

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.

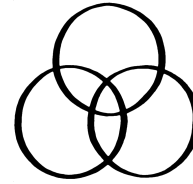
As we see in the stories of Abraham and Jacob, it was common to give God a tenth (or “tithe”) of one’s income. This principle was later codified in the Law given to Moses. God told the people of Israel to give a tenth to provide for the livelihood of His priests, to maintain the work of the Tabernacle/Temple, 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 19th, 2021

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-5

†Congregational Singing

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

†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

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

“The Old Rugged Cross”

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Psalm 66:16-20

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare

those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Jesus Christ, our Lord. And grant, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 2:1-3, 6-14, 19-22

Epistle Reading Romans 8:31-39

†Gospel Reading John 14:8-17

†Profession of Faith The Colossian Hymn

Sermon Pastor Chad Anderson

"From Elijah To Elisha"

Sermon Series: Kings

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.

Once the Pastor has prayed for the bread and wine, we will process down the center aisle to partake. Parents, please help distribute to your communing children. You may eat and drink at the front of the sanctuary, depositing empty cups in the baskets on either side, or you may make take the bread and cup to your seat to partake. Use the outside aisles to return to your seat.

We encourage words of blessing during this time: "Peace be with you" (Jn. 14:27) or "Christ be with you" (Rom. 16:20), and the response: "And also with you."

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Postlude

Worship Leader: Elder Michael Freitag

Nursery Volunteers: NA

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, September 19th - *The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group

- ❖ Adults and children's **Sunday School** classes are held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Adults will be meeting in the addition. Children will begin in the sanctuary for singing and then disperse to their respective classrooms.
- ❖ All students going into 6th-12th grades are invited to join bi-weekly **Youth Group** meetings, from 3:00-4:30 at the church. The next meeting will be September 19th. Contact Eric Wood with any questions.
- ❖ **Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$3,508.27. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$119,281.18. Received 8/22: \$2,806.39. Received year-to-date: \$122,836.41.
- ❖ **September Birthdays:** (20) Annie Hooton, (21) Zane Johnson 2010, Sam Lanka, (29) Charis Wood 2006
- ❖ **October Birthdays:** (2) Rene Sykes, (3) David Lano, (4) Kristen Pokharel, (11) Isaac Hooton 2008, (13) Gloria Riley 2017, (14) Joe Barber, Josiah Holl 1995, (15) Phoebe Williams 2015, Karen Salyer, (24) Johne Lanka 2010, (25) Deb Elliott, Bethany Holl, (28) Ana Beerman, (29) Ahren Goodbrake 2018, (30) Mary Parish, (31) David Salyer

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ❖ That God would bless our church with many children and give us grace to nurture them in the faith.
- ❖ Presbytery: Grace Covenant Church in Grand Island (Pastor Todd Bowen)
- ❖ For Chuck Larsen and Water4Haiti. Chuck will be in Haiti until Thanksgiving.
- ❖ That God would deliver us from the Coronavirus and, through us, bring healing, comfort, and hope to all who are afflicted or bereaved.
- ❖ For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Anika Fong (Florence Ann born 8/5), Kristin Holl

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
