



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...

Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

- Charles Wesley

COVER ARTWORK

Christmas Roses, Claude Monet, 1883

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

December 20, 2020 at 9:00AM and 11:00AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude

Call to Worship

LEADER: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

PEOPLE: For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

LEADER: Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

PEOPLE: And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Joy To The World*

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Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and nature sing
And heav’n and heav’n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

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He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism

11:00 - Caroline Biery, daughter of Jordyn and Jordan Biery

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, Caroline, though you do not know it yet.

RENEW

 Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading

 Genesis 3:8-10

8And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9**But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" **10**And he said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

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

UNISON: Faithful Father, too often we doubt your faithfulness.

Though you are unfailing, we are still cynical.

Though you are trustworthy, we are still anxious.

Though you are strong, we are still fearful.

Though you are enough, we are still self-reliant.

O how ugly is our unbelief! It offends your character and insults your honor. We do not deserve your mercy, but your mercy is unfailing. We praise you that your promises are stronger than our doubts. In humility, we offer to you our individual fears and failures...

- 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.

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.

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Are you able to save?

PEOPLE: **Never**

LEADER: Is Christ able to save?

PEOPLE: **Always.**

LEADER: Do you return to him as your only hope?

PEOPLE: **We do**

Assurance of God's Pardon from John 3

LEADER: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Hymn of Renewal *Hark The Herald Angels Sing*

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Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King
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Confession of Faith from Westminster Catechism

LEADER: What is the chief end of man?

PEOPLE: The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

LEADER: What is God?

PEOPLE: God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

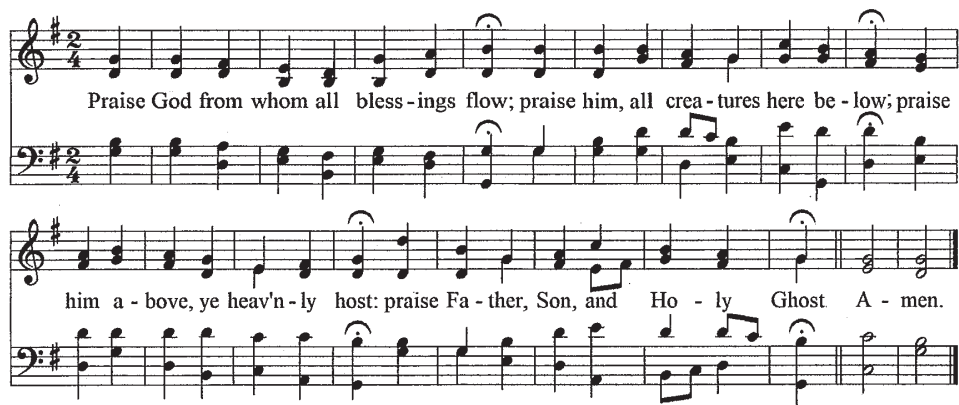
LEADER: Are there more Gods than one?

PEOPLE: There is but only one, the living and true God.

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



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

Hymn of Preparation *I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day* (Sheet Music on Page 10)

Henry W. Longfellow | Jean Baptiste Calkin; Chorus inspired by Mark Hall ©Public Domain

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth goodwill to men

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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.

I thought how as the day had come
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth goodwill to men

REFRAIN:

*Peace on Earth, peace on Earth
Peace on Earth, goodwill to men*

And in despair I bowed my head
There is no peace on earth I said
For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth goodwill to men

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
God is not dead nor doth He sleep
The wrong shall fail the right prevail
With peace on earth goodwill to men (**REFRAIN**)

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-23, Revelation 21:1-3

18Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. **19**And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. **20**But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21**She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." **22**All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call His name Immanuel"

1Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2**And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3**And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God.

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

Hymn of Response *O Come All Ye Faithful*

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O come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him born the King of angels

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

God of God
Light of light
Lo He abhors not the virgin's womb
Very God
Begotten not created

Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God
In the highest

Yea Lord we greet Thee born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be glory given
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing

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!

Benediction

MINISTER: Go love your God;

PEOPLE: Go love your neighbor.



Prayer Chain

If you would like to share prayer requests with our church prayer chain, we would love to pray for you. Please feel free to send an email to:

Kathryn Lyon
KRL40502@aol.com

Janet Whitley
janetjwhitley@gmail.com

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

November Giving:	\$213,308	Total FY Giving (Oct-Nov):	\$371,419
November Goal:	\$163,917	Total FY Expenses (Oct-Nov):	\$367,417
Difference:	+\$49,391	Difference:	+\$4,002

I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day

Henry W. Longfellow | Jean Baptiste Calkin

Chorus inspired by Mark Hall

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I heard the bells on Christ - mas Day, their
I thought how as the day had come, the
And in des - pair I bowed my head "There
Then pealed the bells more loud, and deep "God
old fam - il - iar car - ols play and wild and sweet the
bel - fries of all Chris - ten - dom had rolled a - long th'un
is no peace on earth," I said "For hate is strong and
is not dead, nor does He sleep! The wrong shall fail the
words re - peat "Peace on the earth, good will to men!"
bro - ken song of peace on earth, good will to men.
mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men."
right pre - vail with peace on earth good will to men!

After Verses 2 and 4

Peace on earth, Peace on earth Peace on earth good will to men!

Announcements

Mercy Fund Giving

If you would like to give towards the Mercy Ministry at TCPC, please send a text to 859-287-1144 with the message “Give”

We’d love to see your face!

Being socially-distant during the pandemic has meant that it’s been a while since we’ve seen each other’s faces, and we’d like to help. The same platform that helps you manage your giving (TouchPoint) also gives you a profile you can edit and add pictures to. The benefit to adding a picture to your profile is that it will appear in the TouchPoint Picture Directory for all other members to see! This directory is not public, so feel free to add a picture so that we can see your face again! Add your picture to TouchPoint by going to **tcpca.tpsdb.com** and editing your profile. You can view the Picture Directory by going to **tcpca.tpsdb.com/PictureDirectory**.

Please excuse our mess!

With the ministries of TCPC continuing to grow, we are making some layout changes to our office area and Lower Level. This includes relocating the Campus Outreach office to TCPC, updating the office area upstairs to accommodate our growing team, and a new Welcome Center in the Narthex. We are thankful for the Lord providing the resources for this project, and also for the providence in being able to take advantage of reduced ministry activity during this time due to COVID. In the meantime, the front office will be relocated to the Parlor.

Your 2020 Giving Statement for Tax-Filing Purposes

All giving statements will be accessible through TouchPoint, our online giving platform, and right now is a great time to log into TouchPoint and make sure we have all the latest contact info for you and your family. You can also see your giving history to ensure that all of your 2020 gifts were recorded accurately. Visit **tcpca.tpsdb.com** to log in and view your account.

Year-End Giving Information

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 2020 gifts need to be postmarked or given online by 11:59 pm on December 31st. All contributions received after December 31st will count towards your 2021 giving.

If you are mailing a check, please make the check out to “TCPC” and mail it to:
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 allow 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.

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