



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...

“Christ has rescued us from the vanity of the world by subjecting Himself to that same vanity. He who is God chose to subject Himself to the conditions of a world under covenant curse in order to rescue the world from the effects of that curse.”

- Justin Holcomb

COVER ARTWORK

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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

February 28, 2021 at 9:00AM and 11:00AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude

Call to Worship

LEADER: Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

PEOPLE: Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!

LEADER: God has remembered God’s faithful ones.

PEOPLE: God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!

LEADER: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

PEOPLE: Rejoice, for God is truly with us. AMEN.

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

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

Pastoral Prayer

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER EMPHASIS:

The Cunningham family as Robert prepares for sabbatical!

The Lord's Prayer

UNISON: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Baptism

9:00 - Bonnie Jo Crawford, daughter of Josh and Tara Jo

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, Bonnie Jo, though you do not know it yet.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Psalm 88

O LORD, God of my salvation,
I cry out day and night before You.
Let my prayer come before You;
incline Your ear to my cry!
For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.
I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
I am a man who has no strength,
like one set loose among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.
You have put me in the depths of the pit,
in the regions dark and deep.
Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and You overwhelm me with all Your waves. *Selah*
You have caused my companions to shun me;
You have made me a horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
my eye grows dim through sorrow.

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Every day I call upon You, O LORD;
 I spread out my hands to You.
 Do You work wonders for the dead?
 Do the departed rise up to praise You? *Selah*
 Is Your steadfast love declared in the grave,
 or Your faithfulness in Abaddon?
 Are Your wonders known in the darkness,
 or Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
 But I, O LORD, cry to You;
 in the morning my prayer comes before You.
 O LORD, why do You cast my soul away?
 Why do You hide Your face from me?
 Afflicted and close to death from my youth up,
 I suffer Your terrors; I am helpless.
 Your wrath has swept over me;
 Your dreadful assaults destroy me.
 They surround me like a flood all day long;
 they close in on me together.
 You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me;
 my companions have become darkness.

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 and Repentance of God's People

O Lord Have Mercy © 2016 Steve Williamson

REFRAIN:

to be sung responsively on cue

O Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up-on us. O

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up-on us.

O God the Father, *have mercy upon us*;
 Creator of Heaven and earth, *have mercy upon us.* **(REFRAIN)**

O God the Son, *have mercy upon us*;
 Redeemer of the world, *have mercy upon us.* **(REFRAIN)**

O God the Holy Spirit, *have mercy upon us*;
 Sanctifier of the faithful, *have mercy upon us.* **(REFRAIN)**

Holy blessed and glorious Trinity, one God: *have mercy upon us.* **(REFRAIN)**

Assurance of God's Pardon

LEADER: Our God pardons our sins and forgives our disobedience. Our God does not stay angry forever. Instead, our God delights to show mercy. Our God again has compassion on us. Our God tramples our sins underfoot and hurls our iniquities into the depths of the sea. Give thanks to our God, for our God is good!

Hymn of Renewal *He Leadeth Me*

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He leadeth me O blessed thought
O words with heav'nly comfort brought
Whate'er I do, Where e'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

REFRAIN:

**He leadeth me He leadeth me
By His own hand He leadeth me
His faithful foll'wer I would be
For by His hand He leadeth me**

Lord I would clasp Your hand in mine
And never murmur or repine
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. **(REFRAIN)**

And when my task on earth is done
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since O, my God You leadeth me. **(REFRAIN)**

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith from Westminster Catechism

LEADER: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

PEOPLE: The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

LEADER: What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

PEOPLE: The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

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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.

LEADER: How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

PEOPLE: In revealing to us, by His Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

LEADER: How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

PEOPLE: In His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

LEADER: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

PEOPLE: In subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

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 *Pass Me Not* (Music on Page 10)

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Scripture Reading Acts 12:5-17

5So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

6Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. **7**And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. **8**And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." **9**And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. **10**When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. **11**When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent His angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

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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.

12When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. **13**And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. **14**Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. **15**They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!" **16**But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. **17**But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he departed and went to another place.

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

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham, Senior Minister
"Escape From Prison"

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 *My Heart Is Filled* (Music on Page 11)

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Benediction

MINISTER: Go love your God; **PEOPLE: Go love your neighbor.**

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.

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:

Kathryn Lyon
KRL40502@aol.com

Janet Whitley
janetjwhitley@gmail.com

Announcements

Family Worship in the Fellowship Hall

The pandemic has been difficult on everyone, especially young families. We are still unable to open the nursery at this time, but we do want to offer an option that would be beneficial for children and parents alike. That is why we are hosting Family Worship in the Fellowship Hall! We want this to feel as much like being in the Sanctuary as possible, while giving children a little more freedom to worship alongside you. Plus, there will be a five-minute children's time after the service specifically to minister to your children. Be sure to fill out the Family Worship RSVP form in advance!

Foundations Weekend for Membership

Registration is now open for our next membership class on March 5-6. The sessions will be Friday night and Saturday morning (dinner and breakfast are both provided at no cost). 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, or email Nate Jones with any questions at njones@tcpca.org

Your 2020 Giving Statement for Tax-Filing Purposes

All giving statements are now accessible through TouchPoint, our online giving platform. 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 to your profile. Select the "Giving" tab on your profile, and then click "Statements." Your 2020 Statement should be listed on that screen.

Preschool Teacher Needed for MDO

The TCPC Mother's Day Out Program is looking for a full-time preschool teacher! The hours are 8:30-1:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The teacher would work with a very sweet, small group of 3 and 4 year olds. Plus, if a candidate has a child 3- or 4-year-old, he or she is welcome to attend the program for free. If you would like to apply, please email Malisa Anderson at mdo@tcpca.org.

Company of Men

Company of Men will continue this week on Thursdays at 7:00 am. We will be meeting at TCPC in the lower level. 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 at mrandle@tcpca.org.

Trinity Job Openings

Trinity is looking for substitute teachers for all grades.. Send an email to Vicki White (vwhite@trinitylex.org) if you would like more information.

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

January Giving:	\$402,437	Total FY Giving (Oct-Jan):	\$1,122,984
January Goal:	\$134,940	Total FY Expenses (Oct-Jan):	\$948,357
Difference:	+\$267,497	Difference:	+\$174,627

Pass Me Not

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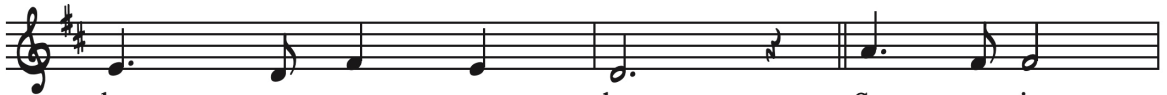
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Pass me not, O Gent - le Sa - vior, Hear my hum - ble
Let me at Thy throne of mer - cy find a sweet re -
Trust - ing on - ly in Thy mer - it, would I seek Thy
Thou the Spring of all my com - fort, more than life to



4 cry; While on oth - ers Thou art cal - ling,
lief, Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion;
face; Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it,
me, Whom have I on earth be - side - Thee?



7 do not pass me by. Sa - vior,
Help my un - be - lief.
Save me by Thy grace.
Whom in heav'n but Thee?



10 Sa - vior, Hear my hum - ble cry;



13 While on oth - ers Thou art cal - ling, do not pass me by.

My Heart Is Filled

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1. My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who bore my
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who walks be -
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who reigns a -



4 pain; Who — plumbd the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a -
side; Who — floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es fears to
bove; Whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is



8 gain. Who — crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in His
fly. Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I
love. {For — ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the



12 light and wrote His law of right-ous-ness with pow'r u - pon my heart.
take; sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
King. So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him. }

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