

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.

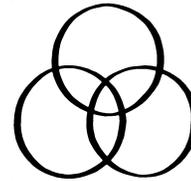
As we see in the stories of Abraham and Jacob, it was common to give God a tenth (or “tithe”) of one’s income. This principle was later codified in the Law given to Moses. God told the people of Israel to give a tenth to provide for the livelihood of His priests, to maintain the work of the Tabernacle/Temple, 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 its 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

July 7th, 2019

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-3, 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

Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Greeting

†Congregational Singing

“Jesus, I Come” (1,3,4)

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Psalm 32:1-5

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what

we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing

“My Heart is Filled”

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament

Genesis 28:2-5, 10-22

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:4-16

†Gospel Reading

John 1:43-51

†Profession of Faith

The Apostle’s Creed

Sermon

Pastor Chad Anderson

“The Lord Is in This Place”

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 in accord with the practice of our denomination.

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: “Peace be with you” (Jn. 14:27) or “Christ be with you” (Rom. 16:20).

Declaration of God’s Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

Congregational Singing

#51 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response

628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer

Nursery Volunteers: Anne and David Lano

CHURCH LIFE

Friday, July 12th

Susie Frerich’s Memorial Service

2:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 13th

Brayton/Tincher Wedding @ New Life

2:00 p.m.

❖ Please remember to sign the **birthday cards** on the table in the foyer. They go to the missionaries we support.

❖ **Summer Women’s Group.** Come as you are able for a time of prayer, encouragement and light study. Mondays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Rene’s house: 5523 Parklane Drive. Contact Rene at (308) 708-3303.

❖ Consider serving on the **communion prep rotation.** It involves buying the bread and coming early to prepare the elements on your assigned Sunday. To sign-up and be trained in this ministry, speak to Josh Goodbrake.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

July	8	Aliyah	Hughett	2018
	9	Micah	Holl	1994
	9	Harriet	Rodgers	2010
	10	Eleanor	Hajda	2000
	10	Gabriel	Lanka	2012
	13	Rollie	Gibbins	
	15	Haven	Salyer	2009
	18	Marla	Reiter	
	27	Georgia	Cleland	
	28	Mordecai	LeFeber	2011
	29	Roz	Gibbins	
	29	Miabelle	Lano	2010

FINANCIAL REPORT

	Last Week	Year to Date
Budgeted Need	\$3,461.15	\$89,989.90
Received	\$1,364.33	\$82,923.42

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

❖ That God would bring people in need of a church family to Trinity, and that we would minister to them in love.

❖ For our men serving in the armed forces: Joseph Barber III, Ryan Brock, Ben Elliott, and Isaiah Petty.

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