



**TIMNATH
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The Bell Ringer

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YOUR SUNDAY INVITATION

9:00am: Sunday School

10:00am: Worship

11:00 am: Fellowship

Dear Church,

Happy New Year! Our new year at TPC begins with excitement on January 07, which is Epiphany/ Baptism of the Lord Sunday. This is an annual celebration when we remember the good news revealed in Christ — that God has come to stand *with us* in the troubled waters of our sin so that he may then walk *for us* the way of salvation. On this Sunday we will renew our own baptismal promises as a way of committing to walk the way with Jesus another year. We will also install and ordain our new Ruling Elders, Jill Doyle and Robin Pacheco, confirming the way their baptism has led them to now serve on the Session.

But all this preparation to renew our baptisms as we celebrate Jesus' baptism at the beginning of his ministry has made me think of something he said near the end of his earthly ministry: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, *baptizing them...*" [*my emphasis*]. It's part of what we call the Great Commission, given at the very end of Matthew's gospel. I'd like to use this text as a sort of guide-rail for my reflections with you here in 2024, beginning this month with a single word. Can you guess the word?...

All.

Maybe that's not the word you were thinking of. Many of us, if we know the Great Commission, think first of that great word, "Go"! In fact, I confess, when I first thought of writing this that is where I intended to begin. But that's not actually where Jesus begins. Jesus doesn't begin by telling his disciples to *go*. He begins by telling them where they will find the All they need to enter the world as his disciples. He begins by giving them an assurance in which they can rest, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

There is a great temptation in the contemporary world to be always on the go-go-go, with the belief that once we get to the next thing we'll be satisfied; that a life that is full is a full life. If anything, our collective cultural weariness is revealing this to be a lie. As Andrew Root and Blair Bertrand recently wrote in *Comment*, "The 'good' future is a mirage. Once you get there, there is always another future to chase. You never get to rest. There is never enough, only more. You'll have to keep

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running until you're totally out of energy and burned out." Nevertheless, the American church has by and large bought into the idea of acceleration, running full steam ahead toward a better future, away from decline by any means necessary (in the name of Jesus, of course). And to be honest, we are (or at least, I am) not immune from this desire.

Timnath is a growing, go-ing community. (Just try driving down Harmony Rd., east of I-25, at 5pm.) And TPC is a part of this community. Which means there are always new neighbors to meet, new ways to dream of connecting with our community, new ideas we could come up with for embracing neighbors in need, more we could study to feel equipped to go — so if you don't mind signing up for...

...And let me be clear — none of this is bad! All of this can be good. But Jesus seems to suggest that we don't (won't? can't?) *go* anywhere until we first rest in his all-encompassing authority.

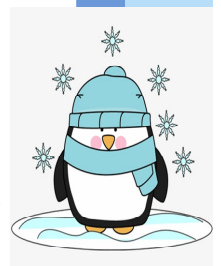
In his ascension Jesus is now the one ruling over all. He has overcome sin, the devil, and death through his death, and in his resurrection has been given a place of authority at the right hand of our Heavenly Father. In the simplest, Sunday-school-song terms, "He's got the whole world in his hands." All of it. Which does not mean it's all yet as it should be, but that he is in fact directing it toward its promised end. He is the one authorized, empowered by the Father to do this. "All authority...has been given to [him]."

This is where we begin as Christians. And this is where I want us to begin as a church in 2024. Not on the "go", looking and running ahead toward what's next, but dying to our own powerful agendas so we can learn to rest in the power of Jesus, trust his rule, delight in his authority, or doubt it but in either case begin with our attention turned to him. Only then will we see how he empowers us to *go* under his authority, sharing his power and representing his reign. Only there, with him, will we find the *all* we need to enter into the new year faithfully as his disciples.

Where are you feeling the tug to accelerate — to go? What is one way you/we could begin the new year pressing "pause" so we can be present to Jesus and to one another in the gift of this time he's given us?

Grace and peace,

- Pastor Jonathan



Cut from the Confessions

This column features *clippings* from our historic creeds and confessions. Our current focus is on the Nicene Creed. The final form of this creed comes from 381 A.D. and seeks to confess the Christian faith in a context of dispute. The creed is Trinitarian in nature with special concern on the second paragraph concerning the nature and work of Jesus.

In this new year we move to the third paragraph and third *person* of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Of course, the persons of the Trinity never do anything in isolation from one another (God is one). But in the economy of the Trinity work is divided, or appropriated, to different persons. In that sense, it is interesting to notice the first work appropriated by the person of the Spirit: “giver of life.” In a sense, what the creed seems to affirm here is that all the creative care of the Father, and the love and benefits of the Son, are but blessings held above our heads if not for the Holy Spirit who unites us to the Father through the Son and who imparts the gifts of Christ the Son to us. The Spirit is the breath of life from Jesus, the outstretched hand of the Father who gives us every good and perfect gift. And so we rightly pray with the church of every age, “Come, Holy Spirit!”

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

- From, The Nicene Creed, in *The Book of Confessions*, 1.3.

Adult Sunday Christian Education—Update

During the Epiphany season (the time between Christmas and Lent), the adult Sunday school class will be doing two things.

1. They'll be finishing up a few lessons left over from *The Present Word* study. So if you received one of those books in the fall and walked along in that study over the weeks, this will be a great way to wrap it up. (Facilitators: Paula Matney, and others)
2. For three weeks Pastor Jonathan will lead a class on Living Your Baptism. This will cover the meaning of baptism (for children and adults) as well as what it looks like to *live* your baptism in Christ. (Facilitators: Pastor Jonathan, and others)

Listen for more details to come.

Bell Ringer Items Due

Please send your written submissions to: staff@timnathpres.org or place them on the admin's desk in the church office by **Sunday, January 14th**.

Session Highlights

(from December 12, 2023 Meeting)

- The incoming ruling elders were informally examined and approved. Jill Doyle and Robin Pacheco will be ordained and installed during the worship service on January 7, 2024.
- We greatly appreciate the work of the outgoing Session members Pam Fisher and Phylis Sitzman! Your contributions to our church have been invaluable.
- A donation of \$2,088.87 will be made to the Timnath Elementary School art program from the profits of the TPC Craft Show in November.
- The annual congregational meeting will be on January 28, 2024, after the worship service, followed by a potluck lunch.
- Approved the baptism of Zaiah Olson on December 10, 2023, in conjunction with his confirmation.
- Approved a funeral service for Jim La Bau, son-in-law of long-time TPC member Leone Thayer, on December 28 or 29.

Poinsettias

- ◆ Pat & Jon Alger in memory of Virgil Blackburn & Mike Alger
- ◆ John Austin
- ◆ Chris Cusic in memory of Sharon Way & Sylvia Woodburne
- ◆ Bobbie Douglas in memory of Bruce and other departed TPC members
- ◆ Amy Goldstein in memory of Marvin & Rita Francis
- ◆ Herb & Nancy Greenwood in memory of Chuck & Betty Willis
- ◆ Brooke Hanesworth
- ◆ Patsy Hutcheson in memory of Don Hutcheson
- ◆ Mike & Cassie Lawless in memory of Ruth, Earle, Ray, Peg, Penny, & Brent
- ◆ Claudia Masters & Bob Letcher in memory of Carol Letcher and Harold & Bridget Chorley
- ◆ Donna Button-McEwan in memory my husband, Carl J. McEwan
- ◆ Robin Pacheco
- ◆ Holly, Troy, & Jared Salisbury in memory of Emily Salisbury & LaVona Lemons
- ◆ Jack & Carol Salisbury in memory of Loved Ones
- ◆ Clarence & Phylis Sitzman in memory of Our Parents
- ◆ Steve & Karen Thomas in honor of our family
- ◆ Frank Zmerzlikar in memory of my wife, Mitzi Zmerzlikar



"Thank you" to all who purchased poinsettias to help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas.

Hineni Award

Request for nominations for the 2023 [HINENI award](#)

HINENI (hee-nay-nee) is the Hebrew word meaning “Here I am”. It means being prepared and ready to take on tasks and challenges. It implies “Here I am: ready, willing, and able”. Each year, the Congregational Life Committee selects a person or persons whose long-time service has embodied this willingness, to receive the HINENI award.

Please carefully consider those whose long-time service should be acknowledged in this way and write a short letter or email describing your thoughts. Letters or emails should be sent to Laurene Aldrich, 925 Battsford Circle, Fort Collins, CO 80525 and/or emailed to lmaldrich@msn.com by the end of the day Monday, January the 14th. The recipient will be announced at the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 28.

1993 - Esther Weitzel	2010 - Russ Skinner & Gene Boling
1994 - Maxine Hansen	2011 - Paul & Mary Ellen Moyer
1995 - Dorothy Crittenden	2012 - Elsie Fisher
1996 - Chuck & Betty Willis	2013 - Raleigh and Edith Brooks
1997 - Dora Jeffers	2014 - Mike McBride
1998 - Bruce Douglas	2015 - Nancy Greenwood
2001 - Johnalou Rudolph	2016 - Gil Fisher
2002 - Joan Saxbury	2017 - Linda and Doug Porter
2003 - Bob Haynes	2018 - June Haynes
2004 - Clarence & Phylis Sitzman	2019 - Paula Matney
2005 - Bev McBride	2020 - Laurene Aldrich
2006 - Peg Boling	2021 - Lyndel Saxbury
2008 - Greg & Leann Starlin	2022—Phylis Sitzman
2009 - Pam Fisher	

Prayer Shawl

Happy New Year to our church family!!
The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on January 13 and 27 in the Fellowship Hall from 9-11 a.m. We invite you to join 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 praying over the completed shawls. All are welcome!!
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!

I would like to express my thanks to the YOUNG WOMEN of TPC for the attractive box of Christmas goodies brought to me by Phylis. The Christmas treats are very appreciated by someone who no longer makes the Christmas treats she used to produce. I'm lucky to have my closest neighbors (Tracie and Sydney) also provide me with our traditional Christmas treats. I do make one cookie and my fudge but that's all I still do. Thanks again to the young women of TPC for the goodies!

Bobbie Douglas

Outreach Ministry

YOU ALL HAVE ACCOMPLISHED A LOT!

Open the doors and they will come.....Carols, hot chocolate, apple cider and cookies, cookies, cookies. TPC was packed during the **Timnath Christmas Tree Lighting**. Good fun was had by all. Thank you to all who made this possible.

Shop with a Cop—Timnath Police Department - Thank you to the congregation members that helped with the gift wrapping. We had nine folks help on November 28; four folks on December 5; and six folks on December 9, the day of the event. It was awesome seeing the interaction between the officers and the children/families—and the smiling faces on the children as they brought the gifts to be wrapped for their siblings and parents. We all had a great time!!

It was busy at **McBackpack** for the first 2 weeks in December. 857 bags of food were packed and distributed to 46 schools before taking a break for the holidays. McBackpack Work Days will resume **TUESDAY**, January 9.

Larimer County Food Bank—The extra cans of food, boxes of pasta, etc. you left on the shelf in the library added up. TPC has donated over 100 pounds this past year in addition to the 487 pounds from the food drive in July. TPC also contributes \$500 annually.

Mentoring continues at the Timnath elementary schools.

Outreach Ministry is so thankful for your support!

Thank you from Timnath Elementary School

Thank you so much for your partnership with Timnath Elementary. We appreciate all you do for us. Thank you for providing the 45 gift cards to our families. I heard about all of your efforts to make this happen and I am amazed and so very grateful. Our families are so grateful to receive them and express their gratitude as well. We also thank you for the continuous snack donations that you provide. It makes a huge difference and students are so grateful.

Nicki Stalker—Timnath Elementary School Counselor

I had the opportunity to tour your church last Friday at the Town of Timnath Tree Lighting event and it is very beautiful. Thanks you for sharing it with the community.



Mark Your Calendars

- ◆ January 7 - Ordination/Installation of Elders
- ◆ January 7 - Picture makeup day for photo directory following worship
- ◆ January 14 - Review your photo for the photo directory
- ◆ January 28 - Annual Congregational Meeting followed by potluck

Circle of Fellowship

Circle of Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, January 16th at 2:30pm in the Activity Kitchen at MacKenzie Place. We will be discussing Lesson Five from Sacred Encounter: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Luke.

Thank you

The surroundings made for a fairytale wedding that will always evoke meaningful memories.

It was such a pleasure to hear the many comments about the beauty + condition of this lovely old church.

*Dear Timneth Church
Members Dec 17, 2023*



*Frohe Weihnachten
und ein glückliches Neues Jahr*

Thank you very much for your kindness in allowing us to use the beautiful church for the wedding of our granddaughter Julie + new husband Kale Alton on December 17, 2023

*Gratefully yours,
Claudia Masters
Bob Letcher*



Volunteer Schedule

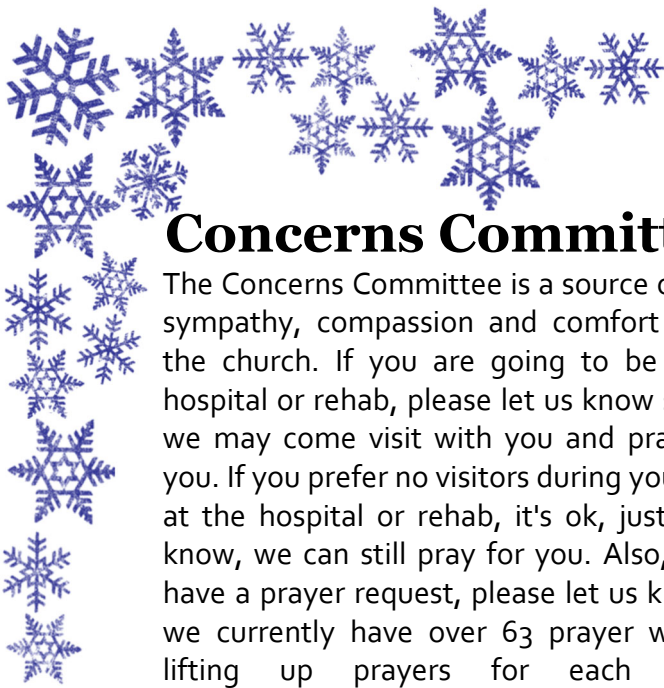
Thank you volunteers!



	Head Usher (H)/ Usher	Liturgist	Children's Sermon	Nursery	Refreshments	Counters
1/7	Leann Starlin (H); Annie Ytterock; Laurene Aldrich, Patsy Hutcheson	Karen Thomas	Edie Brooks	Steve Pacheco & Greg Starlin	Scott & Chris Cusic	Paul Jacobs & Jean Johnson- McCulla
1/14	Mark (H) & Jayne Sears; Jill Doyle; Scott Cusic	Phylis Sitzman	Diane Stapleton	Linda Porter & Phylis Sitzman	Gil & Pam Fisher	Robin Pacheco & Jim Zacheis
1/21	Mark (H) & Jayne Sears; Roberta Wheeler; Paula Matney	Bethany Benitz	Greg Starlin	Doug Porter & Bethany Benitz	Mike & Cassie Lawless	Jean Johnson McCulla & Bill Fisher
1/28	Lyndel (H) & Joan Saxbury; Kevin & Karen Bothwell	Donna Button- McEwan	Karen Thomas	Clarence Sitzman & Robin Pacheco	Potluck	Bill Fisher & Jim Zacheis
2/4	Leann Starlin (H); Laurene Aldrich; Patsy Hutcheson	Lyndel Saxbury	Phylis Sitzman	Laura Mitchell; Greg Starlin	Gil & Pam Fisher	TBD
2/11	Mike (H) & Bev McBride; Clarence & Phylis Sitzman	Laurene Aldrich	Clarence Sitzman	Phylis Sitzman; Bethany Benitz	Mike & Bev McBride	TBD
2/18	Gil (H) & Pam Fisher; Paula Matney; Mary Lou Zacheis	Gail Burger	Rev. Jonathan Ytterock	Doug Porter; Robin Pacheco	Clarence & Phylis Sitzman	TBD
2/25	Lyndel (H) & Joan Saxbury; Jill Doyle; Scott Cusic	Karen Thomas	Diane Stapleton	Clarence Sitzman; Steve Pacheco	Jayne Sears & Laurene Aldrich	TBD

January 7th Communion Servers: Jill Doyle, Paul Jacobs, Jean Johnson-McCulla, Jim Zacheis

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	TBD	
#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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Jim Zacheis



January 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 6:00am-Bagels & Bibles 8:30am-Caring Creations 11am-Prayer Time	3	4 9:30am-Presbytery Council Meeting 6pm Cub Scouts 6pm-Outreach Ministry 7pm-Choir	5 6-8pm "The Case of Christ" Movie & Pizza Night at TPC	6
7 ORDINATION / INSTALLATION OF ELDERS 9am-Sunday School 10am-Worship 11am-Fellowship	8	9 6:00am-Bagels & Bibles 8:30am-Caring Creations 11am-Prayer Time 7pm-Session 7pm-4-H Meeting	10	11 7pm-Choir	12 10am-Sonshine Ladies Bible Study	13 9am-Prayer Shawl 10-11:30am—Mission Outing Larimer County Food Bank—Ft Collins
14 9am-Sunday School 10am-Worship 11am-Fellowship	15 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY 9:30am-2nd Mile	16 6:00am-Bagels & Bibles 8:30am-Caring Creations 11am-Prayer Time	17	18 6pm-Cub Scouts 7pm-Choir	19	20
21 BELL RINGER ITEMS DUE 9am-Sunday School 10am-Worship 11am-Fellowship	22	23 6:00am-Bagels & Bibles 8:30am-Caring Creations 11am-Prayer Time	24	25 7pm-Choir	26 10am-Sonshine Ladies Bible Study	27 9am-Prayer Shawl
28 9am-Sunday School 10am-Worship 11am-Fellowship 11:15am-Congregational Meeting/potluck lunch	29	30 6:00am-Bagels & Bibles 8:30am-Caring Creations 11am-Prayer Time	31 6 - 8pm Youth Gathering-Dinner & games at Sitzman's house			