

Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut

Biblical, Traditional, Congregational

Lord's Day Worship for
January 14, 2024

*"But as for me, by Your abundant lovingkindness I will enter Your house,
at Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for You." - Psalm 5:7*



“*” = Please stand if you are able.

A Beginning of Praise & Thanksgiving

Psalm 118:19-29

Prayer of Praise of Thanksgiving

***Hymn #53** – *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!”*

Lord's Day Worship

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Call to Worship – Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD,

People: Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

Leader: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,

People: Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Leader: For the LORD is a great God

People: And a great King above all gods,

Leader: In whose hand are the depths of the earth,

People: The peaks of the mountains are His also.

Leader: The sea is His, for it was He who made it,

People: And His hands formed the dry land.

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down,

People: Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Leader: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

People: Today, if you would hear His voice,

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Gospel Absolution Text – Colossians 2:13-14

***Hymn #2** (red hymnal) – *“O Worship the King”*

Scripture Reading – Matthew 18:12-20

Ancient Creedal Reading – Apostles Creed (pg#845 in the red hymnal)

Offerings Presented

[Please put your tithe/offering in the plates before or after the service – Thank you!]

***Doxology #731** (red hymnal)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sung Psalm #135a** (see insert below) – “Hallelujah! Praise the Lord’s Name”

Prayers of the Church & Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Reformation Creedal Reading – Savoy Declaration of Faith, 3.1,8 (pg# 850 in the red)

Leader: *God from all eternity, did, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will,*

People: **Freely, and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass:**

Leader: *Yet so, as thereby neither is God the author of sin,*

People: **Nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures;**

Leader: *Nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away,*

People: **But rather established.**

Leader: *The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care, that men, attending the will of God revealed in His Word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may, from the certainty of their effectual vocation,*

People: **Be assured of their eternal election.**

Leader: *So shall this doctrine afford matter of praise, reverence, and admiration of God; and of humility, diligence, and abundant consolation*

People: **To all that sincerely obey the Gospel.**

Ministry of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

***Sermon Text** – Titus 1:1-5

***Gloria Patri #735** (red hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Sermon – “For the Faith of Those Chosen”

A Sermon Series from the Letter of Paul to Titus

State of the Church – Titus 1:5

***Hymn #353** (red hymnal) – “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

***Benediction** – Numbers 6:24-26

[After worship there will be a Q&A about TRC]

Contact Information

Worship: Every Sunday at 10:00 AM at the Winchester Grange
100 Newfield Rd, Winchester Center, CT 06098

Church's Mailing Address: Trinity Reformed Church; P.O. Box 343; Riverton, CT 06065

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Online Resources

Church's Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/people/Trinity-Reformed-Church/61554974150922/

Church's Webpage: coming soon

Church Youtube Channel: coming soon

Pastor Doug's Youtube Channels:

Simply Reformed: www.youtube.com/simplyreformed

Pilgrims of Plunder: www.youtube.com/@PilgrimsofPlunder

Leadership

Teaching & Preaching Elder: Pastor Doug Aldrich

Ruling Elders: Bob Ensminger, Rich Gabelmann

Deacons: Carl Bierce, Caleb Goodell, Mason Goodell,
David Mattson, Dean Winters

Music Coordinator & Treasurer: Cindy Rines

Clerk: Sheryl Gabelmann

Sunday School: Verna Aldrich, Mason Goodell

Announcements

- I would like to thank everyone for their desire and support to have a biblical traditional Congregational church. My many thanks for your prayers, support and labors. We have received many donations of time, talent and treasure, all of which is greatly appreciated. Praise God and thank you! - Pastor Doug
- There are copies of TRC's bylaws in the back.
- If anyone has any suggestions or concerns for this new church, and/or would like to give of their time and/or talents, please see Pastor Doug.

Events

- **MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY**: On Sunday, **February 4th**, all former members of the old church who desire to be members of TRC will covenant together and we will officially become a Congregational church. If you are interested please fill out a **Membership Information Form** and see Pastor Doug.
- ***New Members Classes***: For those who were not members of the old church there will soon be New Membership Classes. Please see Pastor Doug if you are interested. There will be four classes. If you have not been baptized please mention this.
- ***Communion***: The first celebration of the **Lord's Supper** will be on February 4th. We will be practicing open Communion (all those who profess Christian faith are welcome to partake in the meal). Communion will be monthly (on the 1st Sunday) and will be full service (we will not be using the self-sealed prefilled Communion cups). This policy will be reviewed by the elders once we are fully established.
- ***Tuesday Classics Study***: Will start on January 16th. We will meet from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM at Pastor Doug's house. We will continue working through Augustine's great work The City of God.
- ***Wednesday Bible Study***: Will start on January 17th. We will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Pastor Doug's house. We will be studying the Book of Genesis. Baby sitting will be provided by Verna.
- ***Saturday Prayer Group***: Gathers on Saturday Mornings for informal prayers followed by fellowship. All are welcome and prayer participation is optional. The usual location is at the Decker/Gabelmann household. Start time is variable. If you are interested contact Sheryl Gabelmann by phone or text at 860-309-7250 the preceding Friday for start time and directions.
- ***YADG***: The Young Adult Discussion Group, i.e. college age adults, will meet on Friday, January 28th at Pastor Doug's house at 7:00 PM.
- ***Sunday School***: Coming soon!
- ***Family Game Night***: On Friday, **February 2nd**, there will be a family game night at Pastor Doug's house starting at 7:00 PM. If possible, you can bring a snack to share and/or your favorite game. RSVP to: verna_aldrich@yahoo.com
- ***Upcoming Social Events***:
Sunday Morning Coffee Hour is coming soon.
A Movie Night.
- If anyone is interested in hosting an event at their house, especially those who live in the farther away regions of the church's membership, please contact Pastor Doug.
- ***Snow Policy***: Though I am loathed to cancel Lord's Day worship, because we are in someone else's building, and Winchester Center is rural and gets more snow, we might have to cancel do to bad weather. If there is a cancellation I will email and/or call everyone and post it on Facebook, the webpage and Channel #3. With regards to Bible studies I am much more liberal about cancellation. When it doubt, give me a call: 860-379-1147.

Sermon Notes

Titus 1:1-5

“For the Faith of Those Chosen”

A Sermon Series on Titus

The Inaugural Sermon of the Trinity Reformed Congregational Church

January 14, 2024

Introduction – Titus 1:1a

- 1) *“Paul, a bond-servant (or slave) of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ”* – Titus 1:1a
 - a) So begins the Epistle to Titus, written by the Apostle Paul to the pastor Titus.
 - b) Titus is part of what theologians call “the Pastoral Epistles”, i.e. 1Timothy, 2Timothy and Titus, letters written by the apostle to ministers.
 - i) When you read the Pastorals, and actually all the Bible, don’t first try to insert yourself into the text trying to be practical and relevant.
 - ii) Instead, first hear about the church and her purpose, function and organization.
 - c) This makes Titus a great book to preach through for a new church!
 - d) Besides, Titus 3:3-8 is one of the greatest, simple, most direct statements of the Gospel.
- 2) Note where Paul first puts his focus: *“of God”* and *“of Jesus Christ.”*
 - a) It’s very easy to say the church’s first focus should be on God.
 - i) After all, remember the greatest commandment: *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the great and foremost commandment.”* - Matthew 22:37b-38
 - ii) As the First Tablet of the Law, states: No other God besides God, no idols, don’t take the Lord’s name in vain and remember the Sabbath. Ex 20:3-17; Ex 31:18
 - b) Yet Scripture, and all history since the fall of Adam, teaches that this basic command is rejected and/or twisted by sinful man. Gen 3:14-24; 6:5; Prov 6:18; Rom 3:10-20,23; Eph 2:1-3
 - c) Thus the church must be holy, be separate.

2Cor 6:17-18 – *“Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate,’ says the Lord. ‘And do not touch what is unclean; And I will welcome you. And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me,’ says the Lord Almighty.”*
- 3) Thus, our name: Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut.
 - a) **“Trinity”** because we are orthodox Christians.
 - i) We start with God; confessing that central doctrine of the faith: The Trinity.
 - ii) That there is only one God who co-eternally, and co-equally, exists in three Persons: Father, Son & Holy Spirit.¹
 - iii) As proclaimed by the ancient creeds (i.e. Apostles, Nicene, Athanasius)
 - b) **“Reformed”** not only that we love our Puritan Congregational heritage and believe “Calvinism” is the most biblical form of Christianity.
 - i) But we are also called to reform and purify His church.
 - ii) And to be vigilant against the constant temptations of the world to slide back into the philosophies and traditions of men. Mark 7:1-13; Eph 5:6; Col 2:8,23; 1Tim 6:20

¹ Gen 1:1-3; Deut 6:4; Ps 119:154; Matt 3:13-17; 28:19; Luke 10:21-22; John 5:18-24; 14:26; 15:26-27; Acts 2:32-33; Phil 2:4-11; Gal 4:6; Col 2:9-10; 1Pet 1:2; 1John 4:13-15; Rev 5:6-13; 22:1-6.

c) **“Church”** because we believe the Bible commands saints to covenant together in a local congregation, under the authority of elders, for worship, discipleship and outreach.²

i) And each local congregational is part of the catholic/universal church, Christ’s spiritual body on earth. Eph 1:21-23
2Cor 1:1; 8:1,18-24

ii) We believe in Congregationalism, that the local members are all saints and have say in the church’s governance. Matt 18:17
1Pet 2:9-10

iii) And that charity should be practiced especially to those who are new or weak in the faith. Is 42:3
Matt 17:20

4) Titus 1:1 affirms these things.

a) Saying Paul is “of God” (i.e. the Father) and “of Christ” shows each Person of the Trinity is different yet there is only one God.

b) Paul also at the same time shows great humility (calling himself a ‘slave of God’) and yet pulls rank and states his authority to teach by stating he is “an apostle of Jesus Christ”.

c) Setting an example for pastor Titus and all Christians.

5) Paul states he is a “bond-servant of God” is literally a “slave of God.” (*doulos*)

a) Usually, English Bible translates this word as “bond-servant” (NASB, NKJV, KJV), or “servant” (ESV, NIV) though a few use the more literal “slave” (NET, HCSB).³

i) In the positive sense this is to convey we are no longer slaves to this fallen world but now we are adopted children of God through Christ. John 15:15; Rom 8:15;
Gal 4:4-5;
Heb 2:15; 1Pet 2:16

ii) In the negative sense the word “slave” might be being avoided since it is not politically correct.

b) I think “slave” here is better, because we are owned by God, our Creator, and we are to be obedient. Rom 6:22; 1Cor 7:22; Eph 6:6;
Col 3:24; 1Pet 2:16; Rev 1:1

c) Throughout the Bible many of the key leaders of God’s people are called “slaves of God.”⁴

i) Pastors/teaching-preaching elders are called “*the Lord’s slaves*” – 2Tim 2:24

ii) All Christians are “*slaves of God.*” Rom 6:22; 1Cor 7:22; Eph 6:6; Col 3:24; 1Pet 2:16; Rev 1:1

iii) Christ Himself is called a slave of God as witnessed by His willingness to become incarnate. Phil 2:7

d) Christians, by definition, must be obedient to Christ, their Lord, as He reveals Himself in His Word by His Spirit. Ps 110; Matt 7:24-27; Luke 6:46
John 14:15,26; 5:39-42
Acts 2:36; 13:27; 24:25-27

6) Though a slave of God, Paul also asserts his authority as an apostle.

a) “Apostle” comes from the word “to send out”. John 17:18

² Matt 16:18-19; 18:17-18; Acts 2:42; 20:26-32; Eph 4:11-13; 1Thes 5:12-13; Heb 10:25; 12:22-24; 13:17; 1Pet 5:1-4

³ The NET reads, “From Paul, a slave of God and apostle of Jesus Christ, to further the faith of God’s chosen ones and the knowledge of the truth that is in keeping with godliness,”

⁴ Starting with the greatest OT prophet, the law-proclaimer, Moses, who is frequently called a “slave of God.” (Deut 34:5,10; Num 12:7; Josh 1:1-2,7; 22:5; 2Kgs 21:8; 1Chr 6:49; 2Chr 24:9; Neh 9:14; 10:29; Dan 9:11; Mal 4:4; Rev 15:3) So too are Joshua (Judg 2:8), David (Ps 18:0; 36:0) and the prophets (Rev 11:18). This is common for NT leaders, including: Peter (2Pet 1:1), Paul (Rom 1:1; 2Cor 4:5; Gal 1:10; Phil 1:1; Titus 1:1), John (Rev 1:1), James (James 1:1), Jude (Jude 1:1), Timothy (Phil 1:1), and Epaphras (Col 4:12)

- b) The narrow definition of “apostles” are those first generation Christian leaders who were commissioned and sent out with special authority by the Lord Jesus Himself.⁵
 - c) Their authority is now found in the New Testament. Acts 2:42; 1Cor 4:6; 2Thes 3:15; 2Pet 3:2,15-16; Rev 22:18-19; 1Tim 5:18 (Luke 10:7)
 - d) You cannot claim to follow Christ and reject His handpicked lieutenants, let alone Scripture. Mark 6:11; Luke 10:1,16; John 17:18; 20:21-23
- 7) Though this letter is to Titus, Paul doesn't mention his name until verse 4.
- a) Paul first gives a beautiful description of the purpose of his preaching.
 - b) One which, by God's grace, I hope TRC follows all the years the Lord gives this church.

The Purpose of the Written Word of God – Titus 1:1b-3

- 1) The church's first focus, must always be God, as we have seen by “of God” and “of Christ”.
- 2) The next focus is the church, Christ’s body on earth, the saints. John 17:9; Gal 6:10
 - a) As Paul puts it “*for the faith of those chosen of God*” - Titus 1:1
 - b) The church is to build up the faith of the saints. John 21:15-17; Eph 4:11-16; 1Thes 5:11
 - c) The saints are special because they are chosen by God. Rom 8:29-30; Eph 1:3-6; 2Thes 2:13
 - d) Salvation is 100% a work of God and He is merciful to His people. Matt 19:26
- 3) The purpose of the faith, and faith itself, is not about individual whims or the self.
 - a) It is about “*the knowledge of the truth*” - Titus 1:1b
 - b) True saving faith has three things:
 - i) To intellectually know the facts about Christ and His Gospel. Acts 8:30-35; Rom 10:14-15
 - ii) To intellectually assent (or agree, or believe) to the knowledge about Christ’s Gospel. John 6:28-29; Heb 11:1; Rom 1:16-17; 5:1-2;
 - iii) To daily willfully trust and place one’s life in Christ’s Gospel. Rom 4:16-22; 10:10; Eph 3:12; Heb 4:16; 10:38; 11:7-10; James 1:6
 - c) To have mere intellectual faith, without daily willful trust, is to have the faith of demons. James 2:14,19
 - d) However, to have mere daily willful trust without knowledge, is idolatry. Judg 2:10-11; 1Sam 2:12-13; 17:28ff; John 4:22; Rom 3:11-12; 1Pet 4:3
- 4) To grow in the faith there has to be truth because its end is “*according to godliness,*” - Titus 1:1b
 - a) The end purpose of faith is love of God and our neighbor. Rom 5:1-5; 1Cor 13:13
 - b) However, real love “*rejoices with the truth*”. - 1Cor 13:6b
 - c) How do we know what godly behavior is unless we know God, His character, His Word and His ways? Which alone is found in Scripture. 1Cor 4:6; 2Tim 3:16-17
 - d) True faithful knowledge will always produce good works, according God’s definition of what is good, and not man’s. Eph 2:8-10; Titus 2:14; 3:7-8

⁵ The Apostles were first in authority. (Acts 2:42; 4:11; 1Cor 12:28-29; 14:37; Eph 2:20; 4:11; 1Thes 2:6; Phile 8; 1John 4:6; 2Pet 3:2) They had see the risen Lord. (Acts 1:21-22; 10:40-42; 1Cor 9:1) They had ad authority to preach, be missionaries, heal and cast out demons. (Matt 10:1,5-15; Mark 3:14-15) They were linked to the 12 tribes of Israel. (Matt 19:28; Luke 22:14,30; Rev 21:14) Paul is considered one of the Twelve, though one “untimely born.” (Acts 14:14; Rom 1:1; 1Cor 9:1; 15:8-9; 2Cor 12:12; 1Thes 2:6; 1Tim 2:7; 2Tim 1:11)

- e) There is no knowledge, without God, or without Christ. Rom 12:2; 1Cor 2:2; 3:21; Col 1:16
- f) For *“we are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ”* – 2Cor 10:5
 - i) Thus we daily die to sin and live for Christ. Rom 6:2-10
 - ii) Both in facing correction and disciplining, and rejoicing and resting in the good news of the Gospel. Prov 3:12; Col 2:5-7
2Pet 1:2-7
- 5) Because of the Gospel this godly walk is not a burden but one: *“in the hope of eternal life,”*
- Titus 1:2a
 - a) Faithfulness, godly knowledge and walking in the Spirit leads to hope. Rom 5:5
 - b) Hope is meaningless without a future, without eternal life.
 - c) To walk in hope is a blessed thing. Rom 10:11
 - d) Biblical hope is not wishful thinking but assurance of a good future outcome. Heb 6:11
 - e) This hope is only possible because of God and who He is.
- 6) Because *“God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,”* - Titus 1:2b
 - a) Our faith, and hope, is based on God, and His character.
 - b) Note, it doesn't say *“He will not lie”* but that He *“cannot lie.”*
 - c) God cannot deny Himself, He cannot go against His character. Mal 3:6; Rom 3:4; 2Tim 2:13
 - d) Thus, when God promises good, we can trust in Him and rest in His word.
 - e) What an advantage we have being in the New Covenant! John 16:7; 1Pet 1:12
- 7) Because *“at the proper time manifested, even His word,”* - Titus 1:3a
 - a) The eternal Word of God has taken on human flesh, died for our sins, raised from the dead, ascended into heaven, and now reigns and rules in heaven interceding for His saints. John 1:1-5,14,18
Rom 8:20-30
 - b) Thus we, Christ's church, are now entrusted with the ministry of the Word
- 8) As Paul writes *“in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior,”*- Titus 1:3b

Conclusion – Recipient & Greeting – Titus 1:4

- 1) Paul finally mentions the recipient of the letter: *“To Titus, my true child.”* Titus 1:4
- 2) The church is a family, adopted by God and bound together by blood, the blood of Christ. Jer 31:1; Ps 22:27; Matt 12:50;
Rom 8:15,23; Gal 4:5-6; James 2:15
- 3) They (Paul and Titus, and by extension all Christians) are *“in a common faith”*. - Titus 1:4b
 - a) One of the great blessings we have received as a church is that we now have a *“common faith.”*
 - b) To be able to affirm 1Cor 1:10 is a great blessing!
1Cor 1:10 – *“Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.”*

- 4) Paul then gives a beautiful blessing: *“Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.”* - Titus 1:4b
 - a) This is a common blessing in the New Testament.⁶
 - b) So common, we might miss the power of Paul's statement.
 - c) This is not just a wishful desire but also a declaration of fact.
 - d) Paul desires Titus, and all Christians, to have grace throughout their lives.
 - i) Grace is God's undeserved favor.
 - ii) Anything good that happens to you is by God's grace.⁷
 - Remember fallen sinners should not expect any grace.
 - When good things happen to anyone it is called “Common Grace.”
 - iii) Christians also have special grace, i.e. that which causes new life in Christ.
 - e) Paul desires peace (harmony, i.e. cessation of strife) for Titus and the church.
 - i) Certainly, we desire this in this world, if God grants it.
 - ii) The perfect peace we (Christians) have is with God through Christ.
 - iii) We are no longer enemies with God but His adopted beloved Children because of Christ.

John 15:15; Rom 3:20-25; 5:10;
Eph 2:1-10; Col 1:21-22
- 4) This grace and peace are only because God is Triune.
 - a) The Father ordains our salvation.
 - b) The Son accomplishes our salvation.
 - c) The Spirit applies our salvation.
- 5) We pray that God gives Trinity Reformed Church such grace that we might walk in such faithfulness all the years He gives this assembly.

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Appendix - Update on the Church - Titus 1:5

- 1) Titus 1:5 is a verse that is most challenging to us Congregationalists.
 - a) Paul writes to Titus, *“For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you,”* - Titus 1:5
 - b) Episcopalians (who believe in a top-down form of church government) love this verse.
 - c) Congregationalists (who believe in a democratic form of church government) are troubled by it.
- 2) Congregationalists would argue that this is a unique situation.
 - a) Paul is an apostle after all, with special authority and power unique to the 1st century.
 - b) Also, this might be a missionary start-up church, where quick decisions are needed.

⁶ Rom 1:7; 1Cor 1:3; 2Cor 1:2; Gal 1:3; Eph 1:2; Phil 1:2; Col 1:2; 1Thes 1:1; 2Thes 1:2; 1Tim 1:2; 2Tim 1:2; Titus 1:4; Philem 3; 1Pet 1:2; 2Pet 1:2; 2John 3; Rev 1:4

⁷ Gen 20:6; 1Sam 25:26; Job 34:14-15; Matt 5:45; 7:9-11; John 1:1-4; Acts 14:17; Rom 2:14-15; 13:1-6; 1Cor 8:6; Col 1:17; Heb 1:2-3

- 3) For the last few weeks we have run, and will continue into early February, to run TRC as a Titus 1:5 church.
 - a) We needed leaders (elders, deacons), bylaws, etc., to be incorporated with the state so I set such things in order.
 - b) On the first Sunday of February, we plan to have former members of the old church covenant together and thus officially begin TRC as a true Congregational Church.
 - c) We plan to celebrate our first Lord's Supper together on that Sunday.
- 4) The Lord has been gracious and we have accomplished many things thus far:
 - a) Except for a winter storm, we haven't missed a Lord's Day!
 - b) We have a place to worship.
 - c) Have a full slate of officers.
 - d) Have bylaws.
 - e) We are incorporated with the State of CT as a non-profit organization.
Official name: Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut
 - f) The 501c3 paper work has been sent into the Federal Government so we can receive tax exempt donations.
 - f) Have a mailing address: Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut
P.O. Box 343; Riverton, CT 06065
 - g) Our Facebook page is up and running (managed by Verna).
 - h) We have received many needed donations: Hymnals, Communion Set, Collection Plates, Copying Machine, Insurance, Chairs & Tables for Bible Study, Supplies for the Office and Webpage, a banking account, and about \$31,000.
 - i) Even more important, we have a strong sense of fellowship and are of similar mind.
- 5) We have numerous things to work on in the near future:
 - a) Bible Studies will start in January with Sunday School coming soon.
 - b) Sunday, February 4th, will be when we covenant together to begin the church and have Communion.
 - c) New Members classes will begin very soon.
 - d) Continue to work on building fellowship. (Social event in February, Coffee Hour and a focus on service projects together and less on paid positions.)
 - e) Create a church webpage & youtube channel.
- 6) Long term things to work on:
 - a) Raising up godly men to lead this church.
 - b) Work on outreach.
 - i) (Re)think evangelism & missions. (Right now we are the mission.)
 - ii) Advertise.
 - c) Review, and if necessary, redo the bylaws.
 - d) Elders need to create policies (Communion, Collections, etc.)
 - e) Ponder joining a denomination, including going Presbyterian.
 - f) Building fund? (A very long term goal.)