



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.

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**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.

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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.

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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.

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## 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.

# Order of Worship

November 17, 2019 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

### Prelude

### Call to Worship from Isaiah 65, Ezekiel 37, Romans 8, and Revelation 21

MINISTER:

Do you feel the world is broken?

PEOPLE:

We do.

MINISTER:

Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

PEOPLE:

We do.

MINISTER:

Is all creation groaning?

PEOPLE:

It is.

MINISTER:

Is a new creation coming?

PEOPLE:

It is.

MINISTER:

Does the Father truly love us?

PEOPLE:

He does.

MINISTER:

Does the Spirit move among us?

PEOPLE:

He does.

MINISTER:

Does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves?

PEOPLE:

He does.

MINISTER:

Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

PEOPLE:

He does.

**UNISON:**

**My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

### Hymn of Rejoicing *All Creatures of Our God and King* #115 (verses 1,2,4,5)

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Invocation

## Membership Vows & Baptism

9:00 - Nancy Patel

## Baptism

11:15 - Ivy Mae Ralston & Magnolia (Maggie) Perry Ralston,  
daughters of Seth & Kasie Ralston

## 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, Ivy and Maggie, though you do not know it yet.**

## **RENEW** Receive the grace of God

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## Scripture Reading

 Isaiah 65:17-25 (Pew Bible p. 624)

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.**

## 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.

## 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 God's People

## UNISON:

**Immanuel, God with us, please forgive me for seeking to avoid or deny your presence in my life. At times, I think my life is too messy, too broken and too sinful for You to want to be with me. Forgive me for this arrogance. In other times, I think I am sufficient on my own and that I don't really need to be with you. Please forgive me for this arrogance as well. Father, please help me to believe that you want to be with me. Father, please help me to remember that at all times I need to be with you.**

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

## Repentance of God's People

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## Assurance of God's Pardon from Romans 8:38-39

MINISTER:

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Greeting of the Peace of Christ

## Hymn of Renewal *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery* **Music on Page 9**

## 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.**

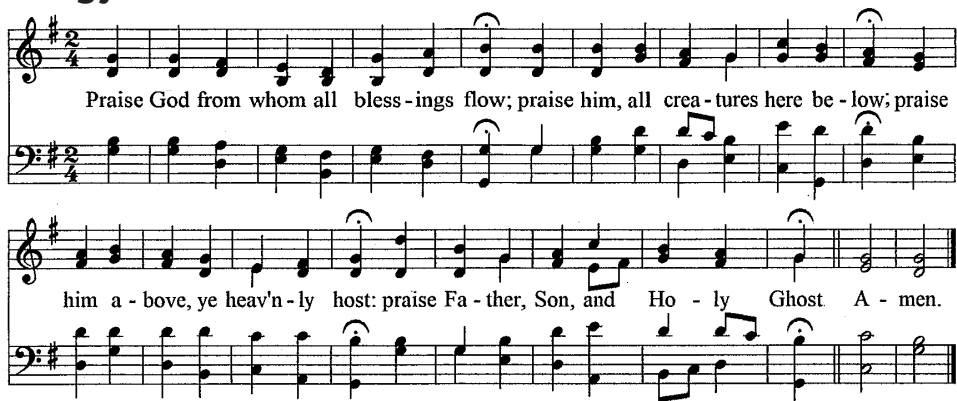
LEADER:

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



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

## Offertory Prayer

### 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.

## Sermon

The preaching of God's Word in the context of holy worship is the primary means of God's voice to His people. Our trust is not in the ability of the preacher, but in the promise that God, by His Spirit working in and through His word, is speaking to us in exceptional ways. Therefore, we open our minds and hearts to the uniquely formative power of ordained preaching.

## 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.

## Offertory *I Will Sing with the Spirit (1 Corinthians 14:15)* (by John Rutter)

Mary Beth Moore, soprano

I will sing with the spirit. I will sing with the spirit: alleluia! And I will sing with the understanding also: alleluia! I will sing with the spirit. I will sing with the spirit: alleluia!

### **Gospel Storytime:**

After the Offertory Anthem, children ages 4 - Kindergarten may be dismissed to Room 103 for prayer, singing, and a lesson from the Gospel Story Bible. They will return to the Sanctuary at the end of the sermon for their Communion blessing.

## Scripture Reading Revelation 21:1-4 (Pew Bible p. 1041)

MINISTER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon Rev. Will Witherington, Assistant Minister

### **“Life with God”**

# 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 - Emery Kate Ralston

## Holy Communion

## Hymn of Response *At the Name of Jesus* #163 (verses 1,2,4,5)

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,  
Ev'ry tongue confess him King of Glory now.  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,  
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
All the heav'nly orders in their great array.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
All that is not holy, all that is not true:  
Crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour:  
Let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
With his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

## Benediction

MINISTER:  
Go love your God;

PEOPLE:  
Go love your neighbor.

## Postlude



## Today's Musicians

Deb Endean, piano  
Jane Ritter, organ

## 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](mailto:KRL40502@aol.com)

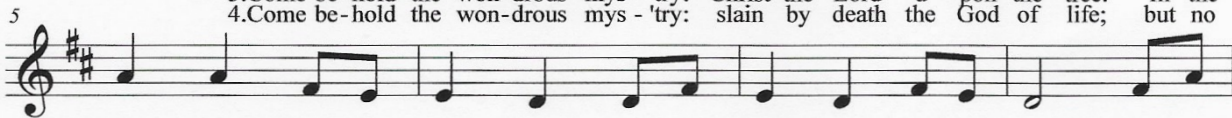
Janet Whitley  
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# Hymn of Renewal *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery* (by Boswell/Papa/Bleecker)



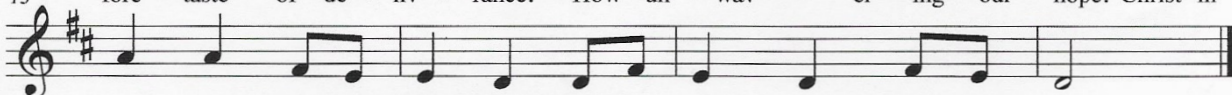
1. Come be-hold the won-drous mys-'try in the dawn-ing of the King. He the  
 2. Come be-hold the won-drous mys-'try: He the per-fect Son of Man; in his  
 3. Come be-hold the won-drous mys-'try: Christ the Lord u-pon the tree. In the  
 4. Come be-hold the won-drous mys-'try: slain by death the God of life; but no



5  
 theme of hea-ven's prai-ses robed in frail hu-man-i-ty. In our  
 liv-ing, in His suf-fring ne-ver trace nor stain of sin. See the  
 9  
 stead of ru-ined sin-ners hangs the Lamb in vic-to-ry. See the  
 grace could e'er re-strain Him. Praise the Lord! He is a-live! What a



13  
 long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the Light of Life has come. Look to  
 true and bet-ter A-dam come to save the hell-bound man; Christ the  
 price of our re-demp-tion. See the Fa-ther's plan un-fold. Bring-ing  
 fore-taste of de-liv-'rance! How un-wav-er-ing our hope! Christ in



Christ, who con-de-scen-ded, took on flesh to ran-som us.  
 great and sure ful-fill-ment of the law in Him we stand.  
 ma-ny sons to glo-ry: grace un-meas-ured, love un-told.  
 po-wer re-sur-rec-ted, as we will be when He comes.

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# Weekly Information

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**11/10 Attendance:** 636

Sunday School: 159

**Deacons on Duty:**

Ben Commerford, Ralph Haddock,  
and Tyler Strow

**Elder on Call:**

Ken Iverson

**Giving Report:** For more info, visit [tcPCA.org/give](http://tcPCA.org/give)

September Actual Giving: \$183,350

September Giving Goal: \$170,410

**Difference: +\$12,940**

Fiscal Year Actual Giving (Oct-Sep): \$2,071,027

Fiscal Year Giving Goal (Oct-Aug): \$2,047,276

**Difference: +\$23,751**

## Sunday School 10:20-11:05AM

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

### Children & Teens

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**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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**Bridge Class** » Lower Level Boardroom

Studying the book "With: Reimagining the Way  
You Relate to God" by Skye Jethani

*Led by Will Witherington*

**Vine Class** » Lower Level Classroom

Studying "Subjects of Theology" using Michael  
Horton's book "Pilgrim Theology"

*Led by Mark Randle*

**Veritas** » Parlor

Studying the book of Psalms,

*Led by Ron Whitley & Mark Deicher*

## Calendar

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### Sunday, November 17

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, Sunday School

11:10-11:35am, Children's Choir Gr. 2-6, Fellowship Hall

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

12:30pm, Veterans Day Luncheon

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

### Wednesday, November 20

9:00am, Morning Women's Bible Study

12:00pm, Men's Bible Study

6:20pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal

6:45pm, Youth Group

7:00pm, Evening Women's Bible Study

### Thursday, November 21

12:30 pm, Access Prayer Group

### Sunday, November 24

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, Sunday School

11:10-11:35am, Children's Choir Gr. 2-6, Fellowship Hall

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

### Future Events

December 15, Lessons & Carols

# Announcements

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## **Sunday School and Children's Gospel Storytime**

There will be no Sunday School and Children's Gospel Storytime on Sunday, December 1st.

## **Thanksgiving Basket Ministry**

Each year, the Mercy Committee provides Thanksgiving baskets (care packages) to some members of our congregation and needy people within the community. If you or someone you know could benefit from a basket, please contact Verne Kern at [vernekernasw@gmail.com](mailto:vernekernasw@gmail.com)

## **Angel Tree**

This Sunday, the 17th is the last week to select an Angel for our Angel Tree Ministry. If you are interested in purchasing one gift for a child (\$20) on behalf of their incarcerated parent please stop by the Angel Tree table between services. For more information about Angel Tree, contact Crystal Smith at [russandcrystal08@gmail.com](mailto:russandcrystal08@gmail.com) or 859-321-7323.

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