



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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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“It’s the miracle and scandal that God justifies ungodly people through the finished work of Christ on the cross. God accepts unacceptable people, God honors shameful people, God treats fools and harlots with royal dignity as Jesus steps into our place at the cross and bears our real moral guilt far away upon Himself. That’s how God our judge becomes God our justifier. And if God forgives you, isn’t that enough?”

- Raymond C. Ortlund Jr.

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

September 6, 2020 at 9:00AM, 11:00AM, and 1:00PM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude

Call to Worship from Psalm 95

LEADER: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for He is our God

PEOPLE: And we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

LEADER: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

PEOPLE: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

Hymn of Rejoicing *O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*

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O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears
‘Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin
He sets the pris’ner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

Hear Him ye deaf, ye voiceless ones
Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind behold your Savior come
And leap ye lame for joy

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread thru all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name

Welcome & Announcements

Membership Vows

9:00 - Alex & Laura Heister, Stephen & Deborah Lynerd

Baptism

11:00 - Chloe Grace Crowley, daughter of Andy & Lily Crowley

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, Chloe, though you do not know it yet.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading John 8:2-11

Early in the morning He came again to the temple. All the people came to Him, and He sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" This they said to test Him, that they might have some charge to bring against Him. Jesus bent down and wrote with His finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask Him, He stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." And once more He bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

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LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

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.

Confession of God's People

Based on 2 Peter 1:5-7

LEADER: You have called us to supplement our faith with a generous provision of moral excellence,

PEOPLE: Yet we have been stingy and apathetic in our faith.

LEADER: And moral excellence with knowledge,

PEOPLE: Yet we have merely accumulated information.

LEADER: And knowledge with self-control,

PEOPLE: Yet we have been impulsive and reactionary.

LEADER: And self-control with patient endurance,

PEOPLE: Yet we have been impatient and have grown weary.

LEADER: And patient endurance with godliness,

PEOPLE: Yet we have become more like the world.

LEADER: And godliness with brotherly affection,

PEOPLE: Yet we have shown indifference and hate to our brother.

LEADER: And brotherly affection with love for everyone,

PEOPLE: Yet we have chosen to love only those who are like us.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Will you turn from your apathetic approach to godliness?

PEOPLE: We will

LEADER: Will you turn to your faithful Savior who pursues you with patient endurance?

PEOPLE: We will

Assurance of God's Pardon

Ephesians 2:8-10

MINISTER: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Hymn of Renewal *I Surrender All*

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All to Jesus I surrender all to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him in His presence daily live

All to Jesus I surrender only at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken take me Jesus take me now.

REFRAIN:

**I surrender all I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior I surrender all**

All to Jesus I surrender make me Savior wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit truly know that Thou art mine. (**REFRAIN**)

All to Jesus I surrender all to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him in His presence daily live (**REFRAIN**)

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith The Apostles Creed

UNISON: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic[†] Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

[†] Worldwide communion of faith, past, present, and future.

Doxology

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.

Hymn of Preparation *Be Thou My Vision*

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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 Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and 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

Scripture Reading Isaiah 53

- 1**Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- 2**For He grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him,
and no beauty that we should desire Him.
- 3**He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.
- 4**Surely He has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
- 5**But He was pierced for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities;
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with His wounds we are healed.

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- 6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on Him
the iniquity of us all.
- 7 He was oppressed, and He was afflicted,
yet he opened not His mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so He opened not His mouth.
- 8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away;
and as for His generation, who considered
that He was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?
- 9 And they made His grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in His death,
although He had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in His mouth.
- 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush Him;
He has put Him to grief;
when His soul makes an offering for guilt,
He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.
- 11 Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied;
by His knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and He shall bear their iniquities.
- 12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many,
and He shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because He poured out His soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet He bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, **but the Word of the Lord stands forever.**

Sermon Rev. Will Witherington, Assistant Minister

“Where Do You Find Yourself?”

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.

SACRAMENT OF 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.

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!

PLEASE NOTE:

Communion elements were passed out as you entered the Sanctuary. If you did not receive elements, please raise your hand and they will be brought to you. A gluten-free option is available as well.

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 *Only Christ* (Music on Page 10)

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Benediction

MINISTER:
Go love your God;

PEOPLE:
Go love your neighbor.

Postlude



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

August Giving:	\$209,571	YTD Giving (Oct-Aug):	\$2,067,860
August Goal:	\$167,188	YTD Expenses (Oct-Aug):	\$2,209,885
Difference:	+\$42,382	Difference:	-\$142,025

Thank you for the encouraging response to Robert's letter in the month of August. Our budget for September is \$283,755.

Only Christ

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Erik Dewar



1. Scar - let crimes white as snow through Christ, on - ly Christ.
2. For be - hold Heav - en's plan through Christ, on - ly Christ.
3. On the cross Love is shown through Christ, on - ly Christ.
4. Hist - 'ry's hope sealed in stone 'twas Christ, on - ly Christ.
5. Bold - ly come to His throne through Christ, on - ly Christ.



Crim - son red now like wool through Christ, on - ly Christ.
Son of God, Son of Man He left par - a - dise
Debt is paid, sin a - toned, through Christ, on - ly Christ.
Then a breath broke the dawn from Christ, on - ly Christ.
Find - ing grace, grace a - lone through Christ, on - ly Christ.



Once for all, like a flood, made us pure; called us good.
Not to judge the de - praved, but to free those en - slaved,
Pil - ate mocked: "What is truth?" as the nails pierced Him through,
On the third, Death was killed, tem - ple stone, Christ re - built.
Draw - ing near through our Priest, not con - demned, now at peace,



Sprink - led clean with His blood through Christ, on - ly Christ.
that the world might be saved through Christ, on - ly Christ.
see the veil torn in two through Christ on - ly Christ.
Jon - ah's sign now ful - filled through
soon as guests at His feast through



17 Christ! Now the grave it has passed! He's the first and the
Christ! Lord, with praise we pro - claim, "There is no oth - er



21 last. Faith is found, Hope is cast on Christ, on - ly Christ.
name, by which all might be saved but Christ, on - ly Christ.

Announcements

A New Way of Doing Sunday School: “Sunday School Pods”

Next month, we will be starting a new way of doing Sunday School that we’re calling “Sunday School Pods.” These will be inter-generational educational opportunities for everyone in our church. These small groups (small enough to practice social distancing in classrooms across the building) will meet each Sunday from 10:10-10:50, and the theme for this Fall is “Stories from Genesis.” 5th Graders and younger may attend a Children’s Sunday School class for their age if the parent chooses (more info about these classes coming soon), but please know that they are welcome in these Pods, which are being designed for all ages. Pod assignments will happen next month. Sign up today at tcpca.org/pods or email Mark Randle with any questions at mrandle@tcpca.org.

VERITAS Sunday School Class

The VERITAS Adult Sunday School class will return to a study of the Epistle to the Galatians, Chapters 3-6, beginning September 13th. Our teacher will be Ron Whitley. You are welcome to join us in the Parlor, or virtually via Zoom. Kindly e-mail Harry Standinger (hstandin@hotmail.com) if you plan to attend in-person, or to receive a link to the virtual meeting.

Foundations Weekend - October 16-17

Registration is now open for our next membership class on October 16-17. The sessions will be Friday night and Saturday morning, and breakfast and dinner are provided. We invite anyone who is interested in pursuing membership and learning more about our church history and theology. To sign up, go to tcpca.org/foundations. Please email Nate Jones with any questions at njones@tcpca.org

Parish Groups Starting in September

Parish Groups will be resuming in September! In light of the complexity of in-person gathering due to Covid 19, we aim to keep Parish Groups as simple as possible for the new year. Therefore, you will not need to sign up for a group this fall, but the groups from last year will remain in place. You will be hearing from your Parish Group leader in the coming weeks! If you are new to Parish Groups, or if you would like to be reassigned to a new group, email Mark Randle (mrandle@tcpca.org) and he will get you in a group.

Youth Group

Starting Wednesday September 9th, we will hold Youth Group each Wednesday from 7:00-8:30, either in the TCPC Fellowship Hall or on the soccer field (weather permitting). Our hope is that each week we can have teaching, games, and small groups. We will be requiring students and small group leaders to wear masks, and we will be adhering to all other local COVID restrictions so that we can continue to meet. This means there will be a few changes: we will be spreading out through the much larger Fellowship Hall, we will not have food on Wednesday nights, and any games we play will be adjusted for social distancing. If and when guidelines change, we will adapt accordingly. Feel free to email Mac Holt with any questions at mholt@tcpca.org.

Company of Men

Company of Men resumes on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 am. We will be meeting at TCPC in the lower level this fall. Company of Men is a wonderful way for men to enjoy fellowship, study the Bible and pray for one another (we also discuss various other topics!). If you have any questions, please email Mark Randle: mrandle@tcpca.org.

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Women's Bible Studies

The Women's Bible Study for the fall will begin on September 16. We will be using Nancy Guthrie's 'The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books' which is available through several online sources. Various meeting options, including in-person at church, in-person at someone's home, and Zoom will be available. You can learn more and sign up for either the morning or evening Bible Study online at tcpca.org/women.

LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together)

LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together) will be starting again towards the end of September 2020. We will meet in small groups of 6-9 women in a home once a month, September through April. This year we will be visiting together and discussing "Union with Christ" by Rankin Wilbourne. Home group option & zoom option are available 2020-2021. Please visit tcpca.org/women to sign up online. The deadline for signups will be Friday, September 4th. If you have any questions please contact, Mary Beth Moore at 859-327-5527, or Kelly-Anne Bradley at 859-327-9258.

MDO Openings

Tates Creek Mother's Day Out program is starting back September 1st! We serve 1-4 year olds on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 1pm. We are still able to accommodate several more children this year! We are also looking for substitute teachers. Email Malisa Anderson at mado@tcpca.org if you are interested.

Job Openings at Trinity Christian Academy

Trinity is currently hiring for the following positions:

- Upper School Aide (seasonal)
- Lower School Aides (seasonal)
- Lower School Custodian (seasonal)

For more information, contact Melissa Feaster at mfeaster@trinitylex.org.

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