



# The Trumpet

A Monthly Newsletter Publication from Twin Falls First Presbyterian Church  
December 2021 Edition

## *8 Habits of Evangelism – Sacraments*

*Rev. Phil Price*

Rev. Aisha Brooks-Johnson executive presbyter of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and author of the third habit of evangelism writes, “One of the gifts of being a minister in the Reformed tradition is the rich language and imagery we have concerning the sacraments. We are taught and have witnessed for ourselves that baptism and the Lord’s Supper are visible signs of an invisible grace. We have been taught and adopt these essential tenets that declare that through the sacraments we see grace on display in accessible ways.”

Our Book of Order says: “The Sacraments are both physical signs and spiritual gifts, including words and actions, surrounded by prayer, in the context of the Church’s common worship. They employ ordinary things; the basic elements of water, bread, and wine in proclaiming the extraordinary love of God” (W-3.0401).

Although it is unlikely that you have ever thought about baptism and communion having anything to do about evangelism, for us as Presbyterians, they help define who we are and hope to be: everyone is invited, no one is turned away, all are fed and sent into the world full of God’s grace and love. This is what it means to live sacramentally; adopting God’s perspective on who we are in relationship to the neighbors we are called to love as fully as we are loved by God in Jesus Christ.

Scripturally we see this new way of living expressed both in Psalm 34:8 “O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him” and Isaiah 43:2 “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.” These biblical passages remind us that as we put our trust in the Lord through both baptism and communion we adopt new ways of seeing ourselves and the world around us: we begin to see with God’s grace, hope, and love.

To get to this heightened perspective let us rely on a few practices that both prepare us to worship and serve the Lord as well as share the grace received through our sacraments: rest, reflect, rediscover, and resist.

**Rest:** The Scriptures command us keep Sabbath and to rest as God rested. It is not easy for people to slow down or even stop. So, ask God to help you take a spiritual inventory of how you invest your time. Ask yourself and those in your close circles what would happen if you took the time to sit beside still waters for the renewal of your soul. Ask God for the courage to practice this grace-filled command.

**Reflect:** As you take the time to keep Sabbath and rest, it will create space in your life to reflect. We must take the time to look at our lives and reflect on our encounters and experiences. It is through the practice of reflection that we can give thanks, ask questions, ponder, work through difficult emotions and dream about our hopes for the future.

**Rediscover:** In the practice of routine rest and reflecting on our lives, we can rediscover who we imagine ourselves to be as beloved children of God. In our own rediscovery, we can invite others to walk close with the risen Savior who fills our lives with new mercies each morning.

**Resist:** In practice of rest, reflection and rediscovery, we must never forget the daily habit of resisting all things that would take us from God’s will and intention for our lives. Resist the temptation of going through the motions. Resist living in a way that seamlessly goes from one day to the next. Resist the numbing of your soul so that your heart may remain tender and filled with care and concern for all.

As we adopt these ways of living sacramentally we will take the lessons we learn at the font and table with us into the world and into the lives of those whom the Gospel as called us to serve.



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## October 2021 Stated Session Meeting

### Motion:

The session voted and approved Melanie Halsell as Clerk of Session for a three-year term.

### Church Staff

**Pastor**

**Rev. Phil Price**

**Office Manager**

**Cheri Pollard**

**Organist &**

**Handbell Director**

**Barb Mix**

### Clerk's Report:

Approved absences:

Elders present: Judy Wright, Bob Parkinson, Phil Wynn, Susan Waters, Linda Howar, Judy Pollow, Chris Talkington, Mark Crothers, Lawrence Flournoy, Terry Fletcher, Kristin Keller, Melanie Halsell

Docket was approved; a quorum was present.

The session voted to remove the following three persons from the church roll:

Betty Benefiel (died 10/10/21)

Ronald Watson (died 10/11/21)

Art Duncan, per his request, due to health reasons.

Baptisms: None

The minutes were approved without change.

Other business:

### Unfinished Business

Phyllis Berg from Niche Ministries asked to use our fellowship room / church kitchen on the last Thursday of each month to provide a meal for those in need. She will be asked to fill out a Building Use application for review. (See Appendix 1)

The make-up of an Ad-hoc building use committee was discussed in anticipation of Pinecrest Academy of Idaho vacating buildings 2 and 3 in the spring of 2023. Bob and Lawrence will report back to the session in 90 days with their findings.

### New Business

Elder Judy Wright volunteered to be the Session's on-site representative during the wedding scheduled in our sanctuary on November 6<sup>th</sup>, per the church's wedding policy.

Stewardship will make a presentation during worship on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Committee Reports

Building and Grounds:

Worship:

Christian Nurture:

Fellowship: The photo collage will soon be returned to the fellowship room.

Mission:

Personnel: Performance evaluations for church staff are being scheduled.

Nominating:

Stewardship: Bob will be mailing pledge cards to the congregation.

By Melanie Halsell, Clerk of Session

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## *Preaching Schedule*

<b>December 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent &amp; Communion</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Malachi 3:1-4	<i>The Coming Messenger</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Luke 1:68-79	<i>Zechariah's Prophecy</i>
<b>Sermon Title</b>	"Love's Rescue"	
<b>December 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Zephaniah 3:14-20	<i>A Song of Joy</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Luke 3:7-18	<i>Filled with Expectation</i>
<b>Sermon Title</b>	"The Joy of Generosity"	
<b>December 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Micah 5:2-5a	<i>The Ruler from Bethlehem</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Luke 1:39-45	<i>Mary Visits Elizabeth</i>
<b>Sermon Title</b>	"Peace upon Us"	
<b>December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Eve – 5 p.m. Candlelight Service</b>	
	<p><b>"People and Places of the Nativity"</b> the story of Christmas is the story of God bringing comfort to humanity. It is the story of God entering our world, bringing grace, hope and love through Jesus. On Christmas Eve we will visit the places and people who witness the story of Christ's birth unfolding before us.</p>	
<b>December 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26	<i>The Child Samuel at Shiloh</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Luke 2:41-52	<i>The Boy Jesus in the Temple</i>
<b>Sermon Title</b>	"God's Purpose"	

# 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

**Melanie Halsell**, 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**

# Finances

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
JAN	9,142.00	19,042.42	8,352.69	23,163.43
FEB	8,581.08	19,572.25	10,053.00	11,834.02
MAR	16,710.00	8,324.01	10,840.00	12,890.47
APR	7,454.10	16,253.80	16,320.12	26,793.28
MAY	13,288.35	11,955.93	12,225.46	22,821.04
JUNE	25,138.82	18,036.80	13,009.00	12,733.79
JULY	7,379.57	12,725.80	24,445.00	21,325.41
AUG	13,795.49	19,769.61	10,644.86	10,762.60
SEPT	16,475.06	9,135.80	18,962.09	10,774.89
OCT	9,895.00	12,900.00	11,888.00	16,559.48
NOV	-	38,638.10	17,237.00	15,845.67
DEC		8,589.80	46,159.37	47,650.95
SUM	127,859.47	194,944.32	200,136.59	233,155.03
Jan-Feb	17,723.08	38,614.67	18,405.69	34,997.45
Jan-Mar	34,433.08	46,938.68	29,245.69	47,887.92
Jan-Apr	41,887.18	63,192.48	45,565.81	74,681.20
Jan-May	55,175.53	75,148.41	57,791.27	97,502.24
Jan-Jun	80,314.35	93,185.21	70,800.27	110,236.03
Jan-Jul	87,693.92	105,911.01	95,245.27	131,561.44
Jan-Aug	101,489.41	125,680.62	105,890.13	142,324.04
Jan-Sep	117,964.47	134,816.42	124,852.22	153,098.93
Jan-Oct	127,859.47	147,716.42	136,740.22	169,658.41
Jan-Nov	-	186,354.52	153,977.22	185,504.08
Jan-Dec	-	194,944.32	200,136.59	233,155.03

## MISSION GIVING

- Twin Falls Senior Center - \$1,000
- CSI Refugee Center - \$1,000
  - CASA (our share of the Peace Offering) - \$321
- Voice Against Violence (our share of the 2020 Peace Offering) - \$254
- Adaptive Cycling will receive a minimum of \$1,500 as recipient of Facebook Check-ins during October thru December



## ADAPTIVE CYCLING OF SOUTHERN IDAHO

Adaptive Cycling of Southern Idaho is part of a national non-profit 501c(3) service organization that began in Birmingham, Alabama in 1922. The mission statement is, "Creating Mobility and Independence for People with Disabilities." The mission is accomplished by doing community service, giving scholarships to therapists, building ramps, and by giving away therapeutic tricycles called AmTrykes. For more information please visit the website: [www.adaptivecyclingofsouthernidaho.org](http://www.adaptivecyclingofsouthernidaho.org)

# 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 December 16th at noon,

In the Fellowship room

We will be discussing "Other People's Things"  
by Kerry Anne King

Please bring your own lunch and we will see you  
there!

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

Monday, December 13th at 10:00am

Meet at Perkin's for our Christmas party

Thursday, December 16th at 10:00am

in the Fellowship Room for our regular 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 December 16th 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

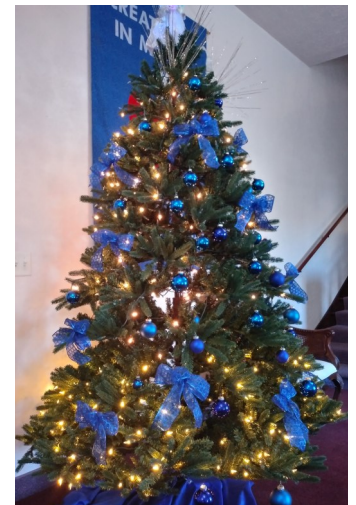
### EXODUS BIBLE STUDY

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

## WHY BLUE DECORATIONS?

Blue symbolizes royalty...a coming King. It is also the color of the sky just before dawn. Many Christian churches now use blue to speak of the Kingship of Christ when the occasion is joyful. At Advent we wait with anticipation and celebration for our coming Christ. Blue perfectly reflects our anticipation as we wait with hope and expectation.

Colors, paraments or coverings, and banners are some of the most important visual ways Christians have used to express their faith in worship. The objective in covering the Communion Table with cloths of various colors is to help focus the attention of worshipers on the special nature of Christ as the Perfect Sacrifice.





**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Audrey Daisher	12/4
Robin Wells	12/5
Boden Youree	12/13
Darlene Annen	12/20
Marjorie Gebauer	12/21
Jeff Geist	12/22
Brendan Mix	12/24
Margaret Vawter	12/24
Cyndie Koffer	12/25
Barbara Mix	12/26
Judy Chapin	12/27
Aubree Sharp	12/28
Betty Westerhoven	12/31

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

Olen & Linda Foreman	12/8
Gene & Deanna Baxter	12/20
Bob & Judy Wright	12/23
Roger & Kristin Keller	12/26
Emery & Ruby Peterson	12/26
Bob & Linda Parkinson	12/28
Ray & Shirley Harris	12/27
John & Linda Howar	12/30

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@twinfallsfpc.org to help update our records!



Many thanks to all of you who helped decorate the church after worship on November 21st. There was fun, laughter, fellowship, and engineering! The church is decorated and ready for the first Sunday of Advent, November 28th.



## 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](mailto: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 want to thank you for your generous donations to date for the Christmas Project. We will still be collecting donations through Sunday, December 5. Our main focus has been working with the CSI Refugee Center to assist the 30 adults and children who have recently come to Twin Falls. Here's a sample of items we've purchased for our new residents:

- Blankets
- Twin and Full bed sheet sets
- Rice cookers
- Cookware
- Warm clothing
- Christmas gifts for newly arrived children

We're also putting together and delivering 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—on line and on sale—in order to minimize COVID exposure. 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.

Thank you very much for your generosity. If you have questions, please feel free to call Charlotte or Bill Eberlein at (208) 733-0543.





Welcome  
Sadie Mina Knott  
Born November 8  
6 lbs., 4 oz.,  
18.5 inches long



Oct. 21, 2021

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much.

I just want to let you know how much we appreciate your continued support with your shoe gift cards. We have so many families struggling that have never found themselves asking for help in the past. They are so grateful to know they can take their children shopping for new shoes. It's such a relief to them.

"Thank you," Becky Jaynes

Dear Church Members,

Thank you so much for having my house packed. Along with the Wellness tree. The 5 boys did a great job! Also to Bob Parkinson for picking up the many bags!

God Bless,

Cherlie Serbet

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who makes or purchases cookies, snacks and treats for Sunday fellowship. Thank you also to those of you who help setup, clean up, take cardboard and plastic to be recycled, launder dish towels and wash the dishes. Fellowship truly is a group project. Sometimes we are blessed to have leftovers. We freeze them and use them for following Sundays or share them with others. We recently took some 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday leftovers to Valley House, vegetables to St. Edwards Soup Kitchen and bagged donuts and cookies for the Blessing Box. All items that we receive are appreciated and used.

Thank you again,  
Fellowship Committee  
Judy Wright & Chris Talkington

# Blessings



Oct. 14, 2021

Dear Friends,

Enclosed, please find the balance of our pledge for 2021. At least we think it is, according to our records!

We will welcome Bob's quarterly update!

We have been attending the Community Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) here in Redmond. It is giving me a reminder of how important it is to watch for, greet, and welcome those who are new in a church community! We have attended here for over 2 months now - except when we've been back in T.F., and there have been several folks who recognize that we are pretty much here, but there are many who just glance at us & move on - probably very typical of most churches! They are in the midst of changing pastors - we were here when the previous one left,

and have seen several "supplies" who have been very interesting. I think they are about to find an "interim", which should help encourage a sense of continuity! All this to say - we miss you all! We have had a few visitors from T.F., but not many. We are enjoying being near our family here! We always are excited to get visitors, and we do have guest room, so --- if you are on your way to the Oregon coast, we make a good overnight stopping place! Just let us know, so we are not headed out to Twin Falls or someplace else when you come!

Please share our greetings to all. We watch always for the Trumpet and its news - and will be watching for word about the PerCapita, and, of course, the quarterly statements!

Shalom to you all!

With love,

Ray & Shirley Harris



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00am Men's Breakfast	2 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	3 1:00pm Exodus Bible Study Pas- tor Phil (FR) 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	4 8:30am Wor- ship (FR) Committee Meeting
5 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Wor- ship	6 6:00-11pm Adult Volley- ball	7 11:00-1:30pm PEO Mtg- Kathy Price 10:00am Pastor Phil Mid Council Leaders B.S. 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	8 7:00am Men's Breakfast 1:00pm Mission Mtg. 7:00pm Hand- bells	9 10:00am Pastor Phil Presbytery Council 4-5:30pm Sup- port Group 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	10 1:00pm Exodus Bible Study Pas- tor Phil (FR) 6:00-11pm Adult Volleyball	11 11:30am Sandwich Saturday
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