



**TIMNATH  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

# The Bell Ringer

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## YOUR SUNDAY INVITATION

9am: Sunday School    10am: Worship    11am: Fellowship

Dear Church,

During my seminary years everyone at school was interested in the Enneagram.

If you don't know, the Enneagram is a (by some accounts ancient) way of mapping human personality. There are nine Enneagram "types" and of those nine there is *one* that resonates with *you* the most — your primary type. Unlike the Meyer-Briggs which focuses on how you may process information, what you like, and what career you may flourish in, the Enneagram is more interested in unearthing how you see yourself and the world, the gifts you bring, and the shadow-side of those gifts. For this reason it has been used for some time as a helpful tool in Christian spiritual direction. For this reason also, I think, we all had to take the Enneagram test as seminarians. Afterwards we spent weeks trying to pin down everyone else's type. "Are you a four (the individualist/artist)?" "You must be a six (the loyalist)!" "Your eight-ness is really obvious (the challenger)." "What number are you?"

Truth be told, the enneagram has been a great gift to me, as perhaps a different personality test has been at some point for you. My fear, however, is that somewhere in the mix of people telling us to find our number (Four? Seven? Nine?), or our letters (INFP), we also end up trying to figure out *our fruit*.

All year I have been reflecting with you here on what St. Paul calls the fruit of the Spirit: "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Seen in comparison to Enneagram numbers or Meyers-Briggs types it may be tempting to pick one fruit as yours ("I'm a peace person") or to point out one fruit for someone else ("You've got the fruit of patience"). But while it may be helpful to notice when and where we're witnessing the fruit of the Spirit — indeed, I've prompted you to do this for months — let's be clear that Paul does not offer them as personality types. You don't get just one. They aren't a disclosure of who you might be (joyful, but not gentle). They are a disclosure of who Jesus is. They are all the fruit of his life, and all the fruit that his Spirit now seeks to grow in y/our life. A cornucopia not just for admiring, but for eating, metabolizing, and living.

Almost as if to make this point perfectly clear, Paul follows up his catalog of fruit with three direct sentences.

*First*, Paul claims, "...There is no law against such things" (Galatians 5:23b). In other words, there is never a time not to pick these fruits and practice them. Unlike the "works of the flesh" (v.19-21) — jealousy, anger,

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quarrels, and more — which should be bound up and kept in check, you are always free to live lovingly and joyfully, to practice peace and patience. Why? Because...

*Second:* “Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (Galatians 5:24). This means we’re always free to live lovingly and joyfully, to practice peace and patience, *because we’ve stopped trying to go our own way, we’ve weeded out our own personal base wants — crucified them, in fact — since we’ve been grafted like branches into the person (and personality) of Christ through the Holy Spirit. Thus...*

*Third:* “If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit” (Galatians 5:25). Or, as Eugene Peterson interpreted it in *The Message*, “Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives.” Life in the Spirit is a life of freedom — the freedom of being led by the Spirit to work out the way of Jesus in “every detail of our lives.”

Discovering who we are, even our personality, is ultimately about discovering who we are made to be *in Christ*. That’s where the fruit of the Spirit comes in. The fruit of the Spirit is about the cultivation of Christ’s character in us. It’s not just a list of types or traits, but a sign that the whole source of our life has shifted from ourselves to the Spirit of Jesus, evidenced in the out-living of his in-living.

So this fall, as you put picked-fruits into a holiday pie (or perhaps even as you do a little soul-searching, picking out the fruits of your personality), pay attention with me for the fruit of the Spirit — where is he growing these gifts in us, cultivating in us the life we were created for? — and pray that he would give us the freedom to pick them and put them into practice for the good of our neighbors and the glory of our Heavenly Father.

Grace and peace,  
— Pastor Jonathan

## Liturgist Training | 11.12.23

*Liturgy (leitourgia)* means “public work” or “the work of the people.” At TPC the *liturgist* is the person who helps to lead the people in the work of offering ourselves to God in worship as we participate in the life of Jesus through the Spirit.

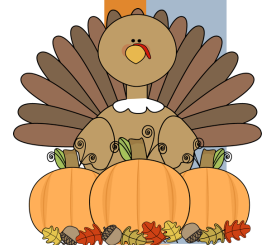
On Sunday, November 12th, there will be a Liturgist Training after worship (around 11:30am). This is for all active liturgists at TPC and those inquisitive about or interested in the role. Training will include a brief overview of *why* we worship the way we worship and the main duties of the liturgist, as well as some “housekeeping” matters to keep all of us on the same page.

## Questers Tea

The Colorado Questers will hold their Annual Holiday Tea on Saturday, December 2nd. Tickets are \$30/ person. For more information or to purchase a ticket, please either see the flyer on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex or contact Carol Salisbury.



Sunday, November 5th



## Craft Show & Sale

From wire wrapped semi-precious stone jewelry to hand built and thrown pottery, from Christmas ornaments and wood turned trees to whimsical embroidered items, from wooden flags, games and furniture to picture frames, from hand knitted accessories to wooden pens and pencils that are almost like jewelry unto themselves; these and many more inspired and inspiring creations will be available at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Timnath Presbyterian Craft Show and Sale on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>.

From 9:00-3:00 browse the work, all from members and friends of TPC . Buy a pastry at Phylis's bake sale booth and savor it with a cup of coffee at the tables set up in the narthex and stick around until midday when you can enjoy a chili lunch served up by the Harmony Hustlers 4H Club.

Purchasing a craft or item will benefit the Art Program at Timnath Elementary as 10% of sales will be directed there. Last year the kids were so proud of the things that they were able to make with the pottery kiln that we helped to provide. Proceeds from the chili lunch will help the 4-H club to enhance their unique mission in today's urbanized world.

See you there!

## Bake Sale

If *baking* is your "craft," we encourage you to contribute some goodies to a bake sale which will be held along with the church craft show. Please bring baked goods to the kitchen on Friday, November 17, from 6:00 to 7:00pm, or from 8:00 to 9:00am on the sale day. (Bake sale items will be considered a donation by the baker.) Food should be brought already packaged in either individual or group sizes, as they will not be re-packaged before the sale. If you have bake sale questions, please contact Phylis Sitzman (970-484-7612, 970-412-8532 (text) or [sitzman@aol.com](mailto:sitzman@aol.com)). Thank you!!

## Young Children & Worship Update

With the help of many of you, Young Children & Worship has been off to a great start this fall! Each week (except 4th Sundays) TPC children are led out to their worship space to hear the stories of Scripture in a slow and deliberate way and respond with their own work before being led back into the sanctuary for the close of worship with their families.

- **4th Family Sundays** — every fourth Sunday of the month there is NO Young Children & Worship. (*Some extra resources will be made available for children on these Sundays*)
- **We still need...Story Materials for the winter** — there is a master list of things still needed. Please talk with pastor Jonathan or Karen Thomas



# Cut from the Confessions

This column features *clippings* from our historic creeds and confessions. For the next 3 months it will focus on the Nicene Creed. The final form of this creed comes to us from 381 A.D. and seeks to confess the orthodox (i.e. true) Christian faith in a context of dispute. The creed is therefore Trinitarian in nature, with special emphasis on the second paragraph concerning the divine/human nature of Jesus. It is regarded as the most ecumenical of creeds.

As you part of the second paragraph, notice the argument being made: 1. That Jesus is the “one Lord.” Lord is a political term, affirming Jesus as the one King/sovereign. But Lord is also, of course, the term used throughout Scripture for God, so in that sense the creed is affirming Jesus as God — the same God who called Abram, freed Israel, filled David with his Spirit. And yet, 2. that this Jesus is also “the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father...begotten, not made.” “*Eternally begotten*” affirms that there never was a time when the Son was not, and yet at the same time expresses the distinction between the Father and the Son. Jesus is God (“light from light, true God from true God) with no exception, and he is this God precisely within the Father/Son relationship where he and the Father perfectly share oneness of being. 3. We witness this oneness and mutuality in their work: Paragraph one states that the Father is “maker of heaven and earth,” and yet here we see that it is “through [Jesus] all things were made.” T.F. Torrance once summarized the importance of all this quite well when he wrote: “The New Testament did not present Jesus Christ in contrast to God or alongside of God...but presented him in the undivided wholeness of his divine-human reality as God become man. It is as such that Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour, the immediate object of faith, the only begotten Son of God apart from whom there is no way to knowledge of the Father. If Jesus Christ were not God, he would not reveal God to us for only through God may we know God...” (*The Trinitarian Faith*, 114).

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

- From, The Nicene Creed, in *The Book of Confessions*, 1.2.

## Circle of Fellowship

Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00pm at MacKenzie Place.

We will be discussing Lesson Three from *Sacred Encounter: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Luke*.

## Bell Ringer Items

Please send your written submissions to: [staff@timnathpres.org](mailto:staff@timnathpres.org) or place them on the admin’s desk in the church office by **Sunday, November 19.**

# Session Highlights

## (from October 10, 2023 Meeting)

- Approved Pastor Jonathan's request for vacation on October 19-20, in addition to Sunday, October 22 (approved earlier).
- Approved change in term limits for committee chairpersons so that they are allowed to serve up to three consecutive one-year terms. This does not apply to the Nominating Committee and Personnel Committee since they are structured differently regarding term limits.

## (from October 15, 2023 Congregational Meeting)

- Jill Doyle and Robin Pacheco were approved as Ruling Elders for a three-year term (class of 2026).
- Tracie Douglas was approved as a member of the Personnel Committee for a one-year term (class of 2024).
- Leann Starlin was approved as a member of the Nominating Committee for a three-year term (class of 2026).
- An overview of the 2024 Budget for TPC, approved by Session on September 12, 2023, was given by the Finance Committee.
- The pastor's terms of call (salary package) for 2024, as recommended by the Personnel Committee, was approved.

## What a difference TPC's outreach is making!

We now have a Mentoring Program started at Bethke! What TPC's mentors had to say: ... couldn't get over how intelligent her boy is, and so kind when teaching her how to play UNO. ...."It was GREAT! Awesome! Love it! ....I was so impressed with the great manners all the students had. My second grader needs a lot of help and I will give her some tools to work with. My sister is a retired 40 Year title 1 teacher and is helping me out. Was very impressed with third graders. They really only need help with expression. They read well. What a grand school!



*Bethke*

## Hanging of the Greens

Following worship on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, everyone is invited for the Hanging of the Greens. We'll take time to decorate our church together in anticipation of Christmas and then share a lunch of chili, soup, and cinnamon rolls. If you think you can't help much, think again! There's a job for everyone, from ladder support to moral support. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship if you would like to supply chili and/or cinnamon rolls.



# TPC Outreach in the Community

**Giving Tree:** Oct. 29 when you walk in the door you will see Christmas is early this year. TPC is helping **Crossroads Safehouse** get ready for their holiday shop they have for their clients (parent and child). You will find ornaments on the tree for you to take. There is a list for you to choose from. **DO NOT WRAP** the gift. There will be decorative boxes under the tree for you to put your gift in. All donations are greatly appreciated. Crossroads provides a holiday shop for each parent to select a gift for their child and also a shop for the child to select a gift for their parent. The tree will be up through Nov. 19. At that time all gifts will be delivered to the Safehouse.

Giving Tree List for the Crossroads Safehouse Christmas Shop Wish list for kids :

- Legos
- Bikes
- Barbies
- Art supplies
- Art crafts
- Fidget toys
- Board games
- Puzzle games
- Toy cars



In addition, kids can get a gift for their parent as well. For that "shopping" section, we have the following list:

- Any self-care type items
- Pajamas (men's or women's)
- Bath robes
- Art supplies
- Nail care items
- Gift cards



**McBackpack**  
Feeding Children in Need

**McBackpack:** TPC has been well represented each Monday helping pack up food for students in need. In October 1,750 bags were delivered to 44 schools so these students would have food over the weekend. Thank you all.

November McBackpack Work Days

November 6, 13, & 27

\* no packing the week of Thanksgiving\*



**Timnath Elementary and Bethke:** "WOW, wonderful, thank you so much" were the responses that were received when the snacks you all donated were delivered.

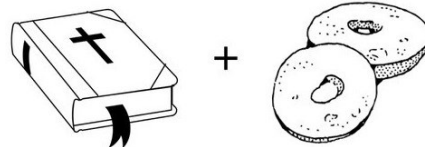
Mentoring has started at both schools. We have 10 mentors from TPC this year!

**Larimer County Food Bank:** Ongoing deliveries

are made to the food bank throughout the month.

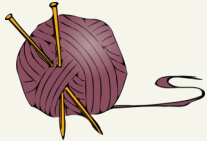


## Bagels & Bibles



Bagels & Bibles meets Tuesdays at 6:10am for any and all TPC men! Come out to try this new men's Bible study!





## Prayer Shawl Ministry

"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify.

Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."

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Please join the Prayer Shawl Ministry on November 11 and 25 from 9-11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall! We'd love to have you with us for knitting or crocheting prayer shawls, or you may bring along your own craft that you enjoy. We share a devotion, spend time working on our crafts, and pray over the completed shawls. All are welcome to attend!

Prayer shawls are given to our church family and friends, and to the St. Luke's Medical Clinic for their patients. If you know of someone who might need or want a prayer shawl, please let us know. And, if you'd like to know more about the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Joan at 970-482-8042 or 970-218-2614.

## Thank You!

In 2019, friends of TPC Bob Letcher and Claudia Masters wanted to give a gift to our interim Pastor, Charley Blom, and his wife, Bev, as a thank-you for all that the Bloms had done for our church. They wanted to pay for Charley and Bev to join them on a trip in 2020 to see the Passion Play which is presented every ten years in Claudia's childhood home, Oberammergau, Germany. In addition, they were planning an 11-day tour, visiting sites in Germany that were significant during the reformation. Bob and Claudia offered to let our congregation participate in this gift with them as a Christmas gift, thank-you gift, and going-away gift to Charley and Bev.

Due to COVID, the Passion Play was rescheduled from 2020 to 2022. Because of various issues, Bob, Claudia, Charley, and Bev had to delay their trip until August of 2023. Although they weren't able to see the Passion Play, they did meet in Oberammergau, Germany, for several days, followed by a Danube River cruise.

Bev and Charley Blom sent this note of appreciation to everyone at TPC who contributed to their trip, and encouraged them, both while they were serving at our church, and following their move to Montana.

*To our dear friends at Timnath Presbyterian Church,*

*We wanted to thank you again so much for all your support in contributing to our trip of a life time! Even though we were not able to see the Passion Play, we were able to have a fantastic tour of the theater and experience a beautiful concert there. And we so enjoyed spending days in Oberammergau with our own personal tour guides, Bob and Claudia! What a charming Bavarian town!*

*And then, of course, our lovely river cruise on the Danube! How exciting it was to see such places we've only dreamed of ever seeing: Vienna, Austria and Budapest, Hungary (to name just a couple).*

*Claudia and Bob planned the perfect, perfect rrip concluding in Munich and the Hofbrauhaus. And what a great way to begin our trip by attending the Timnath Presbyterian Church Ice Cream Social. It was so much fun to see so many of you and meet your new pastor and his wife.*

*Thank you, thank you for helping to make this fabulous trip possible. Blessings to you all.*

*In Christ's Love,*

*Bev & Charley Blom*





## Coming Soon Church Photo Directory!!

We are in the first phase of publishing a CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY! Of course, the first phase is obtaining photos of all our church members and friends. Doug Porter has graciously volunteered to take the photos. Photos will be taken after church on Sunday, November 5, and Sunday, November 19. Stay tuned for more information. Questions, please contact Pam Fisher at [pam.fisher@outlook.com](mailto:pam.fisher@outlook.com) or 970-217-1011.



## November Youth Activities

Welcome to Mountain Movers Youth Group. All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and friends are welcome. Youth confirmation meets Sundays, November 5-19 at 9am.

November	
11	Youth Mission Outing
19	Confirmands meet with Session, 11:30am-12pm
29	Dinner & Game Night, 6-8pm

## Life in Lundazi

### God is Still Calling



Dear Friends,

This is a bittersweet announcement. This is my last newsletter as a mission co-worker with PCUSA. As you will read in the newsletter link I am posting, God has now called me to a new service in his mission. Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> is my last day with Presbyterian World Mission. Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> I begin serving with Central Presbyterian Church here in Atlanta.

Despite my new call and my new job - I will be staying connected with my friends and co-workers in Zambia. But if you want to stay connected through PCUSA and Presbyterian World Mission, please connect with Rev. Paula Cooper, regional liaison for East and Central Africa at [paula.cooper@pcusa.org](mailto:paula.cooper@pcusa.org).

If you would like to read the newsletter, please click [here](#).

I am so grateful for all of your love, prayers and support over the last 8 years. What a blessing you have all been to me and the people of Zambia!

Blessings,

Melissa Johnson, PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker Serving in Zambia





# Volunteer Schedule



Thank you volunteers!

	Head Usher (H)/ Usher	Liturgist	Children's Sermon	Nursery	Refreshments	Counters
11/5	Gil (H) & Pam Fisher; Jim & Deanna Addleman	Gail Burger	Eddie Brooks	Laura Mitchell & Steve Pacheco	Clarence & Phylis Sitzman	Paul Jacobs & Jean Johnson -McCulla
11/12	Leann Starlin (H) & Doug Porter; Scott Cusic & Mary Lou Zacheis	Laurene Aldrich	Gail Burger	Greg Starlin & Linda Porter	Lyndel & Joan Saxbury	Paul Jacobs & Jim Zacheis
11/19	Mike (H) & Bev McBride; Laurene Aldrich & Donna Button-McEwan	Mary Lou Zacheis	Ida Tieman	Doug Porter & Phylis Sitzman	Greg & Leann Starlin	Jim Zacheis
11/26	Lyndel (H) & Joan Saxbury; Jill Doyle & Paul McDill	Mike McBride	Greg Starlin	Bethany Benitz & Clarence	Jim & Deanna Addleman	Jean Johnson -McCulla & Jim Zacheis
12/3	Gil (H) & Pam Fisher; Clarence & Phylis Sitzman	Greg Starlin	Karen Thomas	Robin Pacheco & Laura Mitchell	Gil & Pam Fisher	TBD
12/10	Leann Starlin (H) & Paula Matney; Kevin & Karen Bothwell	Lyndel Saxbury	Phylis Sitzman	Steve Pacheco & Greg Starlin	Paula Matney & Laurene Aldrich	TBD
12/17	Mike (H) & Bev McBride; Jim & Deanna Addleman	Gil Fisher	Clarence Sitzman	Linda Porter & Phylis Sitzman	Mike & Bev McBride	TBD
12/24	Gil (H) & Pam Fisher; Doug Porter & Scott Cusic	Clarence Sitzman	Rev. Jonathan Ytterock	Doug Porter & Bethany Benitz	Steve & Robin Pacheco	TBD
12/31	Lyndel (H) & Joan Saxbury; Mary Lou Zacheis & Donna Button-McEwan	Karen Thomas	Diane Stapleton	Clarence Sitzman & Robin Pacheco	Doug & Linda Porter	TBD

November 5th Communion Servers: Jean Johnson-McCulla, Paul Jacobs, Pam Fisher, & Phylis Sitzman

*If you are unable to serve, please arrange for a substitute, then notify the church office so changes can be noted in bulletin. Thank you!*



# Concerns Committee

The Concerns Committee is a source of care, sympathy, compassion and comfort within the church. If you are going to be in the hospital or rehab, please let us know so that we may come visit with you and pray with you. If you prefer no visitors during your time at the hospital or rehab, it's ok, just let us know, we can still pray for you. Also, if you have a prayer request, please let us know as we currently have over 63 prayer warriors lifting up prayers for each prayer request. Matthew 18:20; For where two or three gathered in my name, there I am with them. How may we be of service to you?



Funeral Receptions		
#1	Marilyn Pitcher	970.460.0682
#2	Linda Porter	970.227.8370
TLC Meals		
#1	Elise Cameron	970.231.6266
Prayer Chain		
#1	Paula Matney	970.689.7250
#2	Church Office	970.493.8996
Cards		
#1	Patsy Hutcheson	970.222.8073
Hospital Flowers		
#1	Bunny Goshorn	970.482.7849
#2	Church Office	970.493.8996
Hospital Visits		
#1	Nancy Greenwood	970.691.7999
#2	Bev McBride	970.231.1203

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Bill Fisher

### **Christian Education Committee**

Paul Jacobs

### **Concerns Committee**

Phylis Sitzman

### **Finance Committee**

Pam Fisher

### **Memorial Garden Committee**

Phylis Sitzman

### **Memorials**

Jim Addleman, Chr

### **Outreach Ministry**

Pam Fisher

### **Nominating Committee**

Jim Zacheis  
Bill Fisher

### **Personnel Committee**

Jean Johnson-McCulla

### **Worship Committee**



Jim Zacheis





# November 2023



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