



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

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude *Bethlehem Night* (Terry D. Taylor)

Children’s Choir (Esther Ratajeski, director; Anna Ortiz, piano)
Anna Sgro, Anna Waldrop, Lydia Waldrop, handbells

Call to Worship

MINISTER:

The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.”

PEOPLE:

And let the one who is thirsty come and take the water of life without price.

MINISTER:

The One who testifies to these things says, “Surely, I am coming soon!”

PEOPLE:

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Hymn of Rejoicing *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #196

Invocation

Welcome, Announcements, and Pastoral Prayer

Baptism

9:00 - Lucy Lemarr Taaffe, daughter of Sam & Anne Taaffe

Declaration to Our Covenant Children from the Church of Scotland

UNISON:

For you Jesus Christ came into the world.

For you He lived and showed God’s love.

For you He suffered the darkness of Calvary.

For you He triumphed over death and rose to new life.

For you He reigns at God’s right hand.

All this He did for you, Lucy, though you do not know it yet.

Membership Vows

11:15 - William & Nicole Dorton, Nate & Adrienne Johnson,
Tim Sherrard, and Lindsay Westerfield

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-5 (Pew Bible p. 599)

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?

MINISTER:

Will Jesus come again?

MINISTER:

Is your trust and hope in Him alone?

PEOPLE:

He has.

PEOPLE:

He will.

PEOPLE:

It is.

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.

Assurance of God's Pardon

 from 1 Timothy 1:15

MINISTER:

This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn of Renewal *Angels We Have Heard On High* #214

RESPOND

 Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith

 Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

MINISTER:

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

PEOPLE:

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Doxology

 Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise
him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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

Hymn of Response *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* #203

Benediction

Postlude *In Dulci Jubilo* (J. S. Bach)



Today's Musicians

Jane Ritter, organ
Deb Endean, piano
Suzanne Dovel, choir director

Weekly Information

Last Week's Attendance: 908

Rapid Run: 724
Downtown: 184

Today's Deacons on Duty:

Verne Kern
Tyler Strow

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 16, 23, and 30 - No Sunday School (including adult, children, and nursery)
January 6 - Congregational Meeting

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.

Christmas Cantata Next Sunday

Join us at either morning service next Sunday for the Christmas Cantata! We pull out all the stops for the Christmas Cantata, with a full orchestra, the largest choir of the year, handbells, and more. Be sure to invite your neighbors, and please share the Facebook Event with your friends!

Christmas Eve Service

Join us for our annual Christmas Eve service! We will gather together to celebrate our hope found within the beautiful mystery of Christ's birth. The service will begin at 5:00pm on December 24th.

Urgent Service Opportunity

On Saturday, December 15th the Mercy Team is hosting a Christmas Party for families of Millcreek elementary students at 12:00pm at the church. These families are in need of gift assistance. Due to the relationship being so new, details about assistance were not shared until very recently. Examples of ways you could serve the families at Millcreek:

1. Share some baked goodies (2-3 doz) for the party.
2. Come welcome with a smile & help serve lunch at the party.
3. Gift Shopping - We have 10 kids, variety of ages, on the list. We could get more. We have wish lists for each child. \$25 limit for each child.

Wrapped gifts can be left at the church office anytime before Wednesday Dec 12.

Please contact Tracy Kern (5redhens@gmail.com) or Mary Beth Moore (mdmoorefamily@gmail.com) to let us know how you would like to help.

Announcements *(continued)*

Christmas Eve Choir

Join the choir for our special anthem during the Christmas Eve service: youth, guests and visitors are welcome. Meet in the basement choir room at 4:30pm to rehearse and receive a few instructions. This is a lovely way to serve the church and visitors this Christmas season! Email csteyn@tcpca.org with any questions.

Women's Night of Worship

The women's ministry team invites all the women of TCPC to an evening of praise & worship tonight 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!

Senior Survey

Attention Seniors: You should have received a link to complete a senior survey from Mark Randle last week. If you have completed it, thank you! If you have not yet filled out the survey there is still time to do so. Copies are also available at the Welcome Center to fill out and return to the TCPC office. If you have not received a survey request or have any questions please email Harry Standinger at hstandin@hotmail.com. Thank you!

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

Calendar

Sunday, December 9

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, Sunday School (Fellowship Breakfast for James & Isaiah Classes)

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

5:00 pm, TCPC Downtown Worship

Monday, December 10

9:30am, Irishtown Mission Carpool

7:00 pm, Cub Scouts

Wednesday, December 12

6:30 am, Men's Bible Study

12:00pm, Men's Bible Study

6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm, Youth Group

Thursday, December 13

12:30 pm Access Prayer Group

Saturday, December 15

12:00 pm, Millcreek Christmas Party

Sunday, December 16

9:00 am, Christmas Cantata

10:20 am, No Sunday School

11:15am, Christmas Cantata

2:00pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

5:00 pm, TCPC Downtown Worship

Future Events

Jan 6 - Congregational Meeting
(to vote on Downtown)

Jan 20 - Congregational Meeting
(normal annual meeting)

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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