

TPC Weekly Newsletter

November 2, 2025

TRANSFORMATIONAL GRATITUDE:

Refocusing Our Vision

Psalm 136

To view the related message notes, [please click here](#).

Correcting Our Impaired Sight

Sometimes seeing clearly requires more than just opening our eyes — it requires removing what's built up over time.

If you wear glasses like I do, you know what I mean. They don't get filthy all at once — just slowly smudged by fingerprints, dust, and life. Eventually, the world looks duller than it really is. Then, when you finally clean them, you realize nothing around you changed — you just see it differently.

Life can do that to us spiritually. The grime of worry, disappointment, and busyness slowly builds up. Before long, the goodness of God looks dull, His faithfulness blurred. The world hasn't changed — our vision has.

An Appeal to Gratitude

That's why Scripture calls us to gratitude. Gratitude is a way of peeling off layers of grime, like changing the goggles mid-race. It clears the lens so we can see again what's always been true:

"The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever."

That's where we begin our new sermon series: Transformational Gratitude. Before we go any further, I want to make sure we understand what we mean by gratitude. We're not talking about polite "thank-yous" or fleeting feelings of appreciation that come and go with our mood. We're talking about something far deeper — something that reorders our hearts and refocuses our lives around the grace of God.

Here's the way we'll define it throughout this series:

Gratitude is the believer's glad response to God's grace.

That's the kind of gratitude that wipes the fog from our spiritual sight. It doesn't just change how we see, it changes how we live.

Psalm 136 shows us exactly how that kind of gratitude works. It's a song of thanksgiving that retrains our vision by singing who God is and what He's done. It's a call to see the world, and our lives, through the lens of His steadfast love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Announcements

- The Digging Deeper small group meets on Monday at 10 AM.
- The Adult Bell Choir rehearses on Wednesday at 6 PM, followed by the Adult Chancel Choir at 6:30 PM.
- Our Annual Chili Cook-Off takes place this coming Sunday after worship. Be sure to join us!
- Commitments Cards are still being received as we prepare our 2026 budget.

Upcoming Events & Activities

The Annual Holiday Craft and Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, November 22 from 9 AM–1 PM. Your goodies and your gracious help will be most appreciated.

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!

Refocusing Our Vision

Gratitude Begins by Confessing God’s Greatness
Verses 1-3 call us to remember and rejoice in who God is. The LORD is good. He is supreme. He is faithful. He is the God above all gods, the Lord above all lords. In other words, gratitude starts not with our circumstances, but with God’s character.

Gratitude Recognizes God’s Hand in Creation
Verses 4-9 lift our eyes from the ground below to the glorious heavens above. Every sunrise, every changing season, even every breath we take is a reminder that we live in a world sustained by the steadfast love of God. Creation itself is an act of steadfast love – love that gives existence, sustains order, and delights in beauty.

Gratitude Remembers God’s Grace in Redemption
In verses 10-15, the Psalm turns from creation to redemption — from the heavens to human history. God delivered His people from Egypt, split the Red Sea, and led them safely through on dry ground.

Gratitude Trusts God’s Faithfulness in Providence
Verses 16-22 cover decades — even generations — of wandering, fighting, coasting, and waiting. God didn’t just rescue His people; He guided them. He fed them, protected them, disciplined them, and delivered on His promises.

These verses remind us that gratitude isn’t just for moments of triumph — it’s for seasons of tension. Gratitude takes root not only when life is clear, but when the path ahead seems uncertain. It’s what helps us trust God between the obvious manifestations of God’s goodness.

Gratitude Rejoices in God’s Mercy and Provision
It’s stunning — after recounting the grandeur of creation and the glory of redemption, the Psalm comes to a close with something as ordinary as food. Why? Because God’s steadfast love is not just cosmic; it’s close. It’s not only over galaxies and kingdoms — it’s over dining tables, hospital rooms, and daily routines. In these closing verses the psalmist reminds us that God always remembers us.

Gratitude Returns in Worship and Witness
The psalm begins and ends the same way: “Give thanks to the Lord, the God of heaven, for He is good.” Gratitude comes full circle. After seeing His hand in creation, redemption, providence, and daily provision, the only fitting response is worship.

Worship is gratitude finding its voice. It’s the heart’s answer to God’s steadfast love. Worship is what happens when the worth of God resounds within the soul of His people.

Prayer Joys & Concerns

Thanks and Praise

Birthdays: Mardi Crosser (11/3), Amy Elder (11/3), Betty Muse (11/5), Chris Hall (11/6)
Anniversaries: Steve & AJ Kratt (11/6), Matt & Rebecca Perry (11/8)

Celebrating the marriage of Scott & Amanda Lundstrom
Praising God for Josh Bauer’s soccer recognition (Carol Hartmann’s grandson)

Needs and Concerns

Those who are grieving...

Those needing help/healing...

- Jackie Morrow
- Steve Edwards
- Davy (Pastor Athanase’s son)
- Kay Hardy-Hines
- John Kaufman (Kay Hardy-Hines brother)
- PK Cherian
- Sandy Lamp
- Paul Hollensead
- George Stone - cancer treatment
- 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
- 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
- Jennifer (daughter of Dawson’s friend)
- Landon (great nephew to Betty Muse)
- Mike McCoy (friend of Jewell’s)
- Ashley (the Husband’s grand daughter)
- Monica (the Bloor-Brandt’s neighbor)
- Robert (Lois Bringhurst’s brother)
- Spencer Hardin (Sheryl Yoffe’s friend)
- Donna Primm (Andy’s friend)
- Toka (Sherry Pritts’ friend)

Situations and Circumstances...

- The UPS plane crash that happened Tuesday
- The violence/brokenness of our city and the world
- The mission and ministry of TPC
- School 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)

ENTRUSTED



LIVING FAITHFULLY
WITH GOD'S GIFTS

LUKE 12:48

Entrusted:

Living Faithfully with God's Gifts

This year's stewardship theme, *Entrusted*, helped us recognize God's generosity toward us, and challenged us to respond with gratitude, invest in His Kingdom, and commit to living faithfully with all He has entrusted to us. If you would like to review Pastor Steve's sermons in this series, you can find them by [clicking here](#).

While this sermon series may have ended, our lives of stewardship and the preparation for our 2026 budget continues. If you would like to make a financial commitment for this coming year, you can do so by using the commitment card included below. Please be sure to include your name on the commitment card.



ENTRUSTED

LIVING FAITHFULLY WITH GOD'S GIFTS

Time

I will serve by

Talents

I will use my gifts in:

☐ Hospitality ☐ Worship ☐ Outreach

☐ Other:

Treasure

My 2026 giving commitment is:

weekly

monthly

yearly

*From everyone who has been given much,
much will be demanded.*

Luke 12.48



CHILI COOK-OFF

**Next Sunday, November 9, 2025
Fellowship Hall
after Worship Service**

Crackers, condiments & beverages provided
by the Fellowship Committee.

Show that competitive spirit and enter your
chili
in our TPC Chili Cook-off!

If you can join us, please add your name to
the
sign-up sheet posted on the Fellowship
Committee bulletin board.

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
10200 Shelbyville Road**

**Annual Holiday
Craft Sale
November 22, 2025
9am – 1pm**

Handmade Crafts, Gifts & Baked Goods



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!

SAVE THE DATE

December 7, 2025
5:30 p.m.

Annual Christmas Dinner
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall



Trinity's Discipleship Opportunities

Equipped to Engage

Current Study: Contending with Compassion: Apologetics for the Church and Culture
Teacher: Pastor Steve
Location: Classroom #6 (downstairs)
Time: 9:15-10:15 AM

Koinonia

Current Study: The Old Testament Prophets
Teacher: Pastor Bob
Location: The Parlor
Time: 9:15-10:15 AM

Women's Sunday School

Current Study: *What Happens Next: A Traveler's Guide through the End of This Age*, by Max Lucado
Teachers: Lois Bringhurst, Cathy Dawson, Lucie Fulmore
Location: The Library
Time: 9:15-10:15 AM

Foundry - youth class

Current Study: The Letter to the Philippians
Teacher: Rebecca Perry
Location: Classroom #4 (youth room downstairs)
Time: 9:30-10:15 AM

Digging Deeper

Current Study: The weekly Sunday Sermon passage
Teacher: Pastor Steve
Location: The Library
Time: Monday morning from 10-11:30 AM

Women's Circle

Current Study: *The Well-Watered Woman*, by Gretchen Saffles
Teacher: Conversation leadership is shared by all
Location: The Parlor
Time: The 2nd Tuesday of every month from 10:30-Noon

If you have an idea for a study group,
or you would like another study to be started that fits better with your schedule,
please reach out to
Rebecca Perry (CE Coordinator),
Jill McCullough (Chair of CE Committee),
or Pastor Steve.

As our many college students have returned to campus, let's be sure to remember them in our prayers, and even keep in touch with them through cards, letters, and care packages.

If you notice a college student who is missing from our list or whose information is incorrect, please let us know so we can update our list.

College Students Addresses

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Weekly Reminders

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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](#).