Avenues for Giving

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

Q1 Financial Report: Jan 1-March 31

2023 Projected	Projected Expenses	Projected Revenue
Total	\$36,671.24	\$36.372.00
2023 Actual	Actual Expenses	Actual Revenue
Total	\$35,962.15	\$32,698.50

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Gathering and Perfecting the Saints

Discipleship Classes Adults: Westminster Confession **Kids:** Great Commission Publications

9:30 -10:15 a.m. **MS/HS**: Catechism

Mid-Week Fellowship		TBD	
Mid-week Bibl	le studies		
Men's -	Rudy's BBQ	Tuesdays 6	
Women's -	535 E Boyd St.	Thursdays 10	

5:30 a.m.):30 a.m.

Church Luncheon	April 30
Session Meeting	May 3
Youth Fellowship	May 14
Covenant Theology Conference	Oct 28-29

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.



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Trinity Presbyterian Church of Norman Service of Worship of the Triune God The Lord's Day, April 30, 2023 10:30-11:45 am **Trinitynorman.com**



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

Pre-Service Meditation

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. (Colossians 2:8)

Don't you like to be in a strong house when there is a hurricane? It gives a special security and joy, doesn't it? In the same way, Psalm 48 is about the joy of being in the only truly safe place in the world; the joy of being in a God-protected church. -Dr. Douglas Kelly, Reformed Theological Seminary

The baptism of infants is a standing witness of the priority of grace over faith. Grace first, faith second.

-Dr. Douglas Kelly, Reformed Theological Seminary

Nowhere in the Bible will you find a covenant sign [sacrament] which effects a relationship. A covenant sign always reflect a relationship. -Dr. Ligon Duncan, Reformed Theological Seminary

The sacrament serves as a blessing to those who, by grace, believe. But to those who do not believe, it will serve as a witness against them, because, despite all the benefits they enjoyed as members of the covenant community, they rejected the God of that covenant. -Jason Helopoulos, *Covenantal Baptism*

The very initiation into the worship service is when they first receive God's covenant name: at baptism. Baptism is the admission into the visible church, the entrance into the worshipping community, and according to Jesus' own instruction, when individuals are baptized they are to receive no less than the name of God: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit' (Matt. 28:19).'

-Jonathan Cruse, What Happens When We Worship

"The person who is baptized into a name or person is baptized into a relationship...'Baptized into' is a way of expressing the idea that a person is 'in union with' the person of name into which he has been baptized.'

-J.V. Fesko, Word, Water, and Spirit

Jesus Himself specifically refers to Pentecost as a baptism in Acts 1:5 (see also Matt. 3:11 and parallels). We might even say that it is the baptism; it is the inward reality to which water baptism points. In Acts 1:8, Jesus describes this baptism as the Holy Spirit "coming upon" His disciples. In Acts 2:3, the Spirit is said to have "rested on" them. And on three separate occasions in Acts 2, we are told that the mode of Spirit baptism is not immersion but pouring (see vv. 17, 18, and 33). The most important baptism in the New Testament is thus not described as an immersion at all but as an affusion, or a pouring out, of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. Incidentally, this is the primary reason why Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Anglicans, and Methodists—just to name a few—administer baptism by sprinkling or pouring.

Responding to God's Word Preached

Hymn of Response	Rock of Ages, Cleft for Mo	e #50
Elders' Exhortation and Encouragement		Mr. Cody Wampler
Hymn of Commitment	Christ Is Risen, He Is Rise	en Indeed
Benediction		Numbers 6:24-26
24 The LORD ble	ss you and keep you;	
25 the LORD ma	ke his face to shine upon you a	nd be gracious to you;
26 the LORD lift	up his countenance upon you d	and give you peace.
People: Thanks be to God.	Amen!	
Doxology		#731

further with God's message in the sermon:

- 1. How would you articulate the overarching story of the scriptures? How does this story impact your understanding of the meaning of your life and baptism?
- 2. What is a covenant? What does it mean that baptism is a sign and seal of the covenant of grace?
- 3. If baptism is a sign of the covenant of grace, what does it primarily signify—the subjective promise of the one baptized or the objective promises God has made?
- 4. If baptism is a seal of the covenant of grace, what does it primarily guarantee—the subjective faith of the person or the objective promises of God?
- 5. How does covenantal continuity between the Old and New testaments, the New Testament's witness, covenant theology, and historical testimony of the church factor into whom we believe should receive baptism?
- 6. What does baptizing out children not mean? What does it mean?
- 7. How does one's baptism encourage a person to be faithful to God throughout his or her whole life?
- 8. Why do parents take vows when their children are baptized? What benefits do they receive through this?
- 9. How can parents use their child's baptism as a practical way to remind him or her to look to Christ in faith?
- 10. What makes baptism a congregational sacrament? What are some ways you can assist the parents in your church with the Christian nurture of their children?
- 11. What does the Westminster Confession of Faith's exhortation to "improve our baptism" mean? What are some particular ways you might "improve" it?

-Guy Richard, Baptism: Answers to Common Questions

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

Psalm 98:1-4

Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! **People: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.** 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!**

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 Come Thou Almighty King #101

Reading the Word"Remember Your Covenant, Lord"Psalm 89:38-52A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

³⁸ But now you have cast off and rejected; you are full of wrath against your anointed.
³⁹ You have renounced the covenant with your servant; you have defiled his crown in the dust.
⁴⁰ You have breached all his walls; you have laid his strongholds in ruins.

⁴¹ All who pass by plunder him; he has become the scorn of his neighbors. ⁴² You have exalted the right hand of his foes; you have made all his enemies rejoice. ⁴³ You have also turned back the edge of his sword, and you have not made him stand in battle. ⁴⁴ You have made his splendor to cease and cast his throne to the ground.

⁴⁵ You have cut short the days of his youth; you have covered him with shame. Selah
⁴⁶ How long, O Lord? Will you hide yourself forever? How long will your wrath burn like fire?
⁴⁷ Remember how short my time is! For what vanity you have created all the children of man!
⁴⁸ What man can live and never see death? Who can deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? Selah

⁴⁹ Lord, where is your steadfast love of old, which by your faithfulness you swore to David? ⁵⁰ Remember, O Lord, how your servants are mocked, and how I bear in my heart the insults of all the many nations, ⁵¹ with which your enemies mock, O Lord, with which they mock the footsteps of your anointed.

⁵² Blessed be the Lord forever! Amen and Amen.

Public Confession of Sin

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have not always bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, His body. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 94. What is Baptism?

A. Baptism is a Sacrament, wherein the washing with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.¹ ¹Matt. 28:19; Rom. 6:4; Gal. 3:27.

Q. 95. To whom is Baptism to be administered?

A. Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible Church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible Church are to be baptized.² ²Acts 8:36-37; Acts 2:38-39; Gen. 17:10 with Col. 2:11-12; 1 Cor. 7:14.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Genesis 17:7-10; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38-39; Galatians 3:9, 14; Colossians 2:11-12

Baptism Hymn	Our God Our Help in Ages Past	#30
	Baptism of Benjamin Davi Dias	
	Son of Matheus & Olivia Dias	

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

Congregational Prayer

Collection of Tithes and Offerings Offertory Prayer Offering Hymn Gloria Patri 2 Corinthians 8:9 Mr. Ross McClish #735

We Are Blessed to Hear, Receive, and Rest upon God's Word Sermon: "The Blessings of Baptism" 1 Corinthians 10:1-22; Galatians 3:27-29 Rev. Justin Westmoreland

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

¹ For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink.

For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyer. ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵ I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? ¹⁹ What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰ No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. ²² Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

The Proposition: Covenantal baptism, instituted by Jesus, offers blessings to the child baptized, to the child's parents, and the child's entire church congregation.

- I. The Blessings to the Child Himself
- II. The Blessings to the Child's Household
- III. The Blessings to the Child's Church