



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.

Order of Worship

November 24, 2019 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude *Fantasia on Old Hundredth* (arr. Lloyd Larson)

Handbell Choir

Call to Worship Psalm 96

LEADER:

Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

PEOPLE:

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

LEADER:

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

PEOPLE:

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

LEADER:

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

PEOPLE:

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

LEADER:

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

PEOPLE:

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, “The Lord reigns!”

Hymn of Rejoicing *Let All Things Now Living #125*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.

His banners are o’er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
’Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

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His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
‘Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
“To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!”

Invocation

Baptism

9:00 - Annalise Hadden Webster, daughter of Zach & Liz Webster

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, Annalise, though you do not know it yet.

RENEW

 Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading

 Psalm 118:5-21 (Pew Bible p. 511)

Read by Allister Littrell

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:

Heavenly Father, your promises are boundless, but we confess our distrust.

You are sovereign, but we fear our circumstances. You are faithful, but we

fear the future. You are mighty, but we fear the world. You are gracious,

but we fear our sins. You are risen, but we fear our death. We believe, help

our unbelief...

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

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 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.

Repentance of God's People

MINISTER:

Do you turn from the vanity of your fears?

MINISTER:

Do you return to the surety of your God?

PEOPLE:

We do.

PEOPLE:

We do.

Assurance of God's Pardon from Luke 12

MINISTER:

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn of Renewal *He Will Hold Me Fast* **Music on Page 9**

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith from Westminster Shorter Catechism

LEADER:

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

PEOPLE:

The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

LEADER:

What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

PEOPLE:

The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

LEADER:

How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

PEOPLE:

In revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

LEADER:

How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

PEOPLE:

In his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

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LEADER:

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

PEOPLE:

In subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

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 in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: '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

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* (arr. Dan Forrest)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, my treasure thou art. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word, I ever with thee and thou with me Lord; thou my great Father, I thy true Son, thou in me dwelling and I with thee one. Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only, first in my heart, high king of heaven, my treasure thou art. High king of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun, heart of my own heart whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

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.

Scripture Reading Romans 8:31-32 (Pew Bible p. 944)

MINISTER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham, Senior Minister

“Gospel Invincibility”

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

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.

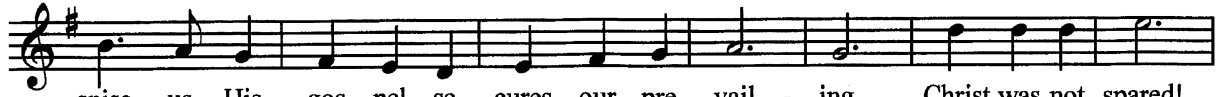
Communion

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.

Hymn of Response *Our God Is for Us* (Words by R.H. Cunningham)



1. Our God is for us, His might-y sal - va - tion un - fail - ing. Though foes de -
 2. Our God is for us when trou-bles a - rise and be - siege thee. When strength is
 3. Our God is for us though Sa - tan now seeks to de - stroy thee. Hell - ish do -
 4. Our God is for us when flesh-ly temp - ta - tions and fail - ings mock God's as -
 5. Our God is for us, yes, this is the hope of all glo - ry. "You are now



spise us, His gos - pel se - cures our pre - vail - ing. Christ was not spared!
 fail - ing, when grief is the theme of thy sto - ry. Christ was not spared!
 min - ions with ha - tred do plot thy un - do - ing. Christ was not spared!
 sur - anc - es, fill thee with fear, shame and doubt - ing. Christ was not spared!
 Mine and se - cure!" says the Lord God Al - might - y. Christ was not spared!



Now God can firm-ly de - clare fav - or and love with-out end - ing.
 Now God can firm-ly de - clare: This too shall be for thy glo - ry.
 Now God can firm-ly de - clare e - vil's de - mise and thy vict' - ry.
 Now God can firm-ly de - clare: Righteous-ness is now thy cloth - ing.
 Now God can firm-ly de - clare: Noth-ing shall threat-en My fam' - ly!

Benediction

MINISTER:
Go love your God;

PEOPLE:
Go love your neighbor.

Postlude *Bell Symphony* (by Henry Purcell)



Today's Musicians

Deb Endean, piano
Jane Ritter, organ

The flowers today are given by Joe & Chloe Gabbard in celebration of the birth and homecoming of their firstborn daughter, Clementine Elizabeth Gabbard.
To God be the Glory, great things he hath done!

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
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Janet Whitley
JJWhitley@twc.com

Hymn of Renewal *He Will Hold Me Fast* (by Merker)

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er
2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-cious in his
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just-ice has been

would pre-vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev-er, keep my hold
ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His
sat-is-fied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life,

Through life's fear-ful path; For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me
Prom-is-es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me
He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at

fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
fast.
last!

For my Sa-vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Weekly Information

11/17 Attendance: 663

Sunday School: 171

Deacons on Duty:

Brent Holuta, Ken Iverson, and
Devin Johnson

Elder on Call:

Tim Green

Giving Report:

 For more info, visit tcPCA.org/give

October Actual Giving: \$170,719

October Giving Goal: \$196,000

Difference: -\$25,281

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

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

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

Wednesday, November 27

12:00 pm, Men’s Bible Study

6:20 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 1

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

Future Events

December 15, Lessons & Carols

Announcements

No Sunday School or Children's Gospel Storytime Next Week

There will be no Sunday School and Children's Gospel Storytime next 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

Combined Sunday School Breakfast for Bridge & Vine Classes

Join us on December 8th between services for a combined breakfast for the Bridge & Vine classes. This will be held in the Lower Level, and all attendees are encouraged to bring their favorite breakfast item.

Lost and Found

As the holidays are approaching, we are preparing for visitors and various events and will be utilizing our closet space. Please check the coat closets and Lost and Found cabinet for anything that belongs to you. Any items left after December 1 will be donated.

Christmas Cantata Breakfast

On Sunday, December 15th, the church will be hosting a breakfast for the choir, orchestra, and staff between services, and we would love your help in making this a success! You can sign up to bring a dish, help with setup, or help with cleanup. To sign up, please go to tcpca.org/cantata.

Millcreek Christmas Party

The Mercy Committee will be hosting their annual Christmas Party for families of Millcreek Elementary. During this event, TCPC provides families with a meal, games/crafts, and gifts for the children. This year, we will be hosting 8 families with a total of 28 children on Saturday, December 14th. If you would like to provide or sponsor a gift for a child, please contact Verne Kern at vernekernasw@gmail.com.

Women's Ministry Evening of Worship

Ladies, please join us as we prepare our hearts for Advent during our annual Evening of Worship at 6:30 PM on Sunday, December 8. We will be having a time of fellowship in the Lower Level followed by a time of reflection and worship in the Sanctuary. Please bring a savory or salty snack to share.

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