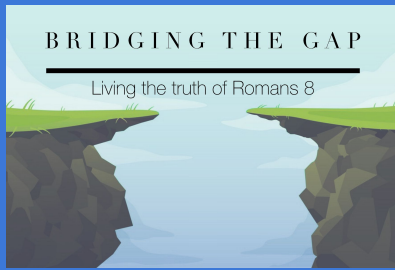


TPC Weekly Newsletter

March 10, 2024



BRIDGING THE GAP:

Adopted Heirs

Romans 8:14-17

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A New Impulse — v. 14

Led by the Holy Spirit...

A creation of God vs. the children of God.

A New Intimacy — v. 15

From a slave to a son...

Adoption may be the most important description of God's work for us and to us.

“Our understanding of Christianity cannot be better than our grasp of adoption...the entire Christian life has to be understood in terms of adoption.”

“Sonship to God, or in other words adoption, is not a universal status into which everyone enters by natural birth, but a supernatural gift which one receives through receiving Jesus.”

Simply put, adoption is the free act of God whereby He chooses us to be His child and to give us the full rights as a child in His family.

Adoption gives us the full “legal” rights as a legitimate child in the new family, but also severs completely any rights, privileges, or obligations to the old family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Announcements

- Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:45 AM.
- Digging Deeper bible study on Monday at 10 AM.
- Away Dartball match against Christ Church United Methodist Church on Monday at 7:30 PM.
- TPC Women's Circle meets Tuesday at 10:30 AM.
- Finance Committee meeting Wednesday at 8:30 AM.
- Christian Education Committee Zoom meeting Wednesday at 6:30 PM.
- Be sure to place your order for Easter flowers. Orders will be received until March 15.

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.

Mission Opportunities

Burrito making kits are available.

Upcoming Events

Annual children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30. Your help is needed! Please help by donating candy, empty plastic Easter Eggs, or better yet...filled plastic Easter Eggs. Likewise, we would really love your help volunteering during this event. Contact Rebecca Perry for more information.

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 sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Adoption means God, in choosing us as His child, has worked to completely break us from our past and guarantees our security entirely in our new relationship in our new family.

- Father – authority figure
- Abba – affectionate caregiver
- A New Identity — v. 16*

The testimony of the Holy Spirit...

The Holy Spirit confirms and reminds us of who we are. This testimony is a constant reminder of the permanent declaration over us, “There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...” (v. 1)

- A New Inheritance — v. 17*

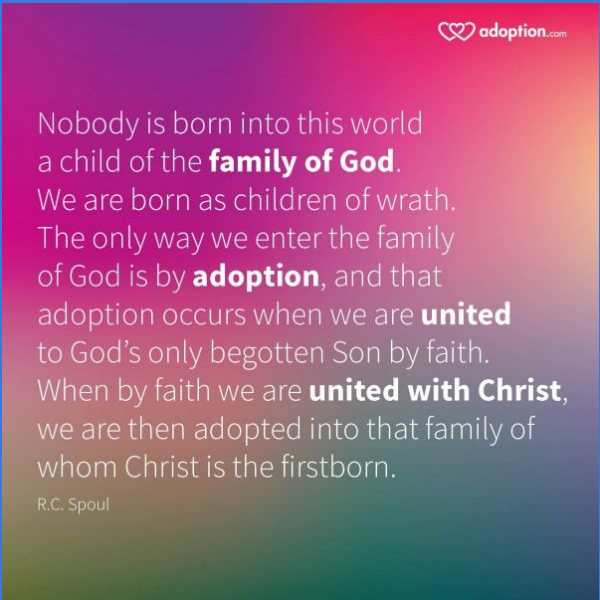
Co-heirs and co-sufferers with Christ...

Because our future is secure we will endure present suffering.

The Loving Father

Consider the parable of the “prodigal” son (Luke 15:11-32)...

“I am no longer worthy to be called your son...” (v. 21)



Prayer Joys & Concerns

Thanks and Praise

- Birthdays:** Andrea Williams-Neal (3/10), Greta Bemisderfer (3/11), Lincoln Hall (3/12)
- Anniversaries:**

Needs and Concerns

Those who are grieving...

- The family and friends of Rev. Ed Gayhart
- The family and friends of Roger Harvell, Sr.
- The family and friends of Josiah Kilman (Campbellsville University student)
- The family and friends of Dale Garner

Those needing help/healing...

- Monica (the Bloor-Brandt's neighbor)
- Janet Husband
- Ashley (the Husband's grand daughter)
- Steve Conn
- Sandy Koukola
- Jerry Pender
- Rev. Bob & Rev. Camille Williams-Neal
- Carol Redd
- Ellen (Kay Nolan's cousin) - multiple myeloma
- Greta Bemisderfer
- Harvey (Miller's great grandson)
- Tracy (Miller's daughter)
- Ghyll Simoneschi
- Gwen Tomblin
- Jackie Morrow
- Susan Bauer
- Jean Paulmann
- Jane Kurfees
- Josh Jones (Jane Kurfees nephew) - heart problems
- Robert (Lois Bringham's brother)
- Bill (Jim McDaniel's brother) - cancer
- Jake (Jude's brother)
- Joan (Jake's wife)
- Spencer Hardin (Sheryl Yoffe's friend)
- Nella (Jude's aunt)
- 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)

Easter Flower Order Form

Flowers (either tulips or lilies) may be ordered **now through Friday, March 15, 2024**, for display in the church on the March 31 Easter Sunday services. The cost is \$11 for tulips and \$13 for lilies. Red or yellow tulips are available. Checks should be made payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church (indicate "Easter Flowers" on the memo line).

Options for purchase:

1. If you attend the church service, please fill out the information and place the form, with check, in the offering plate in the Narthex.
2. You may fill out this form and mail it to the church with payment.
3. You may call in or email your order (along with the dedication) to Sherry Pritts at the church office. Then mail in your payment or put a check in her mailbox.

_____ Tulips _____ Lilies Indicate number of each. Red tulips _____ Yellow tulips _____

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Operation Christmas Child – 2024 Quick Facts

PRAISING GOD for a NEW RECORD of SHOEBOX GIFTS in 2023

That's right, friends. A **record number** of "Gospel Opportunity" shoebox gifts were packed in 2023! Following are the details distributed by Samaritan's Purse.

- We praise God for over **11.3 million** (11,330,126) shoebox gifts **collected worldwide in 2023, from 11 countries** (United States, Australia, Finland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, New Zealand, Canada, Spain, South Korea, and U.K.), including over **10 million** (10,051,570) shoebox gifts collected in the United States, the most shoebox gifts ever packed and donated in the United States!
- We praise God for **914,218** shoebox gifts donated in the **Mid-South Region** in 2023, the most shoebox gifts packed and donated in Arkansas, Kentucky, and Tennessee (an 11% increase in the Mid-South Region from 2022 to 2023)!
- **Over the past 30 years**, since 1993, the Lord has used Samaritan's Purse/ Operation Christmas Child to deliver more than **220 million shoeboxes distributed in more than 170 countries and territories!**
- We praise God for the **540,000+ volunteers worldwide**, with more than 213,000 of those in the U.S. who are involved in the collecting, shipping, and distributing shoebox gifts.

Here at **Trinity**, we praise God for just over **700 shoebox gifts that were packed in 2023!** This total includes the boxes packed at Trinity's packing event as well as the personal boxes donated by church members and friends. Our shoebox gifts were delivered to the Ivory Coast, Democratic Republic of Congo, and a hard-to-reach area. In a hard-to-reach area, customs and cultural or religious reasons can make access difficult, but gift-filled shoeboxes give local believers a sensitive way to initiate ongoing relationships with those who may not know Christ. The gifts you provide help equip Christian brothers and sisters to take great risks to advance the Gospel, and they are deeply grateful for your partnership. Through your generosity, you are calling out "His praise from the ends of the earth (Isaiah 42:10)"!

This is the first of Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child – 2024 Quick Facts. We will be distributing the other quick facts over the next few weeks. The next one is regarding Evangelism!

Contact any member of the Mission Committee if you have questions.

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).

Women's Sunday School

The Women's Sunday School class meets at 9:45 in the library. We are currently studying the book of Romans using the Life Change Bible Study discussion guide. 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). 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), [Andy Cannava](#) (Clerk of the Session), [Brenda Miller](#) (Chair of the Deacons), or your mini-flock shepherd. Please [click here](#) for the updated mini-flock list.

To view our 2024 Leadership & Committees list, please [click here](#).

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](#).

Consider sending our college students an encouraging note or card.

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