

# TPC Weekly Newsletter

February 4, 2024



## DOING LIFE TOGETHER: Serving Others Sacrificially *John 13:31-35*

### The Impact & Influence of Christianity on History

The greatest good for the greatest number of people over the course of human history has come through those who are true disciples and faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Consider with me...

#### Christianity's Impact on the valuation of Human Life

- Human rights
- Elevation of women and children
- Confronting/eradicating slavery & racial bias

#### Christianity's Impact on Compassion and Mercy

- Hospitals and medical care
- Care of the poor and powerless

#### Christianity's Impact on Marriage and the Family

- The building block of every society
- The seedbed of children and culture building

#### Christianity's Impact on Education

- The existence of schools
- The availability of schools
- The access to schools

#### Christianity's Impact on Government

- The rule of law
- Personal freedom and civic responsibility

#### Christianity's Impact on Science

- Exploration and understanding of the natural world

#### Christianity's Impact on Art, Music, and Literature

- Creativity, appreciation, and transcendence

### The Greatest Apologetic Christianity

The greatest witness to the world of the truth of the Gospel is the way Christian's love one another.

### Serving Others Sacrificially

#### *The Setting*

Jesus had humbled Himself by washing the feet of His 12 disciples. Afterward, Jesus shared with them that something was deeply troubling His soul: one of them would soon betray Him.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Weekly Announcements

- Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place immediately after our worship service on Sunday.
- Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:45 AM.
- Digging Deeper bible study on Monday at 10 AM.
- Home Dartball match against Christ Church United Methodist Church on Monday at 7:30 PM.
- Soup-er Bowl Luncheon on Sunday, February 11 at our worship service. Be sure to sign up!

To provide flowers for worship, please sign up on the Worship bulletin board or contact Sherry.

Please know that your ministry support is a valuable means by which God is reaching, teaching, & growing followers of Jesus Christ. As always, we are thankful for God's faithfulness and your financial partnership.

### Welcoming Our New Class of Leaders

Andy Cannava (Elder)  
Becky Douglass (Deacon)  
Brittney Maslowski (Deacon)  
Jim McDaniel (Deacon)  
Kay Nolan (Deacon)  
Sheryl Yoffe (Deacon)

### Mission Opportunities

Burrito making kits are available.

### Upcoming Events

The Singles Fun Bunch plans to attend "Footloose" at the Derby Dinner Theater on April 17. If interested, or in need of more information, please contact Kay Hardy-Hines ASAP.

### Greeter Ministry

Please look for a warm, welcoming friend to meet & greet you on Sunday mornings. In addition, the greeter will lock all the church doors by 10:15 AM, except for the glass doors to the Narthex. If you need any help, please ask our greeter. We hope everyone will take a turn being this warm, welcoming presence.

We would love to have you sign up to serve as a Sunday morning greeter. To do so, put your name on the signup sheet in the Narthex.

After all of this, Jesus gave the “mandate” we read in John 13:31-35 to the remaining 11 disciples (for Judas had left to finalize his betrayal of Jesus). This passage is crucial to believers being true believers, the church being the real church, and the Gospel being effective to reach, teach, and grow true disciples of Jesus Christ.

*The Statement*

God’s unveiled glory... (v. 31-32)

God’s glory is His righteousness on display.

The glory of God is revealed in God’s absolute and unbending moral perfection, absolute power and authority, and unmitigated Lordship over all created things.

The glory of God is revealed in the work of redemption and salvation accomplished and applied through the crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ. (see John 1:14 & Rom. 3:21-26)

Christ’s unique departure... (v. 33)

Earlier in His earthly ministry, Jesus informed the religious establishment (i.e. the Pharisees and Sadducees) that He was going to leave, they’ll look for Him, but that won’t be able to find Him because He will be somewhere and with Someone they don’t have access to. (see John 7:33-34 and 8:21) Here, Jesus made a similar statement to His disciples, with one important differences: because of Christ’s unique work, those who trust Him will not be permanently barred from who Jesus is and where Jesus will be.

Radically lived love... (v. 34)

The love Jesus embodied was a humbling, self-sacrificing service of others. We are to love others as Christ has loved us: with humility, through self-sacrifice, and in service of others.

Radically countercultural witness (v. 35)

Our testimony to and witness about the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ must be motivated by, empowered with, fixated on, and demonstrated through the kind of love Christ has shown us. All we are, all we do, all we say, all we desire, all that moves and motivates us must be the humble, self-sacrificial serving love of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Significance

We can’t give what we do not have. The love of Christ cannot have an impact through us if the love of Christ has not first had an impact on us. For, changed lives changes lives.

**“Show and Tell” Disciples**

We show with actions and tell with words the truth and glory of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Prayer Joys & Concerns**

*Thanks and Praise*

Birthdays: Lois Bringham (2/4), Karl Maslowski (2/4), Janet Husband (2/6), Garrett Bushue (2/8), Taylor Mullin (2/8), Olivia Petty (2/8), Susan Smith (2/9)

Anniversaries:

*Needs and Concerns*

Those who are grieving...

Those needing help/healing...

Jerry Pender - cataract surgery on Feb. 8  
Carol Bryar (friend of the Jewell’s)  
Dale Garner & Sandy Lamp  
Rev. Bob & Rev. Camille Williams-Neal  
Rev. Ed Gayhart  
Carol Redd  
Roger Harvell’s dad  
Harvey (Miller’s great grandson)  
Tracy (Miller’s daughter)  
Ghyll Simoneschi  
Gwen Tomblin  
Jackie Morrow  
Bill & Janet Husband  
Greta Bemisderfer  
Sandy Koukola  
Susan Bauer  
Jean Paulmann  
Jane Kurfees  
Josh Jones (Jane Kurfees nephew) - heart problems  
Ed (Andrew Petty’s dad) - cancer  
Robert (Lois Bringham’s brother)  
Bill (Jim McDaniel’s brother) - cancer  
Jake (Jude’s brother)  
Joan (Jake’s wife) being tested for Parkinson’s  
Spencer Hardin (Sheryl Yoffe’s friend) battling rare disease  
Sydney Welch (Addy Elder’s friend) - aggressive cancer  
Nella (Jude’s aunt) - heart troubles  
Craig (Jude’s cousin)  
Judy (David & Jude’s neighbor)  
Spike Frederick (Andy’s friend)  
Donna Primm (Andy’s friend)  
Toka (Sherry Pritts’ friend)

Situations and Circumstances...

The mission and ministry of TPC  
The war on Israel  
Persistent societal violence  
Volatile political tensions  
Economic concerns  
The violence/brokenness of our city and the world  
Students, teachers, staff  
Medical caregivers, police, elected officials  
The many ministries of TPC (Burrito Riders, Faith & Art Center, OCC, Sew ‘n Sews, EACM, Maryhurst, Fellowship of Christian Athletes)



Consider sending our college students an encouraging note or card.

### College Students Addresses

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Devon Williams-Neal  
300 N. Broad Street  
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**SAVE THE DATE!!**

On Sunday, February 11, 2024, following the service, the Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Super Bowl Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

More information to follow!

# Christian Education Opportunities

## Koinonia

The Koinonia class is a seminar-based gathering that is presently focused on an introduction to the New Testament (its formation, history, background, and content). It spends some time on the individual books but at this point doesn't make an in-depth study of a particular one. In the past, the class has studied the history of the Church and a long-term study of the book of Acts. This coming year the focus will be on the writings of Paul, other letters, and the book of Revelation. The first gatherings will consist of a review of covered material. Participants can join the class in the Parlor or via Zoom.

Resources include video lectures from Dr. Dale Martin of Yale University and presentation slides. The style is a relaxed one with much attention paid to questions, concerns, and insights of those involved.

## Digging Deeper

There are two important ways we immerse ourselves in the Word of God. One way is through the sermon during our gathered times of worship. The other is through personal and corporate Bible Study. To this end, and in addition to the other Sunday school classes we offer, Pastor Steve leads this study as we dig deeper into the Bible passage for next week's sermon. We gather on Monday mornings at 10 AM in the Library.

If this study interests you, please contact Pastor Steve ([stevejewell356@gmail.com](mailto:stevejewell356@gmail.com)).

## Women's Sunday School

The Women's Sunday School class meets at 9:45 in the library. We are currently studying "Help Is Here" by Max Lucado, in an attempt to deepen our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Previous topics have included heaven and how to be "anxious for nothing" as instructed by St. Paul. In addition to seeking greater understanding, we share joys and concerns and enjoy fellowship with one another.

The leaders of this class are:

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## Youth Group

The Youth Sunday School class meets at 9:45 in the Youth Room downstairs, and is open to all Middle and High School students seeking to deepen their understanding of God's Word. The Youth class aims to study the Bible and apply God's Perfect Word to the lives of students as they navigate their teenage world. This fall, the class will dive into a study of the teenage battlefield. Led by Rebecca Perry, the youth will study how to shine the light of Christ—whether we are at school, out with friends, or at home. In addition to studying, the youth will also meet once a month for evenings of fellowship and fun!

## Sprouts Sunday School

Kids ages five through 4th grade are invited to join this group to learn more about growing in Christ. We will study how to grow and produce the fruit of the Spirit. This Sunday School is led by Diane Jewell ([djewell35@gmail.com](mailto:djewell35@gmail.com)). We welcome all young eager learners.

## Nursery Care

If you have a little one (0-4 years old), nursery care is available upon request. Diane Jewell is eager to sing, play with, and entertain your children, so you can worship God without worry or distraction. Please let Diane or the Greeter know you would like to make use of our nursery care.



## **Weekly Reminders**

Please consider joining one of the classes and/or small groups we offer:

- Koinonia Class led by [Rev. Bob Williams-Neal](#) at 9:45 AM.
- Women's Sunday School Class at 9:45 AM (please contact [Cathy Dawson](#) or [Lucie Fulmore](#) for more information)
- Youth Sunday School Class for middle school and high school students at 10 AM (please contact [Rebecca Perry](#) for more information).
- Sprouts Sunday School Class for ages 5 thru 4th grade at 9:45 AM (please contact [Diane Jewell](#) for more information).
- Digging Deeper meets on Monday mornings at 10 AM.

If you're unable to worship with us in person, join us via [Livestream](#) on Sundays at 11 AM. Our online worship bulletin is [posted here](#).

If you have a need, a prayer request, or have information you would like to share with the rest of the Trinity family, please contact [Pastor Steve](#), [Sherry Pritts](#) (Church Secretary), [Cathy Conn](#) or [Carol Hartmann](#) (co-Clerks of the Session), or your mini-flock shepherd. [Please click here](#) for the mini-flock list.

If you would like to make an online gift and/or donation to support the mission and ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church, [please click here](#).

*Loving God  
Growing Together  
Serving the World*