

STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)

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Youth Group: Eric Wood

Custodian: Charis Wood, Charlotte Hajda

WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Why do we have an Offering? And what is a "tithe"?

From the very beginning, God's people brought offerings to Him (Gen. 4:3-4; 14:21; 28:22). In doing so, they were confessing that all they had ultimately came from God and actually belonged to Him. Offering a portion was a way of showing gratitude. It was also a way of paying tribute, of giving honor to God as the Sovereign Lord of All.

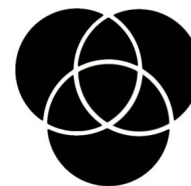
As we see in the stories of Abraham and Jacob, it was common to give God a tenth (or "tithe") of one's income. This principle was later codified in the Law given to Moses. God told the people of Israel to give a tenth to provide for the livelihood of His priests, to maintain the work of the Tabernacle/Temple, and to provide for the poor (Deut. 14:28-29).

For the Israelites the offerings were usually animals, crops, or prepared food. They were elements of God's creation which the people had cultivated by long hours of labor and care. As the fruit of human labor they symbolized the life of the people. Thus, in offering the work of their hands, the people were offering their very lives to God that He might use them to accomplish His purposes.

These principles were carried over into the New Covenant. The Early Church was known for sacrificial generosity (Acts 4:32-37). Recognizing that God had offered His own Son for them, they gladly gave all they had to Him.

For these reasons the offering is a significant part of our worship service. It is not simply a way for the church to keep the lights on. Nor is it payment for spiritual services rendered or dues for a holy club.

When we drop our tithes into the plate, we must remember that we are offering our very selves to God. He accepts our tribute, not because of anything within us, but because we are united to His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. In Christ our lives and our work have been made pleasing to God and useful for the advancement of His Kingdom in our community and throughout the world.



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 17th, 2023

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-6

†Congregational Singing

#58 "This Is My Father's World"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

†Collect

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

"My Heart is Filled"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Psalm 139:23-24

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing

“Be Unto Your Name”

Holy Baptism

Julia Rose Remm

†Congregational Singing

“Baptized Into Christ the Lord” (1,3,5)

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:9-12, 22-31

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 2:10-12

†Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

†Profession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

Sermon

Pastor David Salyer

“You Have Striven with God and with Men, and Have Prevailed”

Sermon Series: Genesis

Offertory

†Doxology

#625 (*a cappella*)

†Prayer of Dedication

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord’s Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, and then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: “May the Peace of Christ be with you” (Jn. 14:27), and the response: “And also with you.”

Declaration of God’s Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing

“When Trials Come”

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response

#628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor Chad Anderson

Nursery Volunteers: Anne Lano

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, September 17th - *The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School

10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

Wednesday, September 20th

7:00 p.m. . . . Small Groups - Adults

Saturday, September 23rd

9:00 a.m. . . . Church Workday

- ❖ **Small Groups** will start meeting every Wednesday evening beginning September 20th and running through November 22nd. We will rotate each week into different gatherings [Adults, then all ages w/ a meal, to women’s, and finally men’s] to study Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s *Life Together*. Contact Pastor Chad if you have questions and be watching for more info soon.
- ❖ We will hold a **church workday** Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The day will consist of deep cleaning in the church building along with various exterior projects and maintenance. All ages are welcome to join the fun! Cleaning supplies will be provided but if people would bring hand equipment (shovels, rakes, trimmers, chainsaws, etc.) that would be very helpful. Pickups and trailers are always welcome.
- ❖ **Sunday School** classes for adults and children have resumed. Adults will be studying the history and theology of worship. Children’s classes will study the same texts as the morning’s sermon. Classes are held at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.
- ❖ **Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$3,952.93. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$138,352.55. Received 8/27: \$3,088.69. Received year-to-date: \$132,819.41.
- ❖ **September Birthdays:** (17) Beatrice Rodgers 2013, (18) Nathan LeFeber, (20) Annie Hooton, (21) Zane Johnson 2010, Sam Lanka, (26) Lori Wimmer, (29) Charis Wood 2006

If you would like to receive TPC announcements and prayer requests via e-mail, please email your contact info to: tpc@tpckearney.org

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ❖ That God would raise up Elders, Deacons, and WIC Committee members for Trinity and that we, as a church, would patiently equip them for service and support them in their work.
- ❖ Presbytery: That God would raise up PCA church plants in our region
- ❖ Missions: PCA Mission to the World (MTW) Missionaries and Families.
- ❖ For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Megan Holl, Bethany Remm (Julia Rose born 4/6).