



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.



Handbells as they are known in Europe and the United States are descendants from the tower bells in England. Around the 16th Century, the art of tower bell ringing was becoming established in England. It took hours of practice of pulling on the ropes to create intricate melodies called “change ringing”. Ringing the tower bells was disturbing to the surrounding villagers, so small bells were developed so the ringers could practice indoors. Eventually, this type of bell ringing became an art in itself. Larger sets of handbells were cast and “tune ringing”, or ringing melodies and simple harmonies for festive occasions was developed. Many churches continue this tradition in worship services throughout America and Europe to praise the Lord with music!

Adapted from www.lancasterhandbellensemble.org/handbell-history

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

August 11, 2019 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word* (arr. Paul Manz)

Call to Worship from Isaiah 8

LEADER:

The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread. Come and worship the Holy One.

PEOPLE:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.

LEADER:

Listen, all you distant lands, for God is with us, and he will be a sanctuary.

PEOPLE:

We will wait for the Lord, we will put our trust in him. Let us worship the Lord our God.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Holy, Holy, Holy!* #100

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Invocation

Welcome, Announcements, and Pastoral Prayer

Membership Vows

9:00 - Amy, Emma, Sarah, Anna, and Caleb Ortiz

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Psalm 62 (Pew Bible p. 479)

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:

Gracious God, we are exhausted by the weakness of our own strength. Our self-reliance, self-sufficiency, and self-righteousness continue to fail us, and yet we continue to trust in them. Our pride has led to so much destruction, and yet we remain devoted to it. It scares us to pray for humility, but still we ask you to do whatever it takes to humble us. Teach us the strength of weakness, the freedom of surrender, and the power of dependence. With childlike trust, we offer to you our personal sins...

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

MINISTER:

Is the Father love?

PEOPLE:

He is.

MINISTER:

Is the Son enough?

PEOPLE:

He is.

MINISTER:

Is the Spirit able?

PEOPLE:

He is.

MINISTER:

Will you turn from your pride
and trust your God?

PEOPLE:

We will.

Assurance of God's Pardon from Exodus 14

MINISTER:

The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

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."

Hymn of Renewal *Blessed Assurance* #693

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

REFRAIN:

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (**REFRAIN**)

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (**REFRAIN**)

Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

LEADER:

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

UNISON:

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.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a supporting bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (arr. Kevin McChesney)

TCPC Handbell Choir (Suzanne Dovel, director)

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.

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.

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

PLEASE NOTE:

We offer both wine and grape juice in Holy Communion: the wine is in the outermost ring of cups, and the grape juice is in the inner rings of cups. 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 *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* #679

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

REFRAIN:

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!
(**REFRAIN**)

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. (**REFRAIN**)

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. (**REFRAIN**)

Benediction

Postlude *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* (from "Nicaea" arr. Livingston, Jr.)

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

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Weekly Information

8/4 Attendance: 558

Deacons on Duty Today:

Tim Meador & Bobby Pepiot

Today's Musicians:

Deb Endean, piano; Jane Ritter, organ

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

July Actual Giving: \$156,322

July Giving Goal: \$145,506

Difference: \$10,816

YTD Actual Giving (Oct-Jul): \$1,755,327

YTD Giving Goal (Oct-Jul): \$1,711,360

Difference: \$43,967

Announcements

Vision Sunday on August 25

August 25 is going to be an exciting and eventful Sunday for our church!

Here's a rundown of what's happening that day:

Combined Sunday School

Between services, the pastors & staff will present our vision for this upcoming ministry year.

Officer Installation at Both Services

Our newly-elected elders & deacons will be installed during both services.

Churchwide Cookout at 5:30 PM

Join us out in the parking lot at 5:30pm for some end-of-the-summer grilling and fellowship!

Sign Up for Foundations Class

Registration is now open for our next membership class on August 23-24. The sessions are from 6-9 on Friday evening, 8-12 on Saturday morning. Breakfast and dinner are provided! We invite anyone who is interested in learning more about the Reformed tradition to join us! There will be childcare provided for children 12 and under. To sign up, go to tcpca.org/foundations. Please email Nate Jones with any questions at njones@tcpca.org

Sign Up for Parish Groups

Parish Groups begin next month, and new groups are currently being formed. Parish Groups are the primary means of community-life inside our church, and we encourage everyone to enjoy this ministry. Each group is geographically-based and meets on Sunday evenings September through May. The meetings consist of fellowship, sermon discussion, and prayer to help deepen relationships across our congregation. If you would like to be placed in a group this year, please sign up at tcpca.org/parish.

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Announcements *(continued)*

Adult Choir Starts on August 21

Adult choir serves TCPC by leading in worship and preparing special music each week and for celebration services like Christmas and Easter. It is a great way to experience the creativity of our God, to enjoy fellowship in a small-group setting and to meditate on and memorize God's Word set to music. No prior experience is necessary. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:45 pm. Childcare is provided on Wednesday evenings and on Sundays during the choir warm-up. We will be hosting an "Intro to Choir" session for anyone who is curious but not prepared to commit. Email Chelsea at csteyn@tcpca.org with questions and information on entering the building for rehearsal.

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Kick Off Event

Ladies, please come to the Women's Ministry Kick Off on Sunday evening Aug 18, 6-8pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy dinner catered by Vinaigrette, signing encouragement cards for our worldwide missions partners & campus ministry workers, briefly learning what opportunities await you this Fall, and sweet fellowship. Suggested donation \$5 per person. For more information, contact Mary Beth Moore mdmoorefamil@gmail.com, 859-327-5527.

Women's Wednesday Morning & Evening Bible Studies

This year we will be studying the prophets, using Nancy Guthrie's book, *The Word of the Lord, Seeing Jesus in the Prophets*. Please order this from Amazon or any source of your choice. Our study will begin Wednesday, September 11. The Wednesday morning study meets from 9-11am in the TCPC lower level with childcare provided. Contact Julia Meador jamat10215@aol.com with any questions. The evening study meets from 7-8:30pm in the TCPC lower level conference room beginning September 11. Contact Kay Sox kayrsox@gmail.com with any questions. Sign up for either Bible study time at tcpc.org/women or the TCPC app.

L.I.F.T. Groups (Ladies In Faith Together)

Ladies of all ages meet together once a month (Sept - April) in groups of 6-9 women to share a meal, enjoy fellowship, discuss a great book, & pray together. Our book this year is *In His Image* by Jen Wilkin, which will help women discover 10 ways God calls us to reflect his character. Sign up during August in the Narthex or on the TCPC website at tcpca.org/women.

Calendar

Sunday, August 11

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God
10:20 am, Veritas Sunday School Class
11:15 am, Worship of the Living God
2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

Thursday, August 15

12:30 pm, Access Prayer Group

Sunday, August 18

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God
10:20 am, Veritas Sunday School Class
11:15 am, Worship of the Living God
2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

Future Dates:

August 23-24, Foundations Weekend
August 25, Vision Sunday (see previous page)

Pastors & Staff

Ministers

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

Ministry Directors

Mary Beth Moore, Women's Ministry Director
Nate Jones, Director of Community & Outreach
Mac Holt, Director of Youth Ministries
Jennifer Matocha, Director of Children's Ministries
LeeAnn Raleigh, Nursery Director

Administrative Staff

Jessica Abney, Administrative Assistant
Paul Adams, Administrative Assistant
Drew Banta, Facilities Manager
Ruth Binkowski, Administrative Assistant
Suzanne Dovel, Children's Choir & Handbells
Deb Endean, Staff Musician
Chloe Gabbard, Administrative Assistant
Marissa Jewell, Administrative Assistant
Bobby Pepiot, Church Administrator
Kasie Ralston, Administrative Assistant
Chelsea Steyn, Choir Director

Elders

Parish 1

Greg Anderson
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
Grant Rowe

Parish 5

Tim Green (Clerk)
Jamie Hinely

Deacons

Parish 1

Dan Breedon
Ralph Haddock
Verne Kern
Matt McEwen (Chair)
Bobby Pepiot
Harry Standinger

Parish 2

Austin Willard

Parish 3

Mark Deicher
Jay Siekmann

Parish 4

Jordan Ellis
Devin Johnson
Luke McAnally
Andrei Shliakhau
Tyler Strow

Parish 5

Tim Meador
Justin Provost
(Treasurer)



TCPC now has an app!

We created an app so that everyone in our church could have easy access to the latest church news and events. Plus, if you sign in to the app with your TouchPoint account, you'll be able to see your giving history, update your contact information at the church, and effortlessly sign up for future events.



You can download the app today in your phone's app store, just search for "TCPC."

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