



The Trumpet

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Who Are You Listening To?

By Reverend Phil Price

Many people use the season of Lent to develop new or deepening spiritual practices which strengthen their faith. Some will give-up something in their life, like caffeine or chocolate, so that whenever they have a craving for that which they are fasting from it serves as a prompt for prayer; to enter into the presence of the Divine for assistance in maintaining their seasonal fast. Though I understand the idea behind such spiritual fasts I have struggled to maintain them, myself.

This Lent, along with working through “Brave Church”, I have signed-up to participate in an online pop-up learning community. That is, a six-week virtual study group titled “Jesus de/constructed: rediscovering the freaking awesome Jesus for the first time....” That’s quite a title, isn’t it? The reason I’m sharing it with you is that it got me thinking about how who and what we listen to shapes who we are in relationship to God and one another. Lately, I have been listening to a number of podcasts that help shape my understanding of faith and life and I thought that sharing them with you might help your journey of faith, as well.

One of the great things about podcasts is that they are free, though you will hear numerous plugs asking for sponsorship help. And while I listen to podcasts primarily through my cellphone while cooking, working stained glass, or walking on the treadmill, so too can you look up the shows listed below however you interact with the internet.

I heard about “Jesus de/constructed” by listening to the “Homebrewed Christianity” podcast which is hosted by Dr. Tripp Fuller. He is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Theology & Science at the University of Edinburgh. On his semi-weekly podcast he both seriously and humorously delves into a variety of topics. The show’s website says: “Our goal is to bring the wisdom of the academy’s ivory tower into your earbuds. Think of each episode as an audiological ingredient for your to brew your own faith.” Ranging from an hour-and-a-half to two hours or more, I have found Tripp Fuller in-depth investigations both challenging and illuminating.

Another podcast, that a number of you have heard me mention, is “The Bible for Normal People”. It is a vast repository for expanding how to understand the Bible today. This blog is co-hosted by Peter Enns, who is a professor of biblical studies at Eastern University, and Jared Byas, who is a former philosophy professor. Although both men have impressive academic credentials their goal is to help “normal” people discover new and different ways of understanding and interpreting our sacred book. Their weekly podcast ranges from forty-five minutes to an hour and like “Homebrewed Christianity” there is several years’ worth of episodes to explore.

A third podcast I have been listening to that has very little to do with scripture or theology, but has been a real comfort, nonetheless is titled: “In the Bubble with Andy Slavitt”. Apple podcast reviews describes it: “This show is an insider’s guide for getting closure on what has happened throughout the pandemic so far, how we emerge, and what must come next. Special guests include leaders we rarely get to see drop their guard the way they do on this podcast. Andy gives listeners information and inspiration from his bubble every Monday and Wednesday.”

Whether you join me in furthering your faith by learning from guests on “Homebrewed Christianity” and “The Bible for Normal People” or you are looking to learn more about what is going on in the world through “In the Bible with Andy Slavitt”, podcasts are a great way to learn about God and the world we have been given. As you enter the season of Lent who will you be listening to and how will what you hear shape your experience of God’s presence in your life? As we make our way to the cross and beyond the empty tomb there are guides to help us experience Jesus more fully and live more faithfully into way God intends us to live.



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Session Summary for January 2022

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 18th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

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The New Member Commission authorized baptism and reception of new members.

Discussion continues to determine the best future use for Buildings 2 & 3 currently leased by Pinecrest Academy. Members of session, along with members of the Building Use Task Force, had an idea-gathering discussion on this topic on Sunday, January 30th, following worship.

Fifth-Sunday Worship will be held in the Fellowship Room, with a potato bar to follow.

Reports were received from the following committees: Building & Grounds, Worship, Christian Nurture, Fellowship, Mission, Personnel, Nominating and Stewardship. These may be reviewed in the church office.

Pastor Phil gave a brief overview of the book "Brave Church," by Elizabeth Hagan as the basis for a possible Lenten study.

Next stated session meeting will be on Tuesday, February 15th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.



JANUARY FINANCES 2022

Total Member Contributions - \$20,899

Total Other Income - \$2,055

Total Income - \$22,954

Total Expenses - \$12,899

Administrative - \$10,259

Facility & Office - \$2,640

Mission - \$3,395 -- from outside

Net Profit - \$10,055

MISSION GIVING

2021

- 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

2022

- The CSI Refugee Center will receive funds from the Facebook Check-ins for January and February
- The Twin Falls Humane Society will receive funds for March and April
- Pledge to Presbytery/Synod/GA-\$12,000 to Basic Mission Support + \$1,000 to the Theological Education Fund + \$2,000 to Synod.
 - Christmas Joy Offering- \$1,060

Preaching Schedule

March 6th	1st Sunday in Lent (<i>communion—separate elements</i>)
1st Reading	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 <i>First Fruits & Tithes</i>
2nd Reading	Luke 4:1-13 <i>The Temptation of Jesus</i>
Sermon Title	“Lost and Found”
March 13th	2nd Sunday in Lent
1st Reading	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 <i>God’s Covenant with Abram</i>
2nd Reading	Luke 13:31-35 <i>The Lament over Jerusalem</i>
Sermon Title	“Future Perspective”
March 20th	3rd Sunday in Lent
	Mark Koffer will be preaching while Pastor Phil and Eric are in Pennsylvania visiting family.
March 27th	4th Sunday in Lent
1st Reading	Joshua 5:9-12 <i>The Passover at Gilgal</i>
2nd Reading	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 <i>The Prodigal Family</i>
Sermon Title	“Coming Home”



Lenten Season

A time for Prayer, Penance, & Alms Giving



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

2022 SESSION ELDERS

Mark Crothers
(Worship)

Terry Fletcher
(Personnel)

Phil Winn
(Stewardship)

Bob Parkinson
(Mission)

Judy Wright
(Fellowship)

Lawrence Flournoy
(Building & Grounds)

Chris Talkington
(Fellowship)

Carol Benson
(Worship)

Kristin Keller
(Christian Nurture)

Judy Pollow
(Stewardship)

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**

COMMISSIONED DEACONS

Darlene Annen & Candee Hawk
(Memorial Dinners)

Charlotte & Bill Eberlein
(Mission | Christmas Project)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Darlene Annen & Susan Harris
Co-Moderators

Joan Leir – Secretary
Colleen Miltenberger – Treasurer



Fellowship

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 March 24th at noon,
In the Fellowship room
We will be discussing "Pachinko"
by Min Jin Lee

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

Thursday, March 17th at 10:00am
at Marjorie Gebauer's house
775 Mountain View Dr. TF
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 March 17th 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

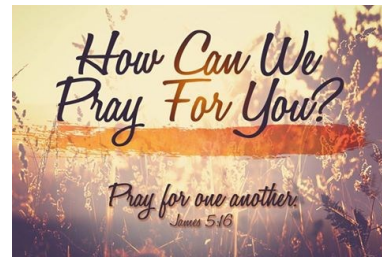
PRAYERS FOR US

COVID has changed how we worship at our church
and how we continue bonding as a congregation. Join
in a prayer time asking God to lead us forward in
worship and fellowship.

Starting 1/20/2022 in the Fellowship Room
1st & 3rd Thursdays at 12:00pm
Contact Anita at 208-329-2293 for more info.
Bring your lunch

CHANGE IN BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be
moving to the 4th Thursday
of the month so that the new
prayer group can have the 1st
and 3rd Thursdays! Please
consider joining this new
group as well.



During February the
"Prayers for Us"
group prayed for:
Phyllis Fletcher,
Katie Horner,
Phil Price,
Linda Howar,
Anita Klott,
Judy Pollow,
Joan Leir, and
Colleen Miltenberger.



Growing in faith as part of a faith community is integral to life with Presbyterian Women and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). In addition to Presbyterian worship and participation in PW, many Presbyterian Women groups and individuals nurture their faith ecumenically through World Day of Prayer. World Day of Prayer is a global, ecumenical movement of Christian women who pray and act for peace and justice. On the first Friday of March every year, Presbyterian Women join their prayers and voices with women in more than 170 countries and regions. Each year, a different country that participates in World Day of Prayer serves as host country, writing the worship materials and compiling resources about their region's culture, history and faith traditions to educate women in other parts of the world. As women unite in prayer—asking God to relieve suffering, bring healing, mend brokenness, overcome barriers and bring peace, justice and well-being—they give to an offering that funds grants for the host country. Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and have immeasurable influence in the world. In addition to loving prayers and calls for action from individual Presbyterian Women, PW's national staff works with World Day of Prayer USA to create and publish resources for use in the United States.

Feb. 9, 2022

Thank you so very much.
I want to let you know
how much I appreciate your
continued support by
purchasing shoe gift cards.
Your donation has blessed
over 180 children & youth
so far this school year.
Thanks so much,
Becky Jaynes



MARCH BIRTHDAYS


Melissa Howar	3/1
Phil Price	3/1
Michael Ippolito	3/5
Chris Fournoy	3/5
Howard Neibling	3/6
Molly Senkbeil	3/7
Wanda Traughber	3/10
Sue Davis	3/13
Rick Kuhn	3/15
Bobby Riedesel	3/17
Don Coker	3/21
Llew Matthews	3/21
Wiley Youree	3/22
Rod Potthast	3/29
Gerrie Hansen	3/30
Jon Meyers	3/30
Kody Youree	3/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

Terry & Marion Ford	3/13
Joe & Karen Ippolito	3/16
David & Marilyn Jensen	3/16
Ian & Lindsay Probasco	3/20
Llew & Dounia Matthews	3/21
Brian & Waleea Harris	3/26

Our church's per capita for 2022 is \$7,526 or \$44.00 per member (not household). If everyone would pay his/her share of per capita, we would have a balanced budget! Won't you please pay your \$44.00.....or round up to \$50.00 as soon as possible to help our local finances while supporting the larger Presbyterian Church USA??

**Thank you,
Your Stewardship Committee**



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!

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.



**The 5th Sunday in January
A Great Experience of Worship and Fellowship**



5th Sunday in January
The congregation enjoyed an engaging and meaningful discussion using the Peace Cards shared by Pastor Phil.



Peace Cards are straightforward and easy to use. Each card offers a question for reflection, an action to be taken and a prayer to be spoken. The cards can be used in a variety of settings and occasions – as a daily or seasonal practice with family members, as a sharing activity for small and large groups, as a table activity at church events, or for conversation while on a trip. There are six areas for peacemaking represented on the cards. Look for the following icons on the cards:

- Personal (Yellow icon)
- Family (Blue icon)
- Church (Red icon)
- Community (Orange icon)
- Environment (Green icon)
- World (Purple icon)

We are all called to be peacemakers: reflecting more deeply on peace, doing things to promote peace, and praying for peace in all parts of life. Let these cards lead you to new perspectives and practices for making peace.

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Environment	World
Family	Church
Community	Personal

Presbyterian Mission
Peacemaking Program

Holly Purcell Albrecht, author
Anne Walker, designer

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www.illustratedministry.com

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Peace in the world

– QUESTION –
Where do you see peace in your world today?

– ACTION –
Make a peace garden with rocks. Color or paint rocks writing words of hope, peace, and love. Create a little garden with the rocks. People can take a rock if they need it or add one if they have something positive to share.

– PRAYER –
God of the World, sometimes all we see are the bad things in our world, but peace, hope, and love are all around us. Help us to make these things grow like a garden. Help us to nurture them so that they are a larger part of your world. Amen.



Circle 5 served a potato bar as a thank you for the many donations and support of the Shoe Project. Potatoes were donated by the Talkingtons and Colleen Miltenberger treated us to delicious cupcakes.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11:00-1:30pm PEO Mtg- Kathy Price	2 5:45pm "Brave Church" Soup Supper-to April 6	3 12:00pm Prayers for Us (MPR) 4-5:30pm Support Group	4 World Day of Prayer	5 8:30am Worship Comm. Mtg. (FR) 11:30am Sand- wich Saturday
6 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	7 7-9pm Narcotics Anonymous (MPR)	8 1:00pm Building & Grounds in Fellow- ship Room	9 7:00am Men's Breakfast 1:00pm Mission Mtg (MPR) 5:45pm "Brave Church" Soup Supper	10 1:00pm Abigail Circle (FR) 4-5:30pm Support Group	11	12
13 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship Daylight Savings Time Begins	14 7-9pm Narcotics Anonymous (MPR)	15 5:30pm Stated Session (FR)	16 7:00am Men's Breakfast 5:45pm "Brave Church" Soup Supper	17 10:00am Circle 5 (FR) 12:00pm Prayers for Us (MPR) 4-5:30pm Support Group	18	19 11:30am Sand- wich Saturday
20 8:30am Adult Class (FR) 10:00am Worship	21 7-9pm Narcotics Anonymous (MPR)	22 11:30-3:00pm PEO Chapter BP Vivian Wells (FR)	23 7:00am Men's Breakfast 5:45pm "Brave Church" Soup Supper	24 12:00pm Book Club (FR) 4-5:30pm Support Group	25	26
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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



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