



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**, we would love to meet you and help you get connected. Please visit **tcpca.org/visitor** or scan the QR code to the left with your smartphone camera.

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

God is neither hard hearted or soft minded. He is tough minded enough to transcend the world. He is tender hearted enough to be in it. He leaves us not alone in our agonies and struggles. He seeks us in dark places and suffers with us and for us in our tragic prodigality.

- **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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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.

Order of Worship

January 17, 2021 at 9:00AM and 11:00AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude

Call to Worship

LEADER: We will give thanks to You, O LORD, with our whole hearts; we will tell of all Your wonderful deeds.

PEOPLE: We will be glad and exult in You; we will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

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

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

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

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Reading Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

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

LEADER: Love is patient...

PEOPLE: Forgive our impatience

LEADER: Love is kind...

PEOPLE: Forgive our bitterness

LEADER: Love does not envy...

PEOPLE: Forgive our jealousy

LEADER: Love does not boast...

PEOPLE: Forgive our arrogance

LEADER: Love does not insist on its own way...

PEOPLE: Forgive our stubbornness

LEADER: Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing...

PEOPLE: Forgive our evils

LEADER: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things...

PEOPLE: Forgive our failure to love in all things

- 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: Will you turn from your bitter thoughts, hateful words, and divisive actions?

PEOPLE: We will.

LEADER: Will you recommit yourself to love as you have been loved?

PEOPLE: We will.

Assurance of God's Pardon

LEADER: In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Hymn of Renewal *Rock Of Ages* (Sheet Music on Page 10)

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Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Cleanse me from its guilt and power

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and thou alone

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked come to thee for dress
Helpless look to thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath
When my eyelids close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See thee on thy judgment throne
Rock of ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee

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 blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation *Spirit Of The Living God*

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Spirit of the Living God
Fall fresh on me
Spirit of the Living God
Fall fresh on me
Melt me mold me
Fill me use me
Spirit of the Living God
Fall fresh on me

Confession of Faith

We confess together the convicting 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.

Scripture Reading Acts 11:1-18

1Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. **2**So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, **3**“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” **4**But Peter began and explained it to them in order: **5**“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. **6**Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. **7**And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ **8**But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ **9**But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ **10**This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. **11**And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. **12**And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. **13**And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; **14**he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ **15**As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. **16**And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ **17**If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” **18**When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

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

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham, Senior Minister

“Reviled to Reconciled”

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

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 *Jesus Strong And Kind* (Music on Page 11)

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Benediction

MINISTER: Go love your God;

PEOPLE: Go love your neighbor.



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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

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 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:

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Announcements

In-Person Church Activities

Our church leadership has decided to wait until January 26 (the next Session meeting) to make any changes to our current policy about in-person church activities. Until that time, Sunday morning worship will continue to be our only in-person church activity. All other ministries are encouraged to continue using virtual means of meeting.

Substitute Teachers for MDO

The Mom's Day Out program is looking for substitute teachers who can fill in when our teachers cannot attend. Send an email to mdo@tcpca.org if you would like more information.

Reminder About Lower Level Space for Families

The Lower Level is reserved each Sunday for families with young children, and it's a great place to worship for families who might need a little more space for children to move around until the Nursery is available again. You are welcome to head straight to the Lower Level if you would prefer this setting over the Sanctuary.

VERITAS Sunday School Class

The VERITAS Class will embark on a 13-week study of the Epistle of James beginning January 10th. Join us as we explore the question - How do we live faithfully as a follower of Jesus? Our teachers will be Ron Whitley and Mark Deicher. Kindly e-mail Harry Standinger (hstandin@hotmail.com) to receive a link to this virtual meeting.

Rock Of Ages

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1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in Thee;
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill Thy law's de - mands;
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to Thy cross I cling;
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from Thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to Thee for dress; help - less, look to Thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I ___ die
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in ___ Thee.

Jesus Strong And Kind

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Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.
Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.
Je - sus said if I am lost, He will come to me.



No one else can sat - is - fy, I should come to Him. *For the*
No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield, I should come to Him
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to Him.



Lord is good and faith - ful, He will keep us day and night. We can



al - ways come to Je - sus, Je - sus strong and kind.

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