



Tates Creek

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to our church!

We're glad you're here! We hope you experience the warmth and welcome of Christ our Savior in this community.



If this is your first time visiting, please fill out a **Visitor's Card** (located in the pew in front of you) and place it in the offering basket later in the service. We would love to meet you and help you get connected.



This Order of Worship will be your guide to our service, and there are notes in the margins explaining the different elements of our liturgy.



Finally, if you would like to speak to someone who can answer any questions you may have about our church, please visit the **Welcome Desk**, which will be on your left after you exit the Sanctuary.

Liturgical Colors for Advent

A reformed view of worship involves all the senses. Churches often use various means to aid our worship through the senses. One such means is the use of color and light. The parament coverings on the pulpit and communion table reflect the liturgical calendar through color. Today, the first Sunday of Advent, marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. The color purple is used during Advent. Purple, which symbolizes penitence, is also used during Lent.

Liturgy Notes

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column answers the “what” and “why” of each element of our liturgy.

Call to Worship

The Call to Worship is traditionally the first element in a Christian liturgy, serving as the moment of consecration. God’s word is used to invite us into the sacred time of corporate worship, and we respond with our voices as an answer to His call.

Congregational Singing

A unique aspect of Christian worship is that we sing together. Our singing is an expression of love for God and joy in his gospel. Singing strong hymns grounded in the truths of our theology raises our eyes from awe of the created to awe of the Creator. Scripture commands us to sing. Beautiful voices are not required, but a community joining together to sing truth and to sing it with passion and conviction is beautiful to our God.

Invocation

The minister invokes the presence of God that is promised to those who gather in His name. We ask for God to join us in worship, to lead us in worship, and to be pleased with our worship.

Order of Worship

December 2, 2018 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude *Angels We Have Heard on High* (arr. Ron Mallory)
Handbell Choir

Call to Worship from Psalms 29, 63, 67

MINISTER:

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

PEOPLE:

Then we will bless you as long as we live; in your name we lift up our voices.

MINISTER:

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

PEOPLE:

Let us bless our God; let the sound of his praise be heard from our lips.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* #195

Invocation

Welcome, Announcements, and Pastoral Prayer

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Psalm 13 (Pew Bible p. 453)

Read by Waters Faulkner

LEADER:

All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field.

The grass withers and the flowers fall,

PEOPLE:

...but the Word of the Lord stands forever.

Confession of God's People

UNISON:

O promised Christ, with eager hearts we await your advent.

MINISTER:

We are filled with hatred and violence...

PEOPLE:

Come, Lord Jesus, and grant us love.

MINISTER:

We are filled with doubts and fear...

PEOPLE:

Come, Lord Jesus, and grant us peace.

MINISTER:

We are filled with griefs and sorrow...

PEOPLE:

Come, Lord Jesus, and grant us joy.

MINISTER:

We are filled with sins and shame...

PEOPLE:

Come, Lord Jesus, and grant us forgiveness.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

MINISTER:

Has Jesus come?

PEOPLE:

He has.

MINISTER:

Will Jesus come again?

PEOPLE:

He will.

MINISTER:

Is your trust and hope in Him alone?

PEOPLE:

It is.

Assurance of God's Pardon

 from Galatians 4

MINISTER:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn of Renewal

What Child is This? #213

Confession of God's People

In the Confession of Sin we humbly agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. This is the most honest moment of our week, as we confess our sin and shame together. We do this corporately through a unison litany or prayer and individually through a moment of silence for private confession.

Repentance of God's People

Our time of confession becomes a time of fresh commitment through corporate repentance. Together we boldly turn from all evil and offer our lives again to God. Only say these words if you are indeed willing to repent of your sins.

Assurance of God's Pardon

Confession and repentance is always met with the surety of God's grace. The minister proclaims to the penitent community words of pardon from Scripture, assuring our hearts of the grace that is already ours in Christ Jesus.

Greeting of Peace

We extend to others the grace that God has extended to us, greeting each other with the peace of Christ. In the midst of a fractured world filled with prejudice, hatred, and violence, we are a demonstration of God's reconciliation. Worshipers greeted one another with the words of Christ after His resurrection, which became the customary greeting of the early Church: "Peace be with you."

Confession of Faith

We confess together the convictional truths of orthodoxy by reciting the ancient creeds of our faith. We share these words with saints throughout the centuries as well as those throughout the world today. This also serves as a bold proclamation to the watching world of what we believe is true.

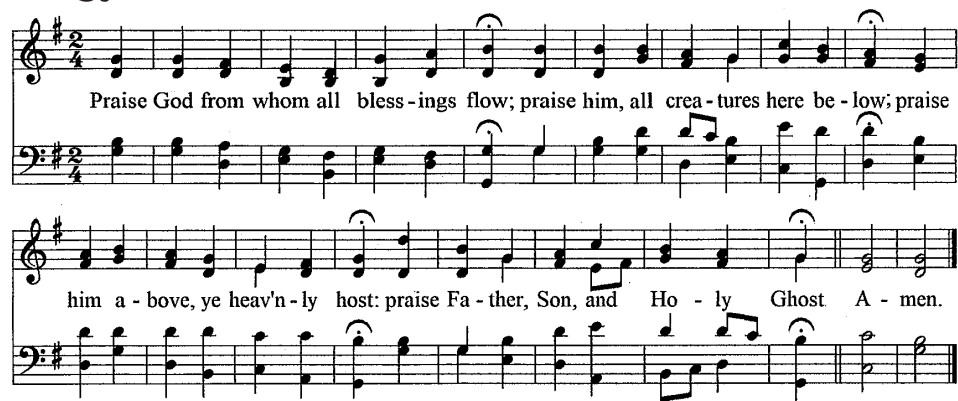
Confession of Faith The Apostles Creed

UNISON:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic[†] Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

[†] Worldwide communion of faith, past, present, and future.

Doxology Old Hundredth



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be low; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen.

Offering

The offering is received, not merely as a way to pay the bills, but as an act of worship. In response to the God from whom all blessings flow, we give freely, joyfully, and sacrificially to His beloved bride, the Church.

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *O Come, Emmanuel* (arr. Hagenberg)

O come, o come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. O come thou Dayspring come and cheer our spirits by Thine Advent here, and drive away the shades of night, and pierce the clouds and bring us light! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, Desire of nations, bind all people in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease, and fill the world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Anthem

It is not just financial offerings that we give to God during this time but offerings of beauty as well. While the offering is collected, our choir offers up to God beautifully-composed music with text that meditates upon the truths of the gospel and the promises of God. God's gift of music (along with the work of his Spirit) helps us feel deeply and marvel at who he is, what he has done, and what he will do.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a holy ordinance, wherein Christ and his gospel are represented and applied to His people. Though the bread and wine are not literally the body and blood of Jesus, this meal is far more than a sentimental reminder. It is spiritual nourishment to our souls and a means of growth in His grace. Communion is the family meal of Christians, and all followers of Jesus who are in good standing with His Church are invited to partake.

Benediction

The minister raises His hands and pronounces God's benediction over the congregation, sending them forth with assurance from on high. Stretch forth your hands and open wide your hearts to receive the abundant blessings that are yours in Christ Jesus!

Prayer

Prayer is available after the service to any in need. The Elder on Call will be waiting by the communion table to pray with you.

Prayer Chain

Kathryn Lyon
KRL40502@aol.com

Janet Whitley
JJWhitley@twc.com

Please note:

We offer both wine and grape juice in Holy Communion: wine is in the outer ring of cups, and the grape juice is in the inner rings of cups. Also, gluten-free bread is offered at the center table.

Children's Blessing:

Children (of any age) who have not professed faith in Christ are encouraged to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing from the pastor or officer.

Words of Institution

MINISTER:

Let us together proclaim the hope of the Church:

UNISON:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ shall come again!

MINISTER:

I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Holy Communion *Divinum mysterium* (Arr. Raymond H. Haan)

Hymn of Response *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* #194

Benediction

Postlude *Nöel in G* (Louis-Claude Daquin)



Today's Musicians

Bonnie Griffioen, cello
Jane Ritter, organ
Deb Endean, piano
Suzanne Dovel, choir director

Weekly Information

Last Week's Attendance: 842

Rapid Run: 652

Downtown: 190

Today's Deacons on Duty:

Matt McEwen

Jay Siekmann

Giving Report: For more info, visit tcpca.org/give

October Actual Giving: \$131,077

October Giving Goal: \$172,608

Difference: -\$41,531

Announcements

Congregational Meetings in January

We will be calling two separate congregational meetings during the month of January. On January 6, we will hold a vote to approve the particularization of the Downtown campus (to become their own church); on January 20, we will hold our annual congregational meeting.

Upcoming Sunday School Schedule

December 9 - Normal Sunday School (Fellowship Breakfast for Isaiah and James classes)

December 16 - No Sunday School (including adult, children, and nursery)

December 23 - No Sunday School (including adult, children, and nursery)

December 30 - No Sunday School (including adult, children, and nursery)

Poinsettias

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia (which you can take home after the Christmas Eve service), please sign up either at the Welcome Desk or online at tcpca.org/flowers.

Sunday School Fellowship Breakfast

The Sunday School classes which meet in the Lower Level (the Books of Isaiah and James classes) will be having an end-of-the-semester joint fellowship breakfast on Sunday, December 9. If you attend one of these classes, please bring a breakfast item to share. Email Mark Randle at mrandle@tcpca.org if you have questions.

Mexico Mission Trip

There is still time to sign up for the TCPC mission trip to Mexico! The dates of the trip are February 2-8. The deadline to apply is this week, so please email Mark Randle at mrandle@tcpca.org if interested.

Millcreek Elementary Volunteering Opportunities

If you're looking for a great way to make a difference in the lives of the children in our neighborhood, then we invite you to join us in our partnership with Millcreek Elementary School. This school, just blocks away from TCPC, has many opportunities to serve:

- Donate non-perishable food to our weekend snack pack program
- Become a mentor or help with the reading program
- Help with the Christmas Dinner on December 15

(need help with planning the party, providing food, purchasing gifts for the children that attend)

To sign up or to learn more, contact Verne Kern at vernekernasw@gmail.com.

Announcements *(continued)*

Women's Night of Worship

The women's ministry team invites all the women of TCPC to an evening of praise & worship on Sunday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please invite your friends to come and join us as we have a great evening together! Contact kellybradley001@gmail.com with any questions.

Inklings Christmas Sale

We will have an extra 20% off all our books now through Christmas. It's a great time to check out our bookstore and pick out an inspirational book for every member of the family!

Day of Prayer and Fasting

TCPC uses the first Monday of each month as a day of prayer and fasting. Would you please consider taking time tomorrow to pray and fast for our church and community. Specifically, please pray for the advent season and ask to God open the hearts of many to the good news of Jesus coming to earth!

Room In The Inn

Are you looking for a helpful & practical way to serve people within our city who are in need? We invite you to volunteer for Room In The Inn, a ministry which helps the homeless find shelter during the coldest months of the year.

TCPC will host a total of four nights this season on the first Monday of the month, and our first Room In The Inn night is tomorrow, December 3rd. We need help for setting up at the church gym, providing food, driving men to the church on Monday evening, and driving them back downtown Tuesday morning. We also need one man willing to sleep overnight at the church with the men as a chaperone. If you can't sign up for this Monday, feel free to go ahead and sign up for a future date! (The signup will send you an email reminder before the next date)

To sign up to help, please go to tcpca.org/riti. Thank you in advance for your service!

Calendar

Sunday, December 2

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God
10:20 am, Sunday School
11:10 am, Children's Choir Rehearsal
11:15 am, Worship of the Living God
2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship
5:00 pm, TCPC Downtown Worship

Monday, December 3

Day of Fasting & Prayer
6:00 pm, Room In The Inn
7:00 pm, Cub Scouts

Wednesday, December 5

6:30 am, Men's Bible Study
9:00 am, Women's Bible Study
12:00 pm, Men's Bible Study
6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm, Youth Group
6:30 pm, Women's Bible Study

Thursday, December 6

12:30 pm Access Prayer Group

Saturday, December 8

9:00 am, Angel Tree Party

Sunday, December 9

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God
10:20 am, No Sunday School
11:15 am, Worship of the Living God
2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship
5:00 pm, TCPC Downtown Worship

Future Events

Dec 16 - Christmas Cantata
Jan 6 - Congregational Meeting
(to vote on Downtown)
Jan 20 - Congregational Meeting
(normal annual meeting)

Sunday School 10:20-11:05AM

Parents must pick up children in grade 3 or younger by 11:05AM

Children & Teens

Preschool » Room 126

Theresa Brashear, Ruth Sloan

Pre-Kindergarten » Room 109/111

Marcielle de Beer, Amy Seigler

Kindergarten » Room 105/107

Maddie Dunfee, Evelyn Lee

1st Grade » Room 119

Joe & Pam Hacker

2nd Grade » Room 121

Suzie Ogden

3rd Grade » Room 123

Kathy Deicher, Brock Klein

4th Grade » Room 124

Russ & Crystal Smith

5th & 6th Grade BOYS » Room 125

Jonathan Kinnicutt, Caleb Matocha

5th & 6th Grade GIRLS » Room 127

Nancy Brown & Marcia Holt

7th & 8th Grade BOYS » Youth Lounge

Waters Faulkner & Mark Garrison

7th & 8th Grade GIRLS » Room 144

Hillary McEwen & Hannah Hubbard

9th - 12th Grade » Youth Room

Mac Holt

Adults

Ambassadors » Room 101/103

Studying Revelation, led by Tom Bedwell

Veritas » Room 131

Studying Zechariah, led by Ron Whitley

The Book of James » Lower Level Classroom

Led by Mark Randle

The Book of Isaiah » Lower Level Boardroom

Led by Will Witherington

Coffee Fellowship » Fellowship Hall

Pastors & Staff

Ministers

Rev. Robert Cunningham, Senior Minister
Rev. Mark Randle, Associate Minister
Rev. Sam Taaffe, Director of RUF at U.K.
Rev. Marshall Wilmhoff, Assistant Minister (Downtown)
Rev. Will Witherington, Assistant Minister

Ministry Directors

Kelly-Anne Bradley, Women's Ministry Director
Justin Carlson, Director of Music & Arts (Downtown)
Nate Jones, Director of Community & Outreach
Mac Holt, Director of Youth Ministries
Jennifer Matocha, Director of Children's Ministries
LeeAnn Raleigh, Nursery Director
Katie Strow, Nursery Director (Downtown)

Administrative Staff

Paul Adams, Administrative Assistant
Drew Banta, Facilities Manager
Mark Binkowski, Bookkeeper
Ruth Binkowski, Administrative Assistant
Suzanne Dovel, Children's Choir & Handbells
Deb Endean, Staff Musician
Chloe Gabbard, Administrative Assistant
Megan Nesbit, Pastor's Assistant (Downtown)
Bobby Pepiot, Church Administrator
Kasie Ralston, Administrative Assistant
Chelsea Steyn, Choir Director

Elders

Parish 1

Robert Cunningham
(Moderator)
Jeff Ford
Wayne Marlowe
Mark Randle (T.E.)
Andy Waters

Parish 2

Ron Whitley
Casey Willis

Parish 3

David Cowen
Jason Delong
Andy Hardin
Doug Hardy
Justin Hubbard

Parish 4

Rick Endean
Jeremy Hart
Grant Rowe

Parish 5

Tim Green (Clerk)
Jamie Hinely

Downtown:

Bryce Anderson, Phil Carter, Kyle Howard

Deacons

Parish 1

Dan Breeden
Mark Garrison
Ralph Haddock
Verne Kern
Matt McEwen (Chair)
Bobby Pepiot
Harry Standing

Parish 2

Austin Willard

Parish 3

Mark Deicher
Jay Siekmann

Parish 4

Jordan Ellis
Joey Jasperson
Devin Johnson
Luke McAnally
Andrei Shliakhau
Tyler Strow

Parish 5

Jim Guinn
Tim Meador
Justin Provost
(Treasurer)

Downtown:

Paul Adams, Bebo Baxter, John Bunch, Nathan Dilly, Gordy Hoagland,
Matt Ladwig, Daniel Rouse, Travis Stephens, Ian Thornton

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Learn more about our church online at tcpca.org