

# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Lessons Learned During a Global Pandemic

By Pastor Steve Jewell

*1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.  
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall  
into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains  
quake with their surging.  
(Psalm 46:1-3)*

Undoubtedly, these last six or seven months have impacted your life in a number of ways. Aside from “stay-at-home” orders, a new fashion industry centered around masks, and fears that we would run out of toilet paper, nearly every aspect of our life has been affected. In light of this, two basic questions come to mind: 1) Because of COVID-19, what are we to believe about God?, and 2) How can we live free from fear and the paralyzing uncertainty created by the coronavirus? Psalm 46 might help.

### A Biblical Point of Reference

If you were to read all of Psalm 46, you would notice many references to natural disasters, international warfare, and widespread calamities plaguing humanity. Such turbulence might cause us to question the goodness, or even the existence, of God. But notice how the Psalmist opens this lyrical poem.

*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”*

To begin with, then, the point of reference for our life and circumstances must begin with God. Not only that, we must be in a relationship with God whereby we know and trust Him as our refuge (a secure and safe home) and our strength (the powerful protection over us). So whether it's a global pandemic, societal unrest, economic uncertainty, or political upheaval, God is still in charge, and God is covering over His people. From this vantage point, we can begin to gain insight about and hope amid the inevitable hardships of life.

### The Inevitability of Hardships

Once God is the anchor and abiding strength of our life, we begin to see the troubles around us in a different light. What we learn is that this pandemic and these present circumstances are not obstacles to our safety, harmony, or prosperity. Instead, they



## October Birthdays

Steve Kratt	10/1
Emily Hacker	10/2
Martha Warrick	10/7
Killian Mullin	10/9
Melissa Weaver	
Devon Williams-Neal	10/12
Deb Kelly	10/15
Carol Hartmann	10/18
Greta Bushue	10/20
Jack Kelly	
Jean Paulman	10/24
Mike McCullough	10/27
Dennis Miller	10/28
Paul Hollensead	10/30
Elizabeth Latham	
Dean Perry	
Linda Jones	10/31

## October Anniversaries

Brandon & Kayla Hacker	10/1
Josh & Elizabeth Latham	10/15
Andy & Madison Cannava	10/20
Bob & Camille Williams-Neal	10/25

If you notice a birthday or anniversary missing from our list, please let us know by contacting the church office. Thank you.

are an opportunity for us to experience and enjoy God in a deeper way. Similarly, these circumstances provide us the possibility of pointing others to Jesus as their refuge and strength, too. In other words, the inevitability of hardships in life are an invitation by God for you to turn to, trust, and treasure Him as your supreme delight and hope. Have you heard and heeded this invitation? Once you do, Jesus begins to revamp your perspective on and alter your perception of all that is going on in the world.

### *The Pressing Relevance of God's Real Promises*

These past few months have deeply challenged me as a disciple of Jesus, as a husband and father, and as a pastor. No one was ever trained to do ministry under such rapidly changing and life altering circumstances. None of us was taught how to navigate such unpredictable and unsettling situations. To be perfectly honest with you, I have (and it's likely you have, too) wrestled with many scary thoughts and unsettling emotions. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit has led me to at least one (often many more) Bible verse as a reminder of the pressing relevance of His real promises.

As a help to you, let me share with you the seven struggles and corresponding Scriptures that have helped me during this global pandemic. Please consider committing these promises to memory, as you pray them back to our Lord.

Anxiety and fear - *"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."* (Psalm 23:4)

Restlessness - *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 4:6-7)

Disorientation - *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."* (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Uncertainty - *"Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."* (Hebrews 13:20-21)

Isolation - *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* (Isaiah 41:10)

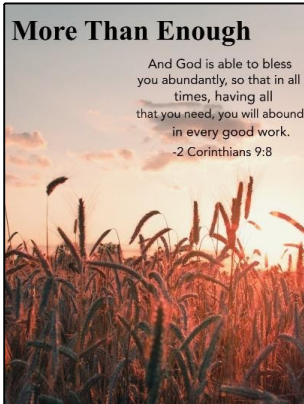
Powerlessness - *"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."* (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Lost and Confused - *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* (Jeremiah 29:11)

## More Than Enough

*"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.  
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

(Lamentations 3:22-23)



Despite the massive disruption the coronavirus has been to our usual way of life, God's faithfulness endures. And, while the last seven months have crawled along very slowly, the season of stewardship is again upon us. Therefore, no matter our circumstances, we need to be reminded that God's faithfulness to us and our stewarding response to His faithfulness are inseparably connected.

The theme for this year's stewardship campaign is "More Than Enough". This points to three truths we can trust and embrace: 1) God's supply to us is always more than sufficient, 2) our needs are met by God's supply, so that we have more than enough, and 3) God's adequate supply should move us to gratefully invest His provision in the the plans and purposes of God's Kingdom.

In the coming weeks, look for many words of encouragement, much helpful information, and a great deal of gratitude to come your way as we seek the Lord's heart and will about our lifestyles of stewardship.

Gratefully in Christ,

The Stewardship Committee and Pastor Steve

## 2020 TPC Poinsettia Order Form

TPC will continue to have the traditional display of poinsettias for the Christmas Eve service at 7pm this year. Poinsettias, red or white, may be ordered now through Friday, December 11. The cost is \$9.00 per plant. Checks can be made payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church (indicate "poinsettia" on the memo line).

Options for purchase:

1. If you are in attendance at a church service, please fill out the information below and drop the form, with check, in the offering plate.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Red    \_\_\_\_\_ White    (indicate number of color choice)  
 Given by \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_
2. You may fill out this form and mail it to the church with payment.
3. You may call in or email your order (with the dedication) to Sherry Pritts at church. Mail in your payment.
4. You may text, call or email your order (with the dedication) to Cathy Conn (502-727-7872, cat\_conn911@bellsouth.net). Mail in your payment.

As we approach Christmas Eve, we will give out information on pick up of the poinsettias.



As Christ's disciples, we are made for community. This community is where our love for Christ is deepens, our faith in Christ is grows, and our lives are offers in service of our neighbors and the nations.

As we adjust to the current circumstances, many of our discipleship groups are still on hold. However, some groups have started meeting again. For more information, consider "doing life together" by joining one or more of the following opportunities.

### Opportunities for Children

#### *Christian Education "Kits"*

Unfortunately, the youngest of our church community are those who are most disrupted by the quarantine. Much prayer and discussion has taken place on how to best care for and encourage families in growing their children in their love for Jesus.

Presently, we are working on a few ideas. Here are a few things that are in the works:

1. A children's message in worship service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. This message will take place in the first fifteen minutes of our services.
2. At home kits for parents and children to work on together to feed the souls of our young people with the Word of God.

If the Lord puts an idea on your heart, please let Janice Kim know. We will gladly see if we can make it work.

### Opportunities for Youth

#### *Youth Online Worship*

All young people are invited to join the weekly online worship service hosted by Janice Kim via YouTube.

For more information, please contact Janice, and she will gladly get you connected to this dynamic time of worship.

### Adult Educational Opportunities

#### *Koinonia Sunday School Class*

This group studies, prays, and grows together in *koinonia* (Greek for "community"). The current study is an in-depth survey of church history. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM via Zoom. Contact Pastor Bob Williams-Neal for more information.

#### *Women's Sunday School Class*

This class brings women together to support one another in building their faith in Jesus Christ. This is a fun-loving group of women who are enjoy studying God's Word together. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM via Zoom. If you would like more information, please contact Barb Sheeler.



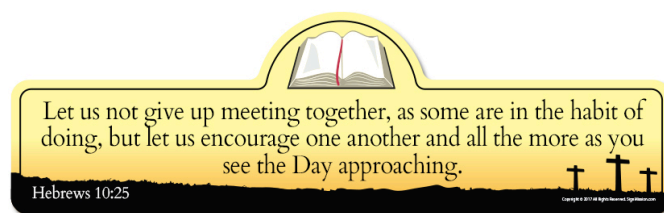
## Small Group Opportunities

### *The Quest*

Those who are young, and young in heart, are invited to join in the quest of growing in Christ through the study of God's Word and the fellowship of mutual encouragement. This group meets via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10 AM.

### *Sunday Evening Seekers*

This is a casual group of believers who gather on Sunday evenings at 7 PM to engage with God's Word, to encourage one another in Christ, and to enjoy the fellowship of other believers. For more information, please contact Pastor Steve.



## **2021 Lent Devotional**

This year has certainly been one of faith challenges and growth. How has the Lord been moving in your life? What have you experienced during this unprecedented time of virus, political upheaval, racial tensions and emotional weariness?

At Trinity, one of the things we have done in past years is to create and share a devotional book for the Lenten season. This year, from March 2020 through the remainder of the year, you will have experiences to share in light of the life, times and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. This has the potential to be one of the most impactful devotion booklets we've ever done, as we share together how our faith has been tested, maybe strengthened in what we've been going through.

Please consider writing a short devotion about this. As in the past, choose Scripture that speaks to you, share something about how the Lord has used that Word and Lent to bring you closer to Him, challenged you to more action for Jesus or prompted you to reprioritize life. End with a short prayer.

Submit your devotional to Jude Bloor-Brandt. Email is [jjbloor@att.net](mailto:jjbloor@att.net). Or you can place a copy in Jude's box in the church office. Production of the booklet will begin in early January so you have a few months to work on this!

Thanks for sharing with us all how the Lord is working even in the midst of a pandemic.

### Update from TPW

Our Circle meetings resumed in person on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Jan Larsen shared with us her plans to move with her daughter and son-in-law to New Hampshire. The house in Louisville where Jan has lived will be sold, and she will be relocating in November. The new home is exciting, close to the beach, and a perfect place for family gatherings. We heard the news with a combination of sorrow at our loss of a friend and Circle leader, but also shared happiness for the changes ahead for Jan of new home and home state. We wish her much love and success as she prepares to find new adventures in Christian service.

Jan then presented an overview of the lessons in our new study book Discipleship: The Way of Jesus.

Do we have a daily plan for Discipleship? Each day we should plan to wait on the Lord's direction, and keep His way. (Psalm 37). We can talk with God about our daily plans. If the outcome of our plans is not what we expected, we can look for teaching moments from these experiences. Discipleship is being close to God, in child-like trust and dependence. Planning to be a disciple is a first step, but outcome is most important. How did discipleship benefit us? Has it been a lifetime of transformation? Living by example is an effective witness. In order to give the proper guidance and explanations about our faith to others, we also need to know scripture and take time to study it.

TPW would love to have new members join us in the fellowship of Circle and participation in our community service. We meet the second Tuesday of the month, September to May, at 10:30 in the Parlor for business, prayer and Bible study. We bring a small bag lunch and enjoy provided sweets and coffee with time to share our day to day life. We are also in need of new members for our coordinating team to look over finances, plan meetings, and communicate our activities to the congregation. We wore our masks and socially distance our seating. If you are searching for a fun and welcoming community of Sisters, look no further than our own Trinity Presbyterian Women!

Call Sandra 502 593 4014 for questions and more information.

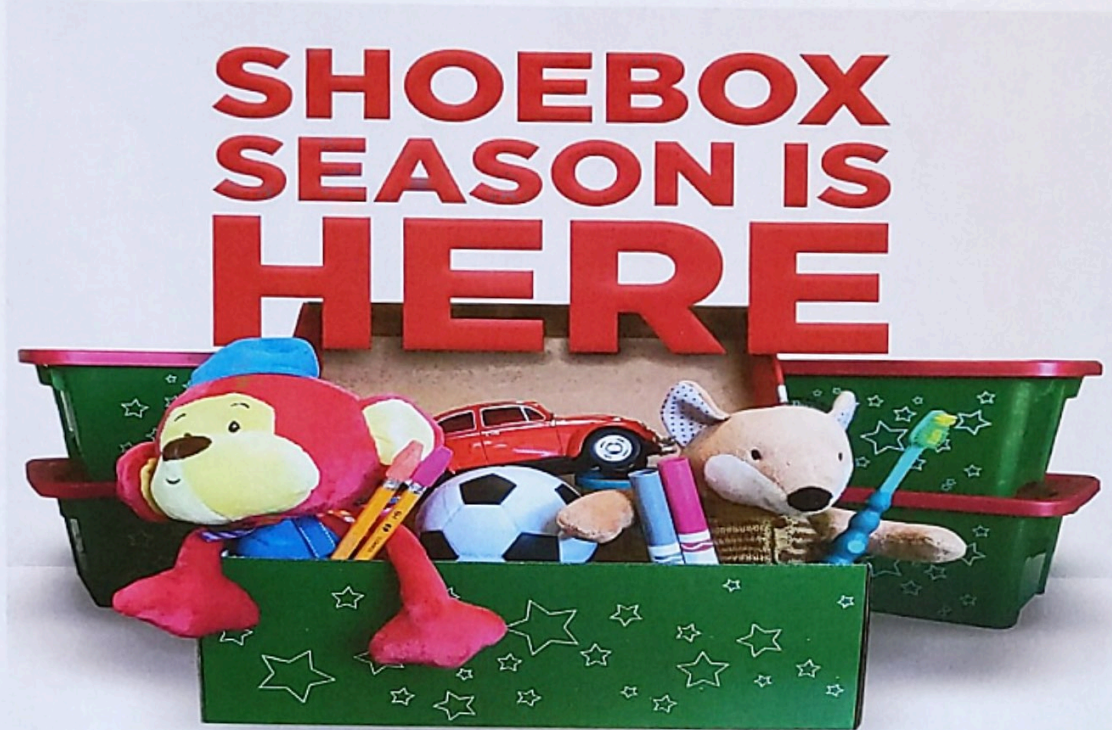
### Report from Pala Village, Guatemala

Many of our church have purchased scarves woven in Pala Village, Guatemala. Guatemala has experienced devastating effects as Covid-19 curtailed commerce, foreign aid, and tourism. Sandra's brother Barney, has been unable to sell the scarves from Pala in the United States, as many market events here have been cancelled. Barney's church, The Kirk of Kildaire in Raleigh, NC was informed about starvation occurring in the Village, and arranged for sacks of dried rice, corn, and beans to be delivered up the steep road into Pala. All households now have these supplies, which they will boil in water to stem the hunger.



A family of Pala Village carries their bag of food home.





"Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation." Mark 16:15 ESV

The amazing journey of a shoebox gift begins with **YOU** and results in evangelism, discipleship and multiplication! As believers in Jesus Christ, Trinity Presbyterian Church has inherited from the disciples the responsibility of sharing the Gospel to the nations. Each shoebox collected and distributed by Samaritan's Purse through Operation Christmas Child is a Gospel opportunity, which is why the boxes are also called GO boxes. Our world needs the Good News of Jesus Christ and that commission does not change with circumstances.

Over the next months, the Mission Committee will be providing details in the bulletin and via email on how you can help (safely) with Operation Christmas Child in the following ways:

**\* PRAY \* DONATE \* WRITE LETTERS \* PACK \* COLLECT \* SHIP \***

Samaritan's Purse is praying to exceed last year's worldwide goal so more children will hear and respond to God's love. The Louisville Region has a goal of 32,000 boxes. Please prayerfully consider exceeding whatever your contribution was last year. It's a fun way to accomplish an important mission! Contact any committee member if you have questions.

Love. Grow. Serve. And may God Bless You!

## The Burrito Riders



This Mission Committee is asking for another round of burritos for the Louisville Burrito Riders. Packets containing the recipe, foil wraps, and a collection bag are in the Narthex. Please join us in making a batch or two of burritos. When your burritos are complete, please place them in the kitchen freezer.

The collection will end on October 25, 2020.

## Faith & Art Center

Peace and grace to all from the Center for Faith & Art.



The Center reopened on September 1. We have been busy cleaning, mixing glazes, and pugging clay (thank you Imad!). Most of the clients we serve have not been able to return to their programs. In the meantime, I am working with them on creating safe ways for them to return. Students that work with me one on one will start back on October 1.



Thank you to all of our church family, and especially for your prayers.

Thankfully, Jack and I will be moving back home by the beginning of October.

Gratefully,

Candy



## Sew 'n Sews

While the quarantine has brought many things to a halt, the ladies of Sew 'n Sews have been diligently creating all kinds of amazing handmade items. Many of these creations are on display in the Narthex and are ready for you to buy. Contact Sandra Hollensead to complete your purchase.

Also, please check out the testimonial video about the vital work Sew 'n Sews does for God's Kingdom.

<https://youtu.be/bCmX7gmgVKg>



## Mini-Flocks

### *A TPC Elder Care Ministry*

These are the mini-flocks to which each of our elders are assigned, as well as the mini-flock elder to whom each of us is assigned. Please get to know your mini-flock elder, for God has called them to build a relationship with you and to offer care to you as we LOVE, GROW, & SERVE the Lord together.

If you notice a name that is absent, this is an unfortunate oversight. Please let Pastor Steve know, and we will be sure to add them to our mini-flock list. For along with the Lord Jesus, we do not want to lose any of the flock God has entrusted to our care (see John 6:39).

<u>Ann Douglas (2020)</u>	<u>Sandra Hollensead (2020)</u>	<u>Betty Muse (2020)</u>
Chris & Maria Hall Steven & Diane Jewell Kathy MacDonald James & Elizabeth Ray Greg Vann Dottie Watson Martha Warrick Bob & Camille Williams-Neal	Charles & Greta Bemisderfer Judy Davids (Kathy) Bill & Janet Husband Jane Kurfees Jan Larsen Randi & Jeanne Lind Betty Muse Max & Sheryl Oyler Sharon Fay Roy Philip & Linda Strohmeier Sheryl Yoffe	Luci Fulmore Paul & Sandra Hollensead Abraham & Geetha Joseph Linda Jones & Charlie Ball Jack & Deb Kelly Ted & Virginia Kozak Mike & Jill McCullough Sherry Pritts Carol Redd (Stacy) Bill & Shirley Rush Jack & Candy Wheat
<u>Marc Bushue (2021)</u>	<u>Bert Lundstrom (2021)</u>	<u>Bonnie Mullin (2021)</u>
David & Jude (Bloor) Brandt Andy & Madison Cannava Don & Mardi Crosser Ron & Susan Dawson Patrick & Anna Hayden Karl & Brittney Maslowski Greg & Jenny Rousos Richard Ross Kevin & Susan Smith Inez Williams	Won Joo Ahn Tim Barnum Steve & Cathy Conn Tom & Cathy Dawson Steve & Laura Edwards Amy Elder Brad & Mary Harville (Doug & Clay) Sandy Koukola Aileen Lucas Kyle & Bonnie Mullin Jean Paulman Melissa Weaver	Anuji Abraham Jeri Blair Imad El-Imam Ruth French Jennifer Hacker Carol Hartmann Barbara Keyser Bert & Suzanne Lundstrom Chris & Emily Mullin Ghyll Simoneschi Brian & Heather Wallace
<u>Ron Dawson (2022)</u>	<u>Amy Elder (2022)</u>	<u>Carol Hartmann (2022)</u>
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## Financial Update

Due to the concerns about the coronavirus, TPC's church leadership had to suspend all in-person church activities beginning in the middle of March. Not until the early weeks of June were we able to carefully and gradually begin to resume some activities again. Undoubtedly, this has affected not only our ability to be together, but also our ability to support Trinity's mission and ministry. Because of this, many folks have asked how Trinity is doing financially. We are pleased to report to you some really great news.

First, in May the Session decided to apply for funds from the CARES Act. We were approved, and this helped to off-set some of the staff salary expenses. We are working to have this loan forgiven, and expect this process to be completed very soon.

Second, not only have many of our church expenses decreased due to our limited activities, but giving has continued to be quite strong. In light of this, our 2020 budget is moving on a very stable trend. Through the end of August, our budget is tracking ahead by nearly \$17,000.

Third, the Trinity family has continued to faithfully support the mission and ministry of our church family. For this, we are exceedingly thankful, especially considering these are not ease and predictable days.

Lastly, we thank our Lord for His continued goodness to us and through us. If you have any questions regarding our budget, please give the church office a call, and we will do our best to get you an answer.

Gratefully in Christ,

The Session, the Finance Committee, and Pastor Steve





Work is being done to create a new and updated church directory. We hope to make this available to you in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, or would like to double-check that your contact information is correct, please contact Sherry Pritts in the church office.



October 18	Stewardship Sunday
October 25	Burrito collection for the Burrito Riders
November 1	Daylight Savings Time
November	Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection
November 29	The First Sunday of Advent

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## Trinity Presbyterian Church.



Trinity Presbyterian welcomes all visitors, and especially those eager to encounter and enjoy the presence of Christ!

Our Sunday morning service begins at 11:00 a.m. We offer both in-person and Livestream access to this time of worship.

Both in-person Sunday School and child care continues to be suspended.

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