

**News update for November 16 2022**

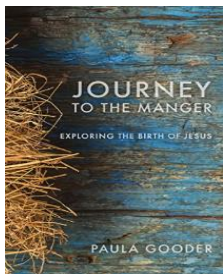
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**This Week at Trinity**

- Friday (November 17<sup>th</sup>)
- Office Closed
- Sunday (November 20<sup>th</sup>) 24<sup>rd</sup> Pentecost Sunday
- Donuts before worship 9:30 am
  - Indoor, In-Person Church and Video  
 Worship on Facebook Page @ 10:10  
<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF>
  - Boy Scout Breakfast 11:30 am
- Monday (November 21<sup>st</sup>)
- NA Just4Today2 7:00 pm
- Tuesday (November 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- NA Book Study 7:00 pm
- Wednesday (November 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- Upper Room 10:00am
  - Pack 6 Meeting 6:30 pm
  - Troop 6 Meeting 7:30pm
- Thursday-(November 24<sup>th</sup>)  
 Thanksgiving - Happy Holiday

**Advent Study**



**Books are in!**  
 Rev. Ruth will be teaching out of this book AND sharing about her journeys during her recent renewal leave  
 Next Class:  
**November 20<sup>th</sup>**

## Worship on 11/20

Theme: The Reign of Christ Sunday  
 Sermon Title: But the People Stood By Watching"

LESSON FROM THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL  
 (Luke 23:33-43)

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, the chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

## John Wesley Quote

Beware of impatience of contradiction. Do not condemn or think hardly of those who cannot see just as you see, or who judge it their duty to contradict you.



*A plain account of Christian perfection.*

## UWF News

Hi, all! We enjoyed a wonderful celebration of thankfulness at



United  
 Women  
 in Faith

our unit meeting on November 10. There was a special collection for the World Thanks offering. This is money collected by all conferences and is used for special projects across the U.S. Kelly Marshall shared with us the history of Turkey Boxes, which was started at St. Luke's Episcopal Church several years ago. It has progressed from a box of Thanksgiving dinner fixings to gift cards for food at Thanksgiving time (the change due to the pandemic). Jill Lines and Bev Kemp treated us with a yummy pumpkin roll, candy, and cookies. The turkey table decorations were especially cute.

Remember to bring your completed UWF reading list to the next meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Kay Pottorff will be collecting them. A new reading program will start in the New Year. It always

includes books from many genres – something for everyone.

A fun side note that Mary shared with the group – apparently, in our conference our unit is referred to as “The Wise Women of the East”. And that we are!

See you in December. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving

## Sunday Fellowship

Sunday Food after Church,

We are expanding our Sunday food to add some variety.

- November 20th - Scouts make brunch after church (3rd Sunday) - This is a fundraiser for our own Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit.
- November 27th - Potluck Brunch after Church - Bring your favorite dish to share
- December 4<sup>th</sup> Soup & bread Brunch after church bring your favorite soup and bread (Chili is consider a soup)
- December 12<sup>th</sup>- Potluck Brunch bring you favorite dish to share.
- December 18<sup>th</sup> Scouts make Brunch Scouts make brunch after church (3rd Sunday) - This is a fundraiser for our own Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit



## Last Week's Sermon 11/13

“Don't Panic" based on Luke Luke 21:5-19



Someone recently told me they have been pondering perseverance lately. Today's scripture is right there with you friend! But... even when life feels busy, overwhelming, and loud. Don't panic!

Yes, the unthinkable may have happened. Yes, it might seem impossible to comprehend. Yes, it seems like the structures of our world have been thrown down, and not one stone is left upon another. Yes, the nations are gripped by terror and dismay, and many are screaming “Doom! Doom!” Be on your guard, by all means, but don't panic.



In the Gospel reading for today, Luke recounts a story about Jesus in Jerusalem in the looming days before his

crucifixion. The Palm Sunday parade has already happened, and already the shouts of Hosanna have curdled to questions, threats and challenges to his authority.

When Luke recorded these words from Jesus, his readers were reeling from the destruction of the majestic Jerusalem Temple and much of the city by the Romans. The events were so shocking and earth-shattering, that many began announcing the imminent end of the world. But Luke repeats the words of Jesus: Don't be led astray by the doomsday prophets who are always trying to read everything as a sign of what God is going to do next.

In the year 410, when Rome fell to the Visigoths, many, both Christians and pagans, were sure it was a sign of something big happening in the heavens, and Christians were again looking to these apocalyptic passages of scripture, and thinking that the world was about to end.

In 2001, it was year C in the Revised Common Lectionary, like 2022 is, and we heard this same reading from Luke's gospel just two months after the earth-shattering 9/11 attacks in the USA. Again it seemed that the symbolic center of the world had been brought crashing down. There were wars and rumors of wars; there was a great surge of destructive nationalism, and speculations were ripe that the end was near. Today we hear these words again, as war rages in Ukraine, we wait to hear the final outcome of elections, and while we continue to reel from recent Supreme Court decisions.

Many will come saying "This is it." "The time is near." "He is the one." "It's a sign."  
— Do not go after them. Don't panic!



Jesus is not, however, saying that we shouldn't worry about these events. He is not saying that they don't matter and that we can ignore them. Jesus is saying that we shouldn't waste our time or energy trying to interpret them as signs of something beyond themselves. These things are to be taken seriously as intensely human events, not fixated over to see if they can be squeezed into some interpretation of biblical prophecy.

The right response is to recognize them as signs of who we are, and what we are doing to ourselves, not what God is doing.

What God is doing is not changed by these events. God is continuing to call us to be ambassadors of love, mercy and reconciliation in a world that seems increasingly gripped by torrents of hatred, resentment and hostility. God is continuing to call us to build bridges even when others call for the building of walls. God is continuing to call us to be those who will sacrifice our own interests in the service of others, no matter who is standing up and inciting mobs with promises to "put our own interests first."



These events are intensely and thoroughly human. God is not orchestrating the rise of divisive nationalism or resentful hostility. God is, as always, to be found among the first victims of such outbreaks. Those who embody love and mercy most fully are always the first to be crucified when aroused mobs are looking for their next victim.



So we are not to fall for panicked predictions that God is about to destroy the world, but neither are we to be complacent and think that the threats aren't real. Those who unify their support base by inciting frenzies of rage against the vulnerable will create conditions in which being a faithful ambassador of the culture of Jesus will be a risky business.

As Jesus went on to say in the reading we heard, "But before it is over, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ... You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name." There is no room for complacency.

When angry resentful mobs are determined

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to identify vulnerable enemies to vent their fury on, those who stand in solidarity with the crucified will not remain safe for long. The end may not be near, but the dangers are real, and the challenges of uncompromising faithfulness to the ways of Jesus are not to be taken lightly.



After giving all this "doom talk" today perhaps it is time to ask the question: Do we have the power to stop THIS future if we act now. You see, if we only pay attention to the immediate fear and destruction present in the shouting in front of us, we are likely to miss out on God's kingdom life that is right here, but may take a long time to become visible. So we must be willing to play the long game, and willing to play it WITH God.

Today, we must ask: will we choose the path that leads to healing the earth, or will we continue our destructive ways - politically, economically, and ecologically? Will our actions lead to joy or sorrow? The future is open. God cannot - or will not - heal the world without our partnership. We must reclaim our vocation as the hands, feet, heart, and protest of God.

I know that I need to NOT focus on all the things that can go wrong. Jesus makes it clear that these things are out of our

control— and no matter how bad things are, Jesus is there to walk with us.

Jesus promises that “not a hair of your head will perish, and by your endurance you will gain your souls,” but he says that immediately after saying that “they will put some of you to death” so he is not promising that you won’t get hurt. The road to life and love without limit goes by the way of the cross. The words of Jesus, and the news of global chaos all remind us that “the way of the cross” is a lot more than a harmless metaphor. But so is the promise of life and love without limit.

Amen.

## Anniversaries

### November

Edward & Kay Kiefner 23rd

## Birthdays


### November

Tim Lybeck	17 <sup>th</sup>
Bailee Rhodes	17 <sup>th</sup>
Olivia Schaffer	18 <sup>th</sup>
Matthew Gaskill	19 <sup>th</sup>
Clara Jacobson	19 <sup>th</sup>
Lucas Rutz	19 <sup>th</sup>
Marlene Empey	20 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Nobles	20 <sup>th</sup>
Traci Allison	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Lisa Schulhauser	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Rob Empey	25 <sup>th</sup>
Jaxon King	26 <sup>th</sup>

Denny Kemp	27 <sup>th</sup>
Steven Simqu	27 <sup>th</sup>
Linda Wooten	27 <sup>th</sup>
Presley Zwygart	27 <sup>th</sup>
Kay Kiefner	29 <sup>th</sup>
Amanda McClure	29 <sup>th</sup>
Judith Blackburn	30 <sup>th</sup>
Heather Rutledge	30 <sup>th</sup>

## Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - October 31, 2022

	Income	\$123,292
	Expenses	\$154,319
	Net Income	<\$31,027>

Thank you for your continued generosity. More than ever, the world needs what our church offers!

## Salvation Army Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Each year the Salvation Army prepares Thanksgiving dinners for families in Idaho Falls at the Elks Club. (Last year 532!)



Our part is to provide ten #10 sized cans (106 oz.) of whole kernel corn or smaller cans to equal that amount. The larger cans are available at Sam’s Club. Please bring the cans to the church before Nov. 22nd. Volunteers are needed to help at the dinner, just contact:

**Salvation Army at 208-522-7200.**

## Thanksgiving Dinner

Cooking Thanksgiving dinner can be hard. Its ok... join the Salvation Army in Idaho Falls for its community dinner. Starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Elks Lodge.

### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER



**Date:** November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
**Time:** 11:00am-1:00pm  
**Place:** The Elks Lodge  
 640 E Elva St,  
 Idaho Falls, ID 83401

### Everyone Welcome!

If you are homebound and living in the Idaho Falls area, delivery is available on a first come first serve basis.

**Please call: 208-522-7200**

Shut in's will need to provide information for delivery please call 208-522-7200

## Christmas at Trinity

Snake River Radio Players Christmas show

A Christmas Carol.  
 Starting December 8  
 playing nightly thru  
 December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Show times are:**

December 8

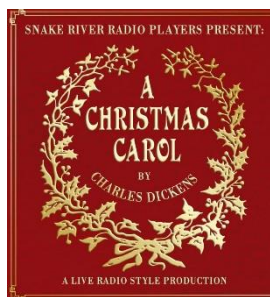
7:00 pm

December 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm

December 10<sup>th</sup>

2:00 pm & 7:00 pm



## Staying Connected

Each Sunday Worship videos will be posted on Trinity's Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>).

If you go to Trinity's web page

([www.TUMCIF.org](http://www.TUMCIF.org))

you can find a link to the Facebook page.

Be sure to "like" and "follow" Trinity's Facebook page if you want our content to show up in your personal Facebook feed.

Please call Ruth at 208-419-7870 if you have difficulties finding the videos.

Check Trinity's YouTube channel for videos of weekly worship at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZz1YGrdRCH6HIND2LpVCgg>

## Trinity Leadership

Below are the names and contacts for the leadership positions for the next year. Please let the appropriate leader know how you are willing to serve:

Chair of Admin Council

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Chair of Staff/Parish Relations

Bev Kemp-(208)569-6149

[bevmkemp@gmail.com](mailto:bevmkemp@gmail.com)

Chair of Trustee

Don Rhode (860)810-3227-

[donrhode@aol.com](mailto:donrhode@aol.com)

Chair of Finance

Scott Taylor (208)201-5593

## Death Notice

### Elaine Flatland

Elaine Norma Flatland, 87, passed away November 4, 2022. A Celebration of Life will be held at the United Methodist Church from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday, November 25, 2022.



# Poinsettias

Again this year we are offering poinsettias for sale for \$12.

When you order them, please inform us if you would like to


Dedicate them in honor or memory of someone.

They will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for Advent, and will be available to pick up on Christmas Eve.

Thank you





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 9:00 AM Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 Worship 11:30AM Brunch Scouts fundraiser	21 7:00 PM N.A.	22 7:00 PM N.A.	23 10:00 AM Upper Room  6:30 PM Pack 6 Scout 7:30 PM Troop 6 Scouts	<b>Thanksgiving 24</b> 	25 Office Closed  9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M. Elaine Flatland Life Reflection	26
27 <b>Advent Begins</b> 9:00 AM Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 Worship 11:30AM Brunch Potluck	28 7:00 PM N.A.	29 7:00 PM N.A.	30 10:00 AM Upper Room  6:30 PM Pack 6 Scout 7:30 PM Troop 6 Scouts	<b>December 1</b>	2 Office Closed  8:30 AM - 12:00 PM PEO- CM	3
4 <b>Advent 2</b> 9:00 AM Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 Worship 11:30AM Brunch Soup & bread	5 7:00 PM N.A.	6 7:00 PM PEO BG 7:00 PM N.A.	7 10:00 AM Upper Room  6:30 PM Gather at the table 6:30 PM Pack 6 Scout 7:30 PM Troop 6 Scouts	8 <b>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Radio Players Christmas Show</b>	9 Office Closed  <b>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Radio Players Christmas Show</b>	10 <b>2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Radio Players Christmas Show</b>  <b>7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Radio Players Christmas Show</b>
11 <b>Advent 3</b> 9:00 AM Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 Worship 11:30AM Brunch Potluck -	12 10:00AM F.I.S.H  6:00PM Girl Scout leadership 7:00 PM Book Club 7:00PM N.A.	13 7:00PM Trustee meeting 7:00PM N.A.	14 10:00 AM Upper Room  6:30 PM Finance Meeting Via Zoom 6:30 PM Pack 6 Scout 7:30 PM Troop 6 Scouts	15	16 Office Closed	17
18 <b>Advent -4</b> 9:00 AM Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Fellowship 5:00 PM Flute Choir & Recital	19 7:00 PM N.A.	20 6:30 PM Admin Council Meeting 7:00 PM - N.A.	21 10:00 AM Upper Room Meeting 6:30 PM Gather at the table 6:30 PM Pack 6 Scout 7:30 PM Troop 6 Scouts	22	23 Office Closed	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>  6:30 PM Family Service  11:30 PM Candle light Service

