



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude .....	Prepare your heart for worship
The Call to Worship .....	Cody Wallace
Trinity Hymnal No. 13 .....	"O Worship the King"
The Prayer of Confession and Praise .....	Seth Lirette
Trinity Hymnal No. 87 .....	"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Trinity Hymnal No. 177 .....	"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
The Reading of the Word — <i>Psalm 51:1-19</i> .....	Hal Pritchard
Trinity Hymnal No. 400 .....	"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
The Pastoral Prayer .....	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — <i>"The Prodigal Son" (Luke 15:11-24)</i> .....	Pastor Winn
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Trinity Hymnal No. 387 .....	"I Love to Tell the Story"
The Benediction .....	Hal Pritchard
The Postlude	

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# EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude .....	Prepare your heart for worship
Baptist Hymnal No. 14 .....	"Praise to the Lord"
Baptist Hymnal No. 134 .....	"Jesus Paid it All"
The Sermon — <i>"Oracles Against Israel's Enemies" (Ezekiel 25)</i> .....	Hal Pritchard
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Baptist Hymnal No. 473 .....	"More Love to Thee O Christ"
The Benediction .....	Pastor Winn
The Postlude	



## COMMENTARY

Dr. John MacArthur has some important comments on Matthew 18:15–20 and Scripture’s teaching on sin, church discipline, and excommunication. At the end of the day, says MacArthur, there is only one sin for which the church may legitimately excommunicate a professing believer, and that is “hard-hearted impenitence” (The MacArthur Bible Commentary, p. 1,158). The truth of MacArthur’s comment is seen when we consider two of the worst sins imaginable and how they were dealt with in David’s life. This man after God’s own heart committed adultery when he slept with Bathsheba, and he was guilty of the murder of her husband, Uriah. Yet when discipline was brought to bear upon him through the prophet Nathan, David repented and was restored. When confronted with his evil, David did not hide his sin but confessed it and sought the Lord’s mercy. Nathan, as a leader in God’s old covenant church, received the king back into fellowship, confirming that the Lord had done so as well (2 Sam. 11:1–12:25). There is almost no end to the number of sins that a professing Christian can commit. Yet there is only one sin that can result ultimately in excommunication, the declaration that the person is an unbeliever, and that is impenitence. Every sin—adultery, abuse, slander, insubordination, even murder—

is forgivable and will be forgiven when the offender turns from evil and seeks God’s face in sincere, humble repentance (except blasphemy committed against the Holy Spirit; Mark 3:22–30). Consequently, the church must receive back into fellowship all who truly repent of their sin, whether they do so before or after excommunication. Elders cannot refuse the penitent, for as today’s passage demonstrates, the Father Himself rushes to embrace penitent people who rest in Christ (Luke 15:20). As the church receives sinners back into fellowship, it opens the door to heaven, confirming to the repentant person that the Lord freely forgives all who trust in Christ and turn from their sin. This is how church discipline shows the way to heaven (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 85). *Coral Deo*: Although not everyone who has been subjected to church discipline repents, there are many times when a disciplined sinner is humbled by the church’s treatment and, forsaking sin, returns to the fold. When this happens, church leaders and laypeople must be prepared to receive that person as a co-heir in Christ and not gossip or otherwise mistreat the offender. The church must be the place where repentant people feel the most welcome (2 Cor. 2:5–11).



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

<b>July 18<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Morning</i> Mary Hunter Sharp & Lana Wakefield
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Jessica Mullins & Lawanda Winn
<i>Wednesday - July 21<sup>st</sup></i> Mary Margaret Pritchard

Today's Sound Operator - Dirk de Waal



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Preschool and Children's choir will meet this afternoon at 5:20.

## CHOIR CAMP

Kathy is offering to have a music camp for the children this summer, which would be a one-day or half-day camp. The tentative date is July 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-2:00. She will be sending out more information about this. This will be a great benefit for our children so that they might continue to develop their musical skills.

## WATERMELLON FELLOWSHIP

We will have a watermelon fellowship next Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, after our evening service.

## FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Remember to sign the list for our next fellowship meal on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The ladies summer study will meet Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11 a.m.

