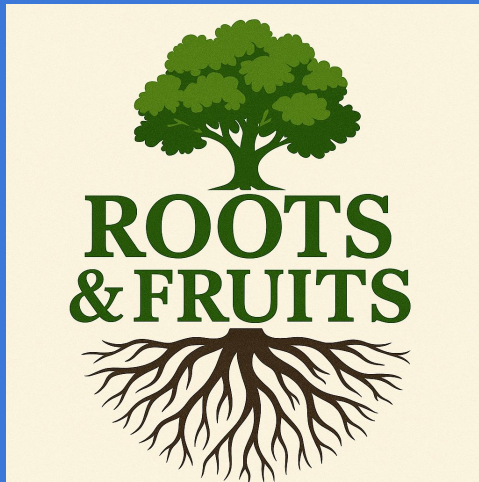


TPC Weekly Newsletter

September 14, 2025



Roots and Fruits:

Growing in Christ Together
Jeremiah 17:7-8; Colossians 2:6-7

Here is a summary of this message.

To read the full manuscript, [please click here](#).

To access the accompanying message notes,
[please click here](#).

Fruits Above, Roots Below

Faith in Christ that does not grow into Christ's likeness is not genuine faith. And growth that is not rooted in Christ is shallow and unsustainable.

Roots and Fruits

Rooted in Christ through His Word

To be rooted in Christ is to be anchored in Him and nourished by Him. Paul writes, "*As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith.*" (Colossians 2:6-7) Roots both hold a tree steady amid the storms and draw life-giving nutrients from the soil. So too with us: Christ is the soil in which we are immovably planted, and His Word is the living water nourishing and sustaining our life.

Every follower of Christ must be intentionally rooted. That means daily seeking Him in Scripture and prayer. And it means participating regularly in study with others, because roots do not grow by accident, but grow only when we intentionally plant ourselves in Christ and His Word. But roots are never meant to remain hidden underground or behind our private lives. Rather, they exist to fuel growth. So let's look at how such growth takes place in us as the body of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Announcements

- Sunday School Kick-Off Pizza party after worship
- Visit the Deacon's Lemonade stand after worship.
- The Digging Deeper small group meets on Monday at 10 AM.
- The Worship Committee meets via Zoom on Thursday at 7 PM.
- Donations may be made to offset the shipping cost of our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Each shoebox requires at \$10 shipping fee.
- Consider giving to the love offering for the new Cedar Ridge Chapel. Please contact Cathy Dawson for more information.
- Sunday School classes resume next Sunday!

Upcoming Events & Activities

On Sunday, October 19 from 4-6 PM, we are hosting our annual TPC Fall Festival. Be sure to attend, and even more so, be sure to share you time and talents to make this event a success.

Liturgist Ministry

Please consider serving as a liturgist. It's an easy way of helping our church family stay connected and prepare for God's work among us. For more information or to signup, please contact Bert Lundstrom at bert.lundstrom@yahoo.com.

Greeter Ministry

Please look for a welcoming friend to meet & greet you on Sunday mornings. In addition, the greeter will lock all the church doors by 10:45 AM, except for the glass doors to the Narthex.

We hope everyone will take a turn being this warm, welcoming presence. To serve as a Sunday morning greeter, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Worship Streamed Online

If you're unable to worship with us in person, join us via [Facebook Live](#) on Sundays at 10:30 AM. Our online worship bulletin is [posted here](#). Check out our [YouTube channel](#), too!

Growing in Christ Together through His Word

Roots are not the end; they exist for growth. Jeremiah tells us that the one who trusts in the Lord is like a tree planted by water, whose leaves remain green and who never ceases to bear fruit. Growth is the evidence of life.

Notice also that growth happens best together. Paul says in Colossians 3:16, “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom.*” Ephesians 4:15-16 pictures the church body growing up into Christ the Head, “*as each part does its work.*” Our growth is not merely individual but communal.

Bearing Fruit for Christ by Abiding in His Word

The purpose of roots and growth is always fruit. Jesus said, “*Whoever remains in me and I in them, they will produce much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*” (John 15:4-5) Fruit is the visible evidence of the invisible life of Christ flowing through us.

What is this fruit? It is the fruit of the Spirit — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Gal. 5:22–23). It is the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ (Phil. 1:11). It is the fruit of good works and faithful witness (Titus 3:14). But be warned. Jesus cursed the fig tree that bore no fruit (Matt. 21:19). He told of a barren tree that, unless it bore fruit, would be cut down (Luke 13:6–9). Faith without fruit is dead.

Now Is the Time to Grow

Church family, the truth is clear: we cannot thrive as disciples of Jesus on shallow roots or spotty nourishment. A tree with no roots withers. A faith with no depth in Christ collapses. And a disciple who does not feed on the Word of God — both privately and with the people of God — never grows into maturity, and will never bear fruit that lasts.

Rally Day is not just a date on the calendar. It is a decisive moment when we declare: “I will be rooted in Christ. I will grow in Him. I will bear fruit for His glory. I will be a beacon of Christ's light in this sin darkened world.” If we want lasting fruit in our lives and in His church, we must choose daily to be rooted in Christ's Word together.

Will you step in, or will you remain on the edges of discipleship? This is God's invitation: don't stand on the edges of discipleship. Step in. Take hold. Commit yourself this year to study God's Word — not only in your personal time, but also in the fellowship of God's people. Choose a class. Join a group. Make it a priority. Your spiritual health, the fruitfulness of your life, and the witness of this church depend on it.

Prayer Joys & Concerns

Thanks and Praise

Birthdays: Becky Douglas. (9/15), Maggie Jewell (9/16), Tim Barnum (9/18)

Anniversaries:

Needs and Concerns

Those who are grieving...

Rob and family (Patrick Jewell's co-worker) - loss of two siblings in the last month

Those needing help/healing...

John Kaufman (Kay Hardy-Hines brother)

PK Cherian

Kathy MacDonald

Sandy Lamp

Paul Hollensead - eye surgeries

George Stone - cancer treatment

Suzanne Lundstrom - healing

Jenny (Deb Kelly's friend)

Sheryl Yoffe

Sandy Koukola

Tom Dawson

Carol Redd

Gwen Tomblin

Steve Conn

Greta Bemisderfer

Barbara Cooke

Bill & Janet Husband

Ghyll Simoneschi

Madison Cannava

Irv Ottman

David Brandt

Jack and Deb Kelly's niece and nephew

Molly Crabb (Susan Dawson's mom) severe knee pain

Harry Jewell

Judy (Carol Hartmann's sister in law)

Harrison (Mullin's grandson Brendan's friend) - leukemia

Erin (daughter of Jude's HS friend) - cancer has returned

Judy Meyers (Sheryl Yoffe's friends)

Jennifer (daughter of Dawson's friend)

Landon (great nephew to Betty Muse)

Mike McCoy (friend of Jewell's)

Eddie Barker (Janet Husband's cousin)

Ashley (the Husband's grand daughter)

Monica (the Bloor-Brandt's neighbor)

Harvey (Miller's great grandson)

Tracy (Miller's daughter)

Robert (Lois Bringham's brother)

Spencer Hardin (Sheryl Yoffe's friend)

Spike Frederick (Andy's friend)

Donna Primm (Andy's friend)

Toka (Sherry Pritts' friend)

Situations and Circumstances...

The violence/brokenness of our city and the world

The mission and ministry of TPC

Summer break for students, teachers, school staff

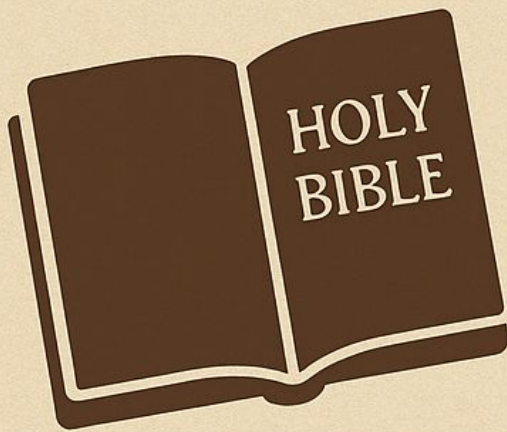
TPC Preschool students, teachers, and staff

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)

KOINONIA

Study the Prophets in Old Testament



Teacher: Pastor Bob

Location: The Parlor

Time: 9:15 – 10:15 AM

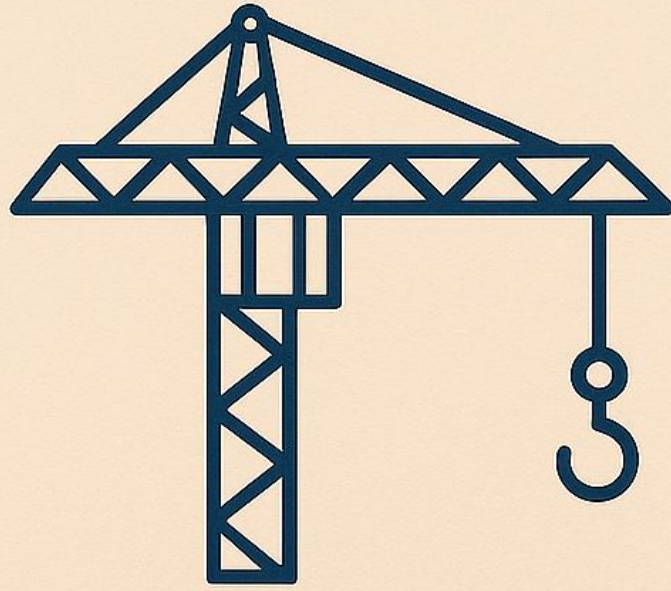


Equipped *to* Engage

A Bible study on bringing the
unchanging truth of God's Word
into today's changing world.

*“You are the salt of the earth ...
You are the light of the world.”*

Matthew 5:13a, 14a



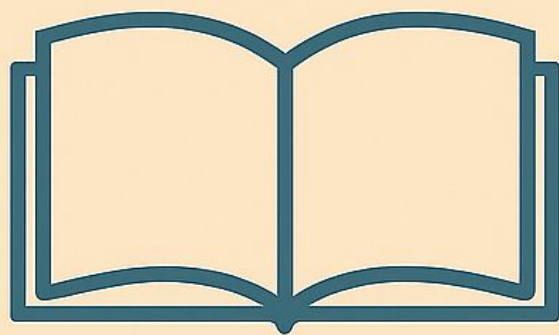
FOUNDRY

A Sunday School class for middle and high school students (grades 6-12) focusing on the book of Philippians.

Teacher: Rebecca Perry

Location: Classroom #4
(youth room downstairs)

Time: 9:30-10:15 AM



Women's Sunday School

We will be studying Max Lucado's book
*What Happens Next: A Traveler's Guide
Through the End of the Age.*

This study will focus on the end of the
age and the second coming of Jesus.

Teachers: Lois Bringhurst, Cathy Dawson,
Lucie Fulmore

Location: The Library

Time: 9:30 AM



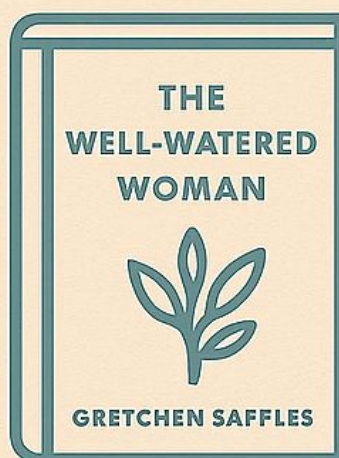
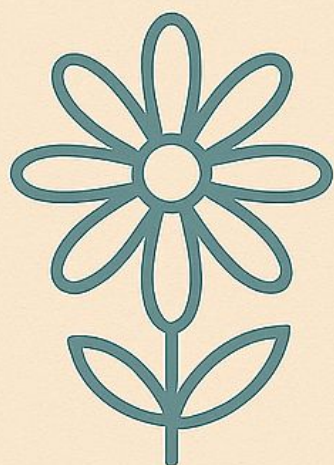
Digging Deeper

A study of the upcoming
sermon passage led by
Pastor Steve

Teacher: Pastor Steve

Location: The Library

Time: Monday, 10:00–11:30 AM



Women's Circle

A study and fellowship
group for women

Working through Gretchen Saffles'
book *'The Well-Watered Woman'*

Conversation leadership is shared by all

Location: The
Parlor

Time: 2nd Tuesday of every month
10:30 AM-Noon



Operation Christmas Child

All 550 shoe boxes have been packed!! Thank you to all who participated by packing or donating items to be packed.

Shipping the boxes costs \$10.00 apiece; if you are able, any contribution toward shipping would be greatly appreciated!

Burrito Riders!

Delivering Breakfast to the Homeless in Louisville

The Burrito Riders is a bicycle-based organization dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of the homeless and those in need. They seek to build relationships within our communities, to foster hope, and to show God's love by helping to meet basic needs, both physical and emotional.



They ride on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month. They are entirely donations-supported and volunteer powered, so they don't charge for anything.

There is always a great need for burritos. Please take a burrito-making kit from the Narthex and plan to help stock our TPC freezer full of burritos! Thank you!

Love Offering for Cedar Ridge Camp New Sacred Space



Trinity's ministry has been blessed by our relationship with Cedar Ridge Camp for decades. Now, five years in the "birthing", Calvin Chapel at Cedar Ridge is about ready to provide sacred space for campers, retreat goers, groups, and wedding (and other) celebrations!

We have a chance to help repay the final construction loan so that earnings from rentals can sooner be used as scholarships for campers otherwise unable to experience this beauty-filled place.

Please see Cathy Dawson in the narthex to see photos, to sign up for tours, and to partner with all who have helped this dream become a fulfilled vision.



TPC Fall Picnic

Sunday, October 19, 2025
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Celebrate fall!! Bring your friends and family and join us at the picnic. There will be activities and fun for all ages.

- * Music and games
- * Hotdogs, veggie wraps, chips, cotton candy, popcorn, Dilly Bars, lemonade and water
- * Children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes
- * Farmer Steve's Mobile Petting Zoo
- * You are encouraged to bring your lawn chairs



Weekly Reminders

Be sure to check out the many discipleship options share above.

As Pastor Steve has been preaching through Ruth this Summer, he's provided a working document of his sermon manuscripts if you would like to go back and study Ruth more deeply to view this collection, [please click here](#).

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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), [Jim McDaniel](#) (Chair of the Deacons), or your mini-flock shepherd. Please [click here](#) for the updated mini-flock list.

To view our 2025 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](#).