

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

December 8, 2019 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude *Children, Go Where I Send Thee* (Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram)
TCPC Children’s Choir

Call to Worship from Psalm 150

LEADER:

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

PEOPLE:

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

LEADER:

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

PEOPLE:

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

LEADER:

Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

PEOPLE:

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Hymn of Rejoicing *Angels We Have Heard on High* #214

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.

REFRAIN:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav’nly song? (**REFRAIN**)

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new-born King. (**REFRAIN**)

Invocation

Membership Vows

9:00 - Matt Burton

11:15 - Ginny Ethington, Whitney Love, Josh Phelps, Bethany Radcliffe,
Eli & Hannah Sowder, Vivian Sowder

Scripture Reading Genesis 3:14-15 (Pew Bible p. 2)

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 confess our fears, doubts, and discontent...

PEOPLE:

Come, Lord Jesus, our hope depends upon your advent.

MINISTER:

We confess our despondency, ingratitude, and grumbling...

PEOPLE:

Come, Lord Jesus, our joy depends upon your advent.

MINISTER:

We confess our bitterness, divisiveness, and hostility...

PEOPLE:

Come, Lord Jesus, our love depends upon your advent.

MINISTER:

We confess our restlessness, anxieties, and despair...

PEOPLE:

Come, Lord Jesus, our peace depends upon your advent.

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

MINISTER:

Have your idols failed you?

MINISTER:

Has Jesus failed you?

MINISTER:

Are you willing and eager to turn from that
which can never satisfy and return to Jesus,
the rightful end of every longing?

PEOPLE:

Always

PEOPLE:

Never.

PEOPLE:

We are.

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."

Assurance of God's Pardon from Galatians 4

MINISTER:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn of Renewal *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen* #211

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;

REFRAIN:

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name. **(REFRAIN)**

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might." **(REFRAIN)**

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm, and wind:
And went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find. **(REFRAIN)**

Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

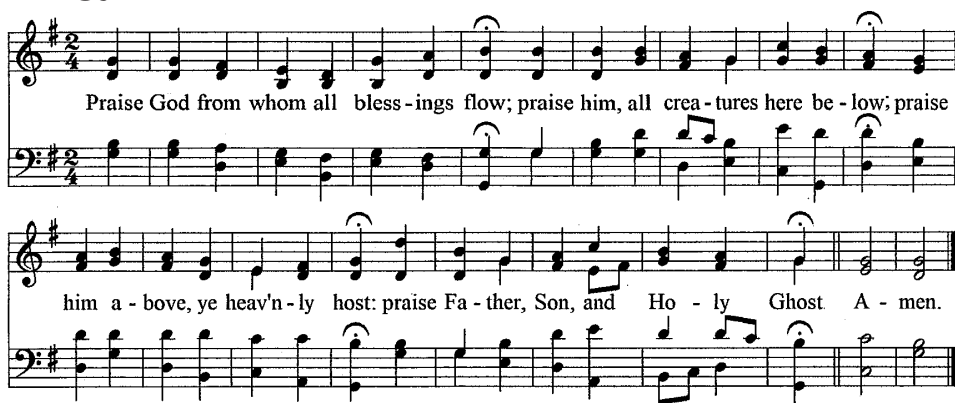
LEADER:

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.

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Brightest and Best* (Early American Hymn; arr. Kirchner)

Sarah Glenn, violin; Bonnie Griffioen, cello

Hail the blessed morn, see the great Mediator down from the regions of glory descend! Shepherds go worship the babe in the manger, lo, for his guard the bright angels attend. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid. Star in the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining, low lies his bed with the beasts of the stall. Angels adore him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Savior of all. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid. Star in the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion, odors of Edom and offerings

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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.

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

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 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #194

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

REFRAIN:

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe. **(REFRAIN)**

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. **(REFRAIN)**

O come, thou Day-spring from on high
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. **(REFRAIN)**

O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. **(REFRAIN)**

Benediction

MINISTER:

Go love your God;

PEOPLE:

Go love your neighbor.

Postlude *In Dulci Jubilo* (J S Bach)



Today's Musicians

Jane Ritter, organ
Deb Endean, piano
Sarah Glenn, violin
Bonnie Griffioen, cello

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

Weekly Information

12/1 Attendance: 562

Sunday School: N/A

Deacons on Duty:

Billy Lanter, Matt McEwen,
and Jay Siekmann

Elder on Call:

Les Olson

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 & Vine Class » Lower Level
Combined breakfast for both classes.

Veritas » Parlor

Studying the book of Psalms,

Led by Ron Whitley & Mark Deicher

Calendar

Sunday, December 8

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, Sunday School

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

Wednesday, December 11

6:30 am, Men's Bible Study

12:00 pm, Men's Bible Study

6:20 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 12

7:00 am, Company of Men

Sunday, December 15

9:00 am, Christmas Cantata

10:20 am, No Sunday School

11:15 am, Christmas Cantata

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

Announcements

Christmas Eve Service

Join us at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 24 for our Christmas Eve service. There will be a special missions offering during this service. No nursery or childcare will be available during this service.

LeeAnn Raleigh and the Nursery Director Position

TCPC would like to celebrate the faithful service of LeeAnn Raleigh as our Nursery Director. For the past two years, LeeAnn has dedicated countless hours to the spiritual growth of our children. She will be transitioning out of this role into being a full-time mom to her two sweet little girls. We would love for you to be in prayer as we begin the search for our next director. If you have questions, please contact Will Witherington at wwitherington@tcpca.org

Combined Sunday School Breakfast for Bridge & Vine Classes

Join us today between services for a combined breakfast for the Bridge & Vine classes.

Christmas Cantata Breakfast

Next 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 tonight at 6:30 PM. 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.

Sound System Ministry Volunteer Needed

Do you have an interest in serving by running the sound system for the worship services? Please call or email David Hamrin at 859-806-4900 or drhamrin@yahoo.com

Year-End Giving Information

Year-End Gifts

If you are praying about making a year-end gift, please consider giving to what the Lord is doing in and through the movement of TCPC. All 2019 gifts have to be postmarked or given online **by 11:59 pm on December 31st**. All contributions received after then will count towards your 2020 giving.

If you are mailing a check, please make the check out to TCPC and send it to:

Tates Creek Presbyterian Church
3900 Rapid Run Drive Lexington KY 40515

For online giving, go to tcpca.org/give

If you are making a stock donation, please make sure you give enough time for the transaction to process before December 31st. For more information about this please visit tcpca.org/give or send an email to Bobby Pepiot at bpepiot@tcpca.org.

Reviewing Your 2019 Giving

Confirm the accuracy of your statement by logging in to TouchPoint at tcpca.tpsdb.com. For more information about TouchPoint, visit tcpca.org/touchpoint

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