



The Trumpet

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8 Habits of Evangelism – Worship

Rev. Phil Price

One of the most welcome surprises of the PC(U.S.A.) Mission Agency’s “8 Habits of Evangelism” is its holistic perspective. That is, sharing the good news of God’s love in Jesus Christ is about far more than the work of just one committee or group of people; it is the work of the church!

Bruce Reyes-Chow, discusses how worship, in nearly every church across America, has changed this past year in regards to our assumptions about on-line versus in-person worship. He does this by laying-out a few assumptions regarding in-person and online worship:

- *In-person worship builds deep relationships; online worship does less than.* **False.** While in-person worship is what we have always known, there is more than one way to develop relationship.
- *Online worship is exclusive; in-person worship is inclusive.* **False.** While not everyone has access to technology, not everyone is able to be in the sanctuary each and every Sunday. We need to start examining both worship experiences through the same lens.
- *Online worship is the future; in-person is the past.* **False.** In the future we will need to have a number of ways to connect with one another in order to maintain our commitment to gathering around the holy, not one or the other.

The point is that as we continue to move beyond this season of disruption, how are we going to ensure that we are communicating God’s love in Jesus Christ? Just as we have had to embrace new technologies as they have become available (*our 100+ year old sanctuary did not used to have either a sound-system, air conditioning, or video screens*) online worship will add to our reach as we continue to seek to be living examples of God’s love in the world.

The biblical rationale for worship’s role in the habits of evangelism is found in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, (CEB): *Although I’m free from all people, I make myself a slave to all people, to recruit more of them. I act like a Jew to the Jews, so I can recruit Jews. I act like I’m under the Law to those under the Law, so I can recruit those who are under the Law (though I myself am not under the Law). I act like I’m outside the Law to those who are outside the Law, so I can recruit those outside the Law (though I’m not outside the law of God but rather under the law of Christ). I act weak to the weak, so I can recruit the weak. I have become all things to all people, so I could save some by all possible means. All the things I do are for the sake of the gospel.*

That is, the Apostle Paul anticipates that sharing the good news of God’s love found in Jesus Christ, with the world, is not a one-size fits all approach. How will we expand the reach of our worship so that others experience the joy we have found in God’s presence?

As we think about how our worship of God in Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit allows us to share the Gospel today and into the future some themes and questions to consider are:

- **Sorrow:** What have we lost and what losses have we grieved these past eighteen months?
- **Joy:** What have we gained and where have we seen new life and growth?
- **Learnings:** What have we learned about our congregation and what has been most surprising about how we have navigated this season of disruption?
- **Possibilities:** What worship practices or perspectives might God be revealing to us as we move forward?

Worship is the one part of the life and ministry of our congregation in which we all have a part to play as we come before the Audience of our time together; God our Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. So how will we make the time that we share, not only with those who find their way to downtown Twin Falls, but also impart that grace, hope, and love to the ends of the earth? Next month we’ll consider how the Sacraments influence evangelism.



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Minutes from September Stated Session Meeting

September 21st 2021 in the Fellowship Room

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with prayer. Present were the Moderator Phil Price, Mark Crothers, Terry Fletcher, Lawrence Flournoy, Linda Howar, Bob Parkinson, Judy Pollow, Chris Talkington, Susan Waters, Phil Winn, and Judy Wright. Kristin Keller was absent.

The minutes of the August meeting were not available.

Church Staff

Pastor

Rev. Phil Price

Office Manager

Cheri Pollard

Organist &

Handbell Director

Barb Mix

Unfinished Business

Changes to the Administrative Manual – III. F. 3. d.

MSP – See 1. Holidays. Shall change “working over 20 hours per week” to “working 20 hours or more per week”.

MSP to add to “1. Holidays” the following – “All paid staff shall be afforded the listed paid holidays. For those employees normally required to be present on scheduled days, holidays occurring on a Sunday would be re-scheduled to occur on either the previous or next regular work day with coordination and approval of the Head of Staff.”

MSP – See 2. Vacation. Shall replace the second sentence with “Non-pastoral staff are granted paid vacation as follows without proration:”.

Also pertaining to this section of the Administrative Manual is a consensus during the August Session meeting. “The Session determined that no provision be made for pay increases on the basis of tenure. Merit bonuses may be awarded on a case-by-case basis for efforts ‘above the call’ of the position description when such are acknowledged in the annual performance review. When adjustments to the duties and responsibilities defined in the position description are deemed appropriate, commensurate adjustment in compensation can be made for upcoming budget years. Cost-of-living adjustments have not been addressed in our Administrative Manual.

A sign-up sheet was passed for Communion Preparation/Clean-up.

New Business

MSP – Allow Gideons to receive a free-will offering in a separate basket at the back of the sanctuary.

MSP – Approve Mark Crothers making application to be a Commissioned Ruling Elder after affirmative reply to seven questions.

Will be a Stewardship Minute for Mission October 17.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: Is looking at Cybersecurity. Elevator inspection is beginning. Have had more plumbing problems repaired. PAI plans to construct a new building starting December 2021 and expect to move from our building after school ends June 2023. Is now discussing action to take on this news.

Worship: Expressed concern that several people attending worship did not wear a mask. Expressed concern that those worshipping then removed their masks in the Fellowship Room (because drinking and eating). Expressed concern about Passing the Peace. MSP to discontinue Passing the Peace until further notice.

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Minutes from September Stated Session Meeting (continued)

Christian Nurture: Sunday school for children/youth resumed in-person September 12th in the multipurpose room. A TV was installed in the multipurpose room for Christian Education needs. Sunday school will be available every Sunday morning EXCEPT Communion Sunday. Intend to assemble hygiene kits October 21.

Mission: Facebook check-ins recipient for August/September is the Twin Falls Senior Center. Will have sign-up sheet for raking lawns Oct 16, 23, 30 and Nov 6. More details will follow. The Sunday School Department mission project to make 64 Hygiene Kits will be funded by our mission funds and donations. Have been helping Bickel and Lincoln Elementary Schools. In the future will also help Oregon Trail Elementary School in South Park.

Personnel: See Unfinished Business.

Stewardship: Will present a Minute for Mission October 17.

Treasurer: August financial report was available.

Recorded by Bob Parkinson



	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
JAN	9,142.00	19,042.42	8,352.69
FEB	8,581.08	19,572.25	10,053.00
MAR	16,710.00	8,324.01	10,840.00
APR	7,454.10	16,253.80	16,320.12
MAY	13,288.35	11,955.93	12,225.46
JUNE	25,138.82	18,036.80	13,009.00
JULY	7,379.57	12,725.80	24,445.00
AUG	13,795.49	19,769.61	10,644.86
SEPT	16,475.06	9,135.80	18,962.09
OCT	-	12,900.00	11,888.00
NOV	-	38,638.10	17,237.00
DEC		8,589.80	46,159.37
SUM	<u>117,964.47</u>	<u>194,944.32</u>	<u>200,136.59</u>
Jan-Feb	17,723.08	38,614.67	18,405.69
Jan-Mar	34,433.08	46,938.68	29,245.69
Jan-Apr	41,887.18	63,192.48	45,565.81
Jan-May	55,175.53	75,148.41	57,791.27
Jan-Jun	80,314.35	93,185.21	70,800.27
Jan-Jul	87,693.92	105,911.01	95,245.27
Jan-Aug	101,489.41	125,680.62	105,890.13
Jan-Sep	117,964.47	134,816.42	124,852.22



November Sermons

November 7th	24th Sunday after Pentecost & Communion Sunday
1st Reading	Psalm 146 <i>Praise for God's Help</i>
2nd Reading	Mark 12:38-44 <i>The Widow's Offering</i>
Sermon Title	"Penny Power"
November 14th	25th Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading	1 Samuel 2:1-10 <i>Hannah's Prayer</i>
2nd Reading	Mark 13:1-8 <i>The Destruction of the Temple</i>
Sermon Title	"My Lord, What a Morning"
November 21st	Reign of Christ Sunday
1st Reading	Revelation 1:4b-8 <i>John's Salvation</i>
2nd Reading	John 18:33-37 <i>Jesus before Pilate</i>
Sermon Title	"What Is Truth?"
November 28th	1st Sunday of Advent
1st Reading	Jeremiah 33:14-16 <i>The Righteous Branch</i>
2nd Reading	Luke 21:25-36 <i>The Coming of the Son of Man</i>
Sermon Title	"Mixed Signals"

Worship

Adult class is held before worship at 8:30 am in the Fellowship room

Sunday Worship services start at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and conclude around 11:00.

Please join us for Social Time each Sunday in the Fellowship Room, right after worship. Light snacks, juice, coffee and tea are served.

Kindergarten – 5th Grade Sunday School

Children's Sunday school is happening in person in the multipurpose Christian Education Room off the Fellowship Room downstairs. We continue to wear masks whenever appropriate.

If you are unable to attend, we will mail the at-home materials each week. If you would like to be included, please contact Linda Howar at (208) 420-1990

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME to remain with their families in the sanctuary for worship. There are worship bags containing items for children to use in their pew during this time.

WIGGLE ROOM FOR CHILDREN:

There are two family-friendly spaces in the church:

The Family Room at the back of the sanctuary offers rocking chairs, a changing table and books and toys for the very young.

Downstairs in the Fellowship Room, there is a corner off to the left with a toy bin containing puzzles, soft toys, a board books.

Questions? Call Linda Howar at 208-420-1990

First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls

2021 SESSION ELDERS

Mark Crothers
(Worship)

Terry Fletcher
(Personnel)

Linda Howar
(Christian Nurture)

Phil Winn
(Stewardship)

Bob Parkinson
(Mission)

Judy Wright
(Fellowship)

Lawrence Flournoy
(Building & Grounds)

Chris Talkington
(Fellowship)

Susan Waters
(Worship)

Kristin Keller
(Christian Nurture)

Judy Pollow
(Stewardship)

COMMISSIONED DEACONS

Darlene Annen & Candee Hawk
(Memorial Dinners)

Carol Benson
(Fellowship – Card Ministry)

Charlotte & Bill Eberlein
(Mission | Christmas Project)

ELECTED OFFICERS

Sarah Benton, Clerk of Session
Bob Parkinson, Treasurer

GIFTS, MEMORIALS & ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Phil Winn – Chair
Deanna Baxter, Rick Horner, John Howar, & Phil Price

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Darlene Annen & Susan Harris
Co-Moderators
Joan Leir – Secretary
Colleen Miltenberger – Treasurer

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday through Friday | 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (open through the lunch hour)



OPPORTUNITIES

MEN'S BREAKFAST

At 7:00 am every Wednesday morning
at Idaho Joe's

for breakfast & topical discussion.

Contact Phil Winn

BOOK CLUB

Thursday November 18th at noon,
meeting place yet to be determined
We will be discussing "The Searcher"
by Tana French

Questions? Contact Kathy Price

"CARING & SHARING" SUPPORT GROUP

Meets at 4:00 pm each Thursday
If interested please call the Church Office
Or Gerrie Hansen

CIRCLE FIVE

Circle 5 will meet November 4th & 18th at 9:30
in the Fellowship Room

November 4th will be an Advent devotional work
meeting.

Come and join us for fun, fellowship.

Contact Darlene Annen 208-308-6681

ABIGAIL CIRCLE

The Abigail Circle Bible Study for 2021-22 will be
"What My Grandmothers Taught Me"-learning from
the women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus

Abigail Circle will meet November 18th at 1:00
in the Fellowship Room.

All are welcome to join us. If you are interested
contact Deanna Baxter, Susan Harris, or Joan Leir

EXODUS BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Phil will be teaching a weekly bible study on
the book of Exodus. The study will meet each Friday
at 1:00 in the Fellowship Room

Book Club

Hello friends!

Anita & I met last week and selected our
next books! We are deciding each month
where to meet (been at Twin Beans late-
ly, but that could change back to the church) still at noon
on the 3rd Thursday.



August 19 - When We Believed in Mermaids by Barbara
O'Neal (*)

September 16 - Magic Hour by Kristin Hannah (*)

October 21 - A Woman Like Her by Marc Levy

November 18 - The Searcher by Tana French (*)

(*) - The book is available through Twin Falls Library

Thanks,
Kathy

Advent Decorating

The first Sunday of advent is November 28.
We would like to have our church decorated
by that Sunday. To allow everyone time to
spend with family and friends during the
Thanksgiving holiday, we have decided to
decorate the previous Sunday, November
21st following
worship.

Please plan to
help decorate
the church for
advent following
worship on
Sunday,
November 21st.
It will be fun!
Thank you!





Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Presbyterian Women would like to extend a giant thank you to our congregation for their generous donations to the shoe project. We have donated 135 \$30 gift cards to the Twin Falls School District At-Risk program. They are very appreciative! Please see the note below from Becky Jaynes the At-Risk coordinator.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Janice Geist	11/7
JoAnn Irwin	11/8
Marty Harris	11/9
Emery Petersen	11/10
Linda Howar	11/12
Analise Probasco	11/13
Mark Rosneck	11/13
David Jensen	11/14
Shirley Harris	11/15
Margie Ward	11/17
Darren Ford	11/22
Mark Ford	11/25
Doug Frost	11/25
Lawrence Flournoy	11/26
Bob Wright	11/29
Brennan Ford	11/30
Phyllis Gerber	11/30

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Elbert & Sue Davis	11/3
Mark & Kelly Ford	11/3

Is your birthday or anniversary information incorrect or missing from this list? If so—please contact FPC Office Manager Cheri Pollard at (208) 733-7023 or churchoffice@twinfallspc.org to help update our records!

Darlene I haven't touched base with you in quite awhile. I just thought of you as I gave out The #100 shoe gift card the other day. It was to another who drove across the country for 5 days to get herself and her children away from the children's abusing father. They came as soon as she secured housing here in Twin Falls. They rented a truck and it had a leak so by the time they got here anything with fabric was wet and molded, completely ruined. I gave her lots of supplies and she was in tears when I handed her the shoe gift cards. She was so humbled and thrilled by all the assistance I was able to give her because of congregations just like yours.

Please let everyone know how much I appreciate everything they do!!

Becky Jaynes, LCSW
At-Risk Services/McKinney-Vento
Liaison
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Thank you for lunch yesterday. I am staying at the Best Western. Your idea to bring sack lunches to a hotel is a great way to show the love of Christ. I'm an Army Reserve Chaplain and preaching at a church in Twin Falls today. It's these simple acts of kindness that I think God

Thank You

Sandwich Saturday Ministry

Sandwich Saturday began serving sack lunches in October 2020. We have grown from preparing 25 sack lunches to 70 sack lunches. Each lunch includes 2 Smucker's peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, an apple or an orange, 2 cookies, a bag of chips and a bottle of water. Lunches are packed in an assembly line manner. 20 lunches are placed on a table set up on the sidewalk in front of the church and banners are hung inviting anyone needing a lunch. Any left over lunches are placed in the blessing box. We have reached out to the community and learned that a number of families with children are living in the motels on Addison Avenue West. We now deliver 25 lunches to the Apollo Inn who in turn distributes to families in need living in that group of motels. We also learned that the SureStay Hotel on Blue Lakes has a need and deliver 25 lunches to them. 70 lunches are now being prepared and distributed every other Saturday. The motels and their guests often express their appreciation.

We appreciate all the volunteers who are helping with the purchasing of groceries, setting up the assembly line, filling the lunch bags, hanging the banners, delivering the lunches, and helping with clean-up. Thank you to all of those who have helped and continue to help!!! We start filling the bags at 11:00 and are usually finished with that component by 11:15. The lunches are then delivered and others stay to help with clean-up or preparation for the next serving date. We are completely finished by 1:00. Most helpers are finished by no later than 12:00.

We welcome others to come and join this ministry. Please contact Darlene Annen at dcannen@gmail.com or call 208-308-6681.

This ministry not only helps others but provides an opportunity for fellowship among our congregation as well.



DEACONS' CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Deacons are looking forward to another successful Christmas Project this year, and we welcome your help. We're once again planning a more targeted effort due to COVID19. Our main focus will be working with the CSI Refugee Center to assist adults and children who have recently come to Twin Falls. Thirteen people have arrived in the past two weeks and more are expected throughout November and December. We'll also put together and deliver small gift bags for our home-bound seniors.

In lieu of asking you to shop for gifts, the Deacons are requesting cash donations. We'll do the shopping for you—online and on sale whenever possible—in order to minimize COVID exposure for everyone. We will collect donations from November 1 through Sunday, December 5th. Please be sure to note "Deacon's Christmas Project" on the memo line of your check, and if you want to specify your donation for specific item(s), please indicate that on your check as well. Here are some of the things we'll be purchasing for newly arrived Refugee Center families:

- Blankets
- Towels and washcloths
- Rice cookers
- Cookware
- Warm clothing
- Christmas gifts for children

Thank you in advance for your help with the Christmas Project. If you have questions, please feel free to call Charlotte or Bill Eberlein at (208) 733-0543.

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 11:00-1:30pm PEO Mtg- Kathy Price 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	3 7:00am Men's Breakfast 7:00pm Handbells	4 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	5 World Community Day 1:00pm Exodus Bible Study Pastor Phil (FR) 2-8pm Daily Wedding-rehearsal Dinner-frkitch 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	6 8:30am Worship Committee Meeting in Office 1-5pm Daily Wedding
7 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	8 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	9 10-11:30am General Assembly Stated Clerk B.S. Pastor Phil 1:00pm Building & Grounds in Fellowship Room 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	10 7:00am Men's Breakfast 1:00pm Mission Mtg. 7:00pm Handbells	11 Veterans Day 10:30-11am PAI Tribal Fire Testing 4-5:30pm Support Group 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	12 1:00pm Exodus Bible Study Pastor Phil (FR) 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	13 11:30am Sandwich Saturday Ron Watson Memorial
14 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	15 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	16 10-11:30am General Assembly Stated Clerk B.S. Pastor Phil 5:30pm Stated Session (FR) 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	17 7:00am Men's Breakfast 7:00pm Handbells	18 9:30am Circle 5 (FR) 12:00pm Book Club (FR) 1:00pm Abigail Circle (FR) 4-5:30pm Support Group 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	19 1:00pm Exodus Bible Study Pastor Phil (FR) 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	20
21 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	22 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	23 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	24 7:00am Men's Breakfast 7:00pm Handbells	25 THANKSGIVING DAY	26	27 11:30am Sandwich Saturday
28 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	29 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	30 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball				



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED