

# *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...*

“He came treading the waves, and so He puts the swelling tumults of life under His feet. Christians, why afraid?”

**- Augustine**

### **COVER ARTWORK**

*“John Writing” | On display at First Presbyterian Church, Van Wert, OH*

## 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

October 4, 2020 at 9:00AM and 11:00AM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

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### Prelude

### Call to Worship

LEADER: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God,...

**PEOPLE: ...and a great King above all gods.**

LEADER: In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down;...

**PEOPLE: ...let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

LEADER: For He is our God,...

**PEOPLE: ...and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

**UNISON: Today, if we hear His voice, let us not harden our hearts.**

### Hymn of Rejoicing *How Firm A Foundation*

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How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word  
What more can He say than to you He hath said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with thee O be not dismayed  
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid  
I’ll strengthen thee help thee  
And cause thee to stand  
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie  
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply  
The flames shall not hurt thee I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

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The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not I will not desert to its foes  
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake  
I'll never no never no never forsake  
*That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake*  
*I'll never no never no never forsake*

## Welcome & Announcements

### Membership Vows

9:00 - Philip Blackwell

### Baptism

11:00 - Austin Curtis Willard, Jr., son of Austin & Becky Willard

### 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, AJ, though you do not know it yet.**

## RENEW Receive the grace of God

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### Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 7:6-11

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set His love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that He swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations, and repays to their face those who hate Him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates Him. He will repay him to his face. You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.

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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.**

## 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 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.

## Confession of God's People

**UNISON: Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy, we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us. Forgive us for our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore us in such trust and love that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will.**

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

## Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Do you turn from your passion to consume that which leaves your soul unsatisfied?

**PEOPLE: We do**

LEADER: Do you turn from tolerating evil in your public and private life?

**PEOPLE: We do**

LEADER: Do you repent of doubting the Lord's power to provide all your needs?

**PEOPLE: We do**

## Assurance of God's Pardon Ephesians 2:4-5

LEADER: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved.

## Hymn of Renewal *Christ Is Mine Forevermore* **(Music on Page 10)**

Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson

## RESPOND Embrace the call of God

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## 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<sup>†</sup> Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

# Doxology

## Offertory Prayer

### Offertory Solo *When Love Was Slain*

Crystal Yates | Jennie Lee Riddle

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Jamal Sarikoki, Vocals

This world is not my home, this world is not my home  
My home's been made at heaven's throne, this world is not my home

This life is not my own, this life is not my own  
I am His and His alone, this life is not my own

*'Cause I was bought when love was slain  
What high cost to pay death's wage  
Now ransomed I am freedom's slave  
My Jesus raised me from the grave*

Come now and walk with me, come now and walk with me  
Together we our Lord shall meet, come now and walk with me

Soon Lord and very soon, soon Lord and very soon  
You'll come take me to be with You, soon Lord and very soon

## Scripture Reading Revelation 1:4-8

**4**John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, **5**and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood **6**and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. **7**Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen.

**8**"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

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LEADER:  
The Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:**  
**Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

## 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.



# Hymn of Response *The Church's One Foundation*

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The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord  
She is His new creation by water and the Word  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride  
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died

Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth  
Her charter of salvation one Lord one faith one birth  
One holy name she blesses partakes one holy food  
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won  
O happy ones and holy Lord give us grace that we  
Like them the meek and lowly on high may dwell with Thee

## Benediction

MINISTER: Go love your God;

PEOPLE: Go love your neighbor.

## Postlude



## Giving Report: For more info, visit [tcpca.org/give](http://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
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>+\$42,382</b>	<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$142,025</b>

## 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!



# Announcements

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## “One Step” Race Application

As we seek the glory of Christ and the good of the Bluegrass, we believe God is calling us to take seriously the issue of racial justice in our community. In light of this, we have created applications that we'd like everyone to consider: one step for your head, heart, and hands. Visit [tcpc.org/onestep](https://tcpc.org/onestep) to learn more.

## 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, please go to [tcpc.org/foundations](https://tcpc.org/foundations). Please email Nate Jones with any questions at [njones@tcpc.org](mailto:njones@tcpc.org)

## Job Openings at Trinity Christian Academy

Trinity is currently hiring for the following positions:

- Upper School Aide (seasonal)

For more information, contact Melissa Feaster at [mfeaster@trinitylex.org](mailto:mfeaster@trinitylex.org).

# Sunday School Pods & Children's Sunday School

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**Please check in at the entrance to the Gym for the following classes:**

**Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten:** Youth Room

**1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade:** Gym

**4th, 5th, and 6th Grade:** Gym

**Please check in at the Lower Level outer entrance for the following Pods:**

**Mac Holt Pod:** Lower Level Classroom

**Mark Randle Pod:** Lower Level Boardroom

**Please check in at the Trinity main entrance for the following Pods:**

**Nate Jones Pod:** Room 206 (above the Youth Room)

**Richmond Pod:** Fellowship Hall

# Hymn of Renewal *Christ Is Mine Forevermore* (Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson)



Mine are days that God has num - bered; I was  
Mine are tears in times of sor - row, dark - ness  
Mine are days here as a stran - ger, pil - grim



3 made to walk with Him. Yet I  
not yet un - der - stood. Through the  
on a nar - row way. One with



5 look for world - ly treas - ure and for -  
val - ley I must trav - el where I  
Christ I will en - coun - ter harm and



7 sake the King of kings. But mine is  
see no earth - ly good. But mine is  
ha - tred for His name. But mine is  
And mine are




9 hope in my Re - deem - er; though I  
peace that flows from heav - en, and the  
ar - mour for this bat - tle, strong e -  
keys to Zi - on ci - ty where be -



11 fall, His love is sure. For Christ has  
strength in times of need. I know my  
nough to last the war. And He has  
side the King I walk. For there my



13 paid for ev - 'ry fail - ing; I am  
 pain will not be wast - ed; Christ com -  
 said He will de - liv - er safe - ly  
 heart has found its treas - ure; Christ is



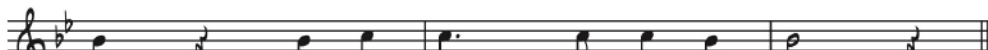
15 His for - ev - er - more.  
 pletes His work in me.  
 to the gold - en shore.  
 mine for - ev - er - more.



17 Come re - jice, now O my soul, for His



20 love is my re - ward. Fear is gone and hope is



23 sure; Christ is mine for - ev - er - more.

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