



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.

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

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

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude

Call to Worship from Psalm 99

MINISTER:

The LORD reigns, let the people tremble!

PEOPLE:

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

MINISTER:

The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the people.

PEOPLE:

Let them praise Your great and awesome name!

UNISON:

Holy is He!

Hymn of Rejoicing *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #38

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Invocation

Welcome, Announcements, and Pastoral Prayer

Baptism

11:15 - Julia Scott Gordon, daughter of Steven and Allison Gordon

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, Julia, though you do not know it yet.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:16-20 (Pew Bible p. 835)

Read by Caroline White

MINISTER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

Confession of God's People from Book of Common Worship

UNISON:

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sins. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

MINISTER:

Do you turn from your ongoing sin of pride?

MINISTER:

Do you repent of your sin of desiring control over yourself and others?

MINISTER:

Do you repent of ignoring the truths of God's Word?

PEOPLE:

We do.

PEOPLE:

We do.

PEOPLE:

We do.

Assurance of God's Pardon from Romans 5

MINISTER:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #32

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (**REFRAIN**)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (**REFRAIN**)

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith from Westminster Catechism

LEADER:
What is the chief end of man?

PEOPLE:
The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

LEADER:
What is God?

PEOPLE:
God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

LEADER:
Are there more Gods than one?

PEOPLE:
There is but only one, the living and true God.

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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.

LEADER:

How many persons are there in the Godhead?

PEOPLE:

There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Doxology Old Hundredth

Musical score for the Doxology 'Old Hundredth'. The score is written for voice and piano in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is on the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is on the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost A - men.'

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *There is a Balm in Gilead* (Traditional Spiritual; arr. Jeff Wächter)

In Biblical times, Gilead was a region known for production of medicines. This spiritual names Jesus as the only hope, the only balm for a "sin-sick soul."

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul, just tell the love of Jesus, and say He died for all. There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

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.

Profession of Faith & Baptism

11:15 - Anne-McKee Hastings

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.

Hymn of Response *Amazing Grace!* #460

Amazing grace! - how sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

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!

Benediction

MINISTER:
Go love your God;

PEOPLE:
Go love your neighbor.

Postlude



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.

Today's Musicians

Deb Endean, piano
Jane Ritter, organ

Prayer Chain

Kathryn Lyon
KRL40502@aol.com

Janet Whitley
JJWhitley@twc.com

Announcements

Adult Sunday School Classes Begin Today

Adult Sunday School will begin today from 10:20 AM until 11:05 AM.

Bridge Class - Lower Level Boardroom

This fall Will Witherington will be teaching from a book titled "With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God" by Skye Jethani. The Bridge Class usually attracts people from college age to 35-ish, but all ages are welcome. For more information contact Nate Jones (facilitator) at njonestcpc@gmail.com.

Vine Class - Lower Level Classroom

This fall Mark Randle will be teaching "Subjects of Theology" using Michael Horton's Pilgrim Theology as a primary source. The Vine Class usually attracts people from age 35 and up, but all ages are welcome. For more information contact Mark Randle at mrandle@tcpca.org.

Veritas Class - Parlor

The Veritas class will embark on a 12-week study of the Book of Psalms. Join us as we explore the richness of these sacred poems that have been revered and read for centuries. Our teachers will be Ron Whitley, rjwhitley1@twc.com, and Mark Deicher, mdeicher@pm.me. All ages are welcome.

Mexico Mission Trip 2020

The Mexico Mission trip is around the corner! We take a team from TCPC every year to help serve our partner church, Emmanuel Presbyterian in Vallolidid, Mexico. We would love for you to join us this year! The dates of the trip are January 25-31, 2020. This is a great trip for our youth, and even better for a youth with a parent! We are having a lunch after church on Sunday, September 29 for all those who would like to hear more about the trip. Please email Mark Randle if interested: mrandle@tcpca.org.

Children's Choir (4 yrs - 1st grade)

All children from 4 years old through 1st grade are invited to take part in our children's choir beginning today, September 8. They will rehearse in the FELLOWSHIP HALL 11:10-11:35 each Sunday until October 20 when they will sing in worship. Contact Suzanne Dovel with any questions: sdovel@tcpca.org. We hope to see your sweet children there!

TCPC Writing Group

The TCPC Writing Group meets on the SECOND Monday of each month at 7 PM in the TCPC cafe. We will begin our year on September 9th. We gather to share our stories while focusing on the craft of writing. Men and women are welcome! Please contact Anna Hogan and Tracy Kern at writinggroup@tcpca.org to inquire or let us know that you'll be attending.

Company of Men

Company of Men is a gathering of men of all ages who enjoy fellowship and study God's Word together. Come join us for breakfast at the Campbell House hotel every Thursday at 7:00am. You will learn more about the Bible and various other subjects! We are resuming on Thursday, September 19. If you have any questions, email Mark Randle at mrandle@tcpca.org.

Angel Tree Volunteer Request

Volunteers are needed for Angel Tree Christmas, a ministry of Prison Fellowship. Each year, our church members provide a modest Christmas gift to children on behalf of their incarcerated parent. Help is needed beyond just purchasing a gift! We need volunteers who can make phone calls to caregivers, distribute Angel tags, help organize gifts upon return, Angel Tree party and home delivery of gifts. Please prayerfully consider giving some of your time to help with Angel Tree Christmas. For more information, please contact Crystal Smith, 859-321-7323 or russandcrystal08@gmail.com

Weekly Information

9/8 Attendance: 830

Deacons on Duty:

Ben Commerford, Ralph Haddock,
and Tyler Strow

Elder on Call:

Chuck Sox

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

August Actual Giving: \$134,713

August Giving Goal: \$163,423

Difference: -\$28,710

YTD Actual Giving (Oct-Aug): \$1,814,603

YTD Giving Goal (Oct-Aug): \$1,809,852

Difference: \$4,751

Calendar

Sunday, September 15

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, Sunday School

11:10-11:35 am, Children's Choir (Age 4 - 1st Grade),
Fellowship Hall

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

Wednesday, September 18

9:00am, Morning Women's Bible Study

6:20pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal

6:45pm, Youth Group

Thursday, September 19

12:30 pm, Access Prayer Group

Sunday, September 22

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, Sunday School

11:10-11:35 am, Children's Choir (Age 4 - 1st Grade),
Fellowship Hall

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

Sunday School 10:20-11:05AM

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

Children & Teens

Preschool » Room 126

5-Year-Olds » Room 109/111

Kindergarten » Room 105/107

1st Grade » Room 119

2nd Grade » Room 121

3rd Grade » Room 123

4th & 5th Grade GIRLS » Room 124

4th & 5th Grade BOYS » Room 127

6th Grade » Room 125

7th - 12th Grade » Youth Room

Adults

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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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