



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude .....	Prepare your heart for worship
The Call to Worship .....	Chris Kimbrell
Trinity Hymnal No. 174 .....	"Praise the Savior Now and Ever"
The Prayer of Confession and Praise .....	Seth Lirette
Hymn .....	"Before the Throne of God Above"
Trinity Hymnal No. 400 .....	"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
The Reading of the Word — <i>Psalm 73</i> .....	Hal Pritchard
Trinity Hymnal No. 710 .....	"I Need Thee Every Hour"
The Pastoral Prayer .....	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — <i>"Our Reconciliation to God" (Colossians 1:21-22)</i> .....	Conrad Mbewe
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Trinity Hymnal No. 431 .....	"Just as I Am"
The Benediction .....	Hal Pritchard
The Postlude	

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# EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude .....	Prepare your heart for worship
Baptist Hymnal No. 39 .....	"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"
Baptist Hymnal No. 146 .....	"O How He Loves You and Me"
The Sermon — <i>"God and the Triumph of the Gospel" (Revelation 19:11-21)</i> .....	Baruch Maoz
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Baptist Hymnal No. 282 .....	"Living for Jesus"
The Benediction .....	Pastor Winn
The Postlude	



# COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

Having spoken of the majesty and supremacy of Christ, which undergirds the fact that He is sufficient for salvation and spiritual growth (Col. 1:15–20) — a vocation typically reserved for the one God (Ps. 73) — Paul begins to outline the benefits that come to those who put their trust in the Savior. Since the apostle has just finished speaking of the cosmic reconciliation effected through the sacrifice of Christ, it is natural that he should personalize this subject for his audience by looking at how this reconciliation applies in the lives of his readers. Paul accomplishes this by contrasting the condition of the Colossians before they knew Christ with their life after coming to faith. The picture of their life prior to Jesus is as bleak as can be. Alienation from and hostility toward the true God defined the Colossians' lives, along with evil deeds, which were the natural outflow of their condition (Col. 1:21). But this was not true only of the believers in Colossae; it is the natural condition of all human beings prior to God's gracious call by the Spirit to follow Christ. It is popular both inside and outside the church to see people, for the most part, confused about who the true God is. Yet Scripture tells a far different story. Unregenerate people are not merely confused about the Lord, they hate Him and will do all they can to suppress the truth about who God is and who they are (Gen. 6:5; Ps. 116:11; Rom. 1:18–32). We

were like this before we knew Jesus as our Savior and our adoption into God's family, and recognizing this fact helps us understand the depth of His love for us. God has shown His love in that while we hated Him, He sent His only begotten Son to die for us (Rom. 5:6–8). Our condition as those reconciled to the Father, however, is far different, for Jesus died for us with the purpose of transforming us from profane, blameworthy enemies of God into holy, blameless saints (Col. 1:22). Completing this transformation is the goal of the Christian life, though this goal will not be achieved until that day in which we are glorified (Rom. 8:29–30). Still, there is real progress toward that end, for we are in Christ and have His Spirit working within us. John Calvin comments, "This holiness is nothing more than begun in us, and is indeed every day making progress, but will not be perfected until Christ shall appear for the restoration of all things." **Coram Deo:** Being declared righteous in Christ, we are accepted into the kingdom of God by faith alone without any consideration of our works. Still, those who are declared righteous begin to act righteous, and we grow in love for our Savior and personal holiness throughout our Christian walk. There is no believer God is not working to make holy and blameless, so none of us should despair that He will not discipline and purify us fully and finally.



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

<b>September 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Morning</i> Allyson Leach & Mary Margaret Pritchard
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bridgette Kimbrell & Mary Price
<i>Wednesday - September 22<sup>nd</sup></i> Jessica Mullins ( <i>Claire Shores</i> )

Today's Sound Operator - Kenny Spansel



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GUEST SPEAKERS

Today Conrad Mbewe will be preaching during our morning service and Baruch Maoz will be preaching to us in our evening service.

## GA EVENING SERVICE

All are invited to the evening service on Monday night of the GA at 7 pm. Baruch Maoz will be giving the opening address.

## CANOE/KAYAK TRIP

The canoe/kayak trip down the Okatoma has been postponed. A new date will be announced shortly.

