

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.

### 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 29, 2019 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

### Prelude

### Call to Worship from Psalm 29, 63, 67

LEADER:

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

**PEOPLE:**

**Then we will bless you as long as we live; in your name we lift up our voices.**

LEADER:

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

**PEOPLE:**

**Let us bless our God; let the sound of his praise be heard from our lips.**

### Hymn of Rejoicing *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* #218

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth;

**REFRAIN:**

**Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.**

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light: **(REFRAIN)**

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: **(REFRAIN)**

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear; **(REFRAIN)**

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
Evermore your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One: **(REFRAIN)**

### Invocation

### Welcome, Announcements, and Pastoral Prayer

## Membership Vows

9:00 - Brandon & Kathryn Gaines

## Baptism

9:00 - Henry Thomas Gaines, son of Brandon & Kathryn Gaines

11:15 - Walker Lee Anderson, son of Eric & Shannon Anderson

## 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, Henry/Walker, though you do not know it yet.**

## RENEW Receive the grace of God

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### Scripture Reading Isaiah 25:6-9 (Pew Bible p. 586)

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:

**Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves.**

**Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill**

**us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard,**

**your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without**

**them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused mind with your**

**word, heal our divided will with your law, heal our troubled conscience with**

**your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your**

**Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

### 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.

## 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 Isaiah 55:6-9

MINISTER:

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## Greeting of the Peace of Christ

### The Hymn *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

**REFRAIN:**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light. **(REFRAIN)**

The shepherds feared and trembled,  
When lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth. **(REFRAIN)**

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn. **(REFRAIN)**

## Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

### UNISON:

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic<sup>†</sup> and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

<sup>†</sup> Worldwide communion of faith, past, present, and future.

## 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 *Were It Not for Grace* (Hamilton/McHugh)

Philip Webb, tenor

### 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** Luke 14:7-24 (Pew Bible p. 873)

MINISTER: **PEOPLE:**  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**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.

**Sermon** Sam Taaffe, RUF Minister at University of Kentucky

**“The Season of Feasting”**

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# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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## 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** *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery* **Music on Page 9**

## Benediction

MINISTER:

Go love your God;

**PEOPLE:**

**Go love your neighbor.**

## Postlude



## Today's Musicians

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Deb Endean, piano

Jane Ritter, organ

## 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

Kathryn Lyon  
**KRL40502@aol.com**

Janet Whitley  
**JJWhitley@twc.com**

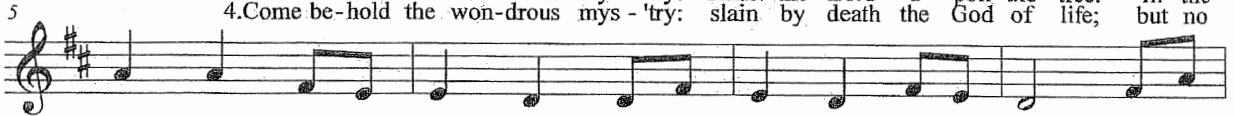


# Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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



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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  
stead of ru-ined sin-ners hangs the Lamb in vic-to-ry. See the  
9 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-way-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-measured, 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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**12/22 Attendance:** 568

**Deacons on Duty:**

Wesley Anderson, Justin Provost,  
and John Stewart

**Elder on Call:**

Wayne Marlowe

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

November Actual Giving:	\$159,184	YTD Actual Giving (Oct-Nov):	\$327,193
November Giving Goal:	\$156,417	YTD Actual Expenses (Oct-Nov):	\$352,417
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>+\$3,434</b>	<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$25,224</b>

## Calendar

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### Sunday, December 29

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God  
11:15 am, Worship of the Living God  
2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

### Tuesday, December 31

TCPC Office Closed

### Wednesday, January 1

TCPC Office Closed

### Sunday, January 5

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

January 12, Senior Ministry Luncheon  
January 19, Congregational Meeting  
February 13-16, Good of the Bluegrass Conference

## Year-End Giving Information

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### 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](http://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](http://tcpca.org/give) or send an email to Bobby Pepiot at [bpepiot@tcpca.org](mailto:bpepiot@tcpca.org).

### Reviewing Your 2019 Giving

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

# Announcements

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## **TCPC Office Holiday Hours**

The TCPC Office will be closed on December 31 and January 1.

## **No Sunday School and Children's Gospel Storytime**

There will be no Sunday School and Children's Gospel Storytime through the end of the year. Sunday School and Children's Gospel Storytime will resume January 5.

## **Fifth Sunday Fellowship - December 29**

Join us tonight for Fifth Sunday Fellowship event from 5:00-7:00 PM in the Gym. We will have inflatables and Raising Cane's chicken fingers and salad for all. Feel free to bring any leftover Christmas desserts to share with all!

## **Congregational Meeting on January 19**

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, January 19 during the Sunday School hour.

## **Good of the Bluegrass Conference**

We are excited to announce that we are two months away from the Good of the Bluegrass Conference! The conference will take place February 13-16, 2020, and we are honored to be joined by this year's speaker, Dr. Dan Doriani, professor of theology and ethics at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. Mark your calendars - registration to come soon!

## **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, and she will be transitioning out of this role soon. 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](mailto:wwitherington@tcpca.org)

## **TCPC Basketball League**

The TCPC Men's Basketball League is now open for registration! The first day of the season will begin January 12th, and the tournament will be on March 28th and 29th. Sign up at [tcpca.org/basketball](http://tcpca.org/basketball). If you have any questions, please contact Nate Jones at [njones@tcpca.org](mailto:njones@tcpca.org).

## **Senior Ministry Luncheon on January 12**

Save the date! The next Senior Ministry luncheon will be held right after the second service on January 12, 2020. All ages are invited for a delicious catered meal and great fellowship! More information to follow.

## **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](mailto:drhamrin@yahoo.com)

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