each man according to his service." <sup>6</sup> So Moses took the wagons and the oxen and gave them to the Levites. <sup>7</sup> Two wagons and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to their service. <sup>8</sup> And four wagons and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. <sup>9</sup> But to the sons of Kohath he gave none, because they were charged with the service of the holy things that had to be carried on the shoulder. <sup>10</sup> And the chiefs offered offerings for the dedication of the altar on the day it was anointed; and the chiefs offered their offering before the altar. <sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, "They shall offer their offerings, one chief each day, for the dedication of the altar."*

*<sup>12</sup> He who offered his offering the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah. <sup>13</sup> And his offering was one silver plate whose weight was 130 shekels, one silver basin of 70 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering; <sup>14</sup> one golden dish of 10 shekels, full of incense; <sup>15</sup> one bull from the herd, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering; <sup>16</sup> one male goat for a sin offering; <sup>17</sup> and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.*

*.....<sup>84</sup> This was the dedication offering for the altar on the day when it was anointed, from the chiefs of Israel: twelve silver plates, twelve silver basins, twelve golden dishes, <sup>85</sup> each silver plate weighing 130 shekels and each basin 70, all the silver of the vessels 2,400 shekels according to the shekel of the sanctuary, <sup>86</sup> the twelve golden dishes, full of incense, weighing 10 shekels apiece according to the shekel of the sanctuary, all the gold of the dishes being 120 shekels; <sup>87</sup> all the cattle for the burnt offering twelve bulls, twelve rams, twelve male lambs a year old, with their grain offering; and twelve male goats for a sin offering; <sup>88</sup> and all the cattle for the sacrifice of peace offerings twenty-four bulls, the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, the male lambs a year old sixty. This was the dedication offering for the altar after it was anointed.*

*<sup>89</sup> And when Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with the Lord, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim; and it spoke to him.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Proposition: The necessary application of Numbers 7 is the importance of an appointed and ordained ministry to communicate the cross of Christ to all God's people and to be financially supported by all God's people.**

1. The Importance of Ordained Ministers for All God's People
2. The Purpose of Ordained Ministers for Communicating the Cross of Christ to All God's People.
3. The Necessity of Ordained Ministers' Receiving Financial Support from All God's People

Sermon Notes

## Responding to God's Word Preached

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11

### Communion Hymn

Rock of Ages

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### Closing Words and Announcements

#### Hymn of Commitment

Lift High the Cross

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#### 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

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

1. Why do you think the twelve tribes of Israel were supremely motivated to donate carts and oxen to transport the tabernacle on the journey to the promised land and for each tribe to contribute to the full array of offerings at the completion of the construction of the altar and tabernacle (Exodus 40:17)?
2. How can it be possible that a believer today would be less motivated to give to his or her church than an old covenant believer?
3. Why does the ARP church and our presbytery insist that your ministers are ordained?
4. What are some neutral reasons (historic, cultural, etc.) and some sinful reasons (revealed in scripture) why you think the ordained ministry has seen diminished importance in recent church history?
5. Why do you think this chapter is so wordy?
6. Beyond the constructed instruments, what filled the tabernacle?
7. What modern applications can we make from Romans 12:1-2 and 1 Cor 9:3ff?
8. How does Hebrews 9-10 teach that Christ's sacrifice fulfilled the purpose which the tabernacle and its altar proclaimed?
9. Are you giving at least ten percent of your blessings from God back to the Lord for the ministry of the church and support of the ordained ministry? If not, why not? What steps will you take to increase giving?
10. What motivates you to give tithes and offerings? In what ways does our church's liturgy speak to what ought to motivate our giving?

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### Gathering and Perfecting the Saints

#### Discipleship Classes

9:30 -10:15 a.m.

**Adults:** *Westminster Confession*

**MS/HS:** *Catechism*

**Kids:** *Great Commission Publications*

#### Mid-Week Fellowship

Black Mesa/Dump Truck

March 16 Thursday 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** Theme: Chili

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**Youth Fellowship Tonight!**

(Next Month: April 16)

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