

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...

“The central problem of our age is not liberalism or modernism, nor the threat of communism, or even the threat of rationalism and the monolithic consensus which surrounds us. All these are dangerous but not the primary threat. The real problem is this: the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, individually and corporately, tending to do the Lord's work in the power of the flesh rather than of the Spirit.”

- Francis Schaeffer

COVER ARTWORK

Lilies of the Valley in a Blue Vase II, Helene Schjerfbeck, 1929

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

May 23, 2021 at 9:00AM and 11:00AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship

LEADER: Blessed are You, O LORD; teach us Your statutes!

PEOPLE: With our lips we declare all the rules of Your mouth.

LEADER: In the way of Your testimonies we delight as much as in all riches.

PEOPLE: We will meditate on Your precepts and fix our eyes on Your ways. We will delight in Your statutes; we will not forget Your word.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Praise To The Lord The Almighty*

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Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord Who over all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

Welcome & Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Pray for God's blessing on churches in the Bluegrass network

Membership Vows

9:00 - Jim Kearfott & Susan Sylvester, Jonathan & Heather Connell

11:00 - Ben Pelfrey

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Isaiah 61

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.
They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;
foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;
but you shall be called the priests of the LORD;
they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;
you shall eat the wealth of the nations,
and in their glory you shall boast.
Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion;
instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot;
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;
they shall have everlasting joy.

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For I the LORD love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

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.

Confession of God's People

UNISON: God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Do you repent of your ongoing pride in trusting in your own goodness?

PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: Do you repent of your lack of zeal for the ways of God?

PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: Do you return now to the sure and certain love of Your heavenly Father?

PEOPLE: We do.

Assurance of God's Pardon from 2 Corinthians 5:17

LEADER: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Hymn of Renewal *Abide With Me*

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Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless O abide with me

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r
Who like Thyself my Guide and Stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine O abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting where grave thy victory
I triumph still if Thou abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heav'n's morning breaks
And earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death O Lord abide with me

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.

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.

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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.

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 *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me* (Page 10)

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Scripture Reading Galatians 2:17-21

17But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! **18**For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. **19**For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. **20**I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. **21**I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

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

Sermon Rev. Mark Randle

“Dying to Live!”

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.

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 Song Is Love Unknown* (Page 11)

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Benediction

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



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April Giving:	\$196,053	Total FY Giving (Oct-Apr):	\$1,426,919
April Goal:	\$248,852	Total FY Expenses (Oct-Apr):	\$1,536,950
Difference:	-\$52,799	Difference:	-\$110,031

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

Tuesday Fun Nights for Kids and Families

This summer we will host six Tuesday evening events for the children and families of our church and community. Similar to Vacation Bible School, children and families will have the opportunity to hear God's Word, play fun games, and enjoy some food! The dates will be **June 15, 22, 29, and July 6, 13, 20, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.** Parents are invited to stay with their child(ren) if they choose to, but we also know that many of you would like a little break, so drop-off is also an option (must be entering Kindergarten or older for drop-off). Signup forms are coming soon! For more information email Will Witherington at wwitherington@tcpca.org.

Assurance Baby Bottle Blessings

Mother's Day started the beginning of Assurance Pregnancy Center's annual Baby Bottle Blessings campaign. This is a crucial ministry that provides free and confidential medical services and support to those facing unplanned pregnancies and struggling from past abortions. There are two options to participate this year. You can pick up a bottle(s) as you leave church on Sunday and fill it with cash, coins, or checks made out to Assurance. Bottles are to be returned to the church by Sunday, June 21. (Father's Day) You may also give online starting today via the button below.

Church Kickball League Starting Soon!

We are excited to announce the start of the inaugural TCPC kickball league! Games will be played each Sunday evening in June on the TCPC soccer field. This co-ed league will be for anyone over the age of 12 who desires to have fun while being competitive! You must register to play and teams will be formed in the coming days. If you are interested, or if you have any questions, please contact Mac Holt, mholt@tcpca.org. We hope this will be a fun event for the whole church! Registration is due this Friday, May 28.

Adult Sunday School Class

The VERITAS Class will embark on an 8-week study of the Epistles of John beginning May 9th. We will be meeting both in-person in the basement classroom, and on-line via video conferencing. Join us as we explore the question - how can believers know with confidence that they possess eternal life? Our teachers will be Ron Whitley and Mark Deicher. Kindly e-mail Harry Standinger (hstandin@hotmail.com) to receive a Zoom link.

Next Step Campaign

Please take time to visit our "Next Step Campaign" website and watch Robert's video. In this video, Robert will overview the vision we feel the Lord is calling TCPC to in the coming years. This vision includes a continued movement of church-planting throughout our region, growth of current TCPC ministries, and much needed renovations to our facility at Rapid Run. We are trusting the Lord to provide \$1.5 million in additional giving over the next 3 years, and 80% of this has already been pledged! Upon watching the video and visiting the website, please prayerfully consider how you can partner financially in this vision. **Please submit pledges by May 31.**

The King's Brass Concert

We are excited to announce that on Friday June 18th at 7pm we will be hosting The King's Brass in concert. 3 Trumpets, 3 Trombones, Tuba, Keyboards, and Percussion. This will be an unforgettable concert that you'll want to attend. The concert is FREE, and a freewill offering will be taken to offset the cost. This is also the group with whom our music director, Stephen Lynerd toured for 9 seasons as solo percussionist. Bring the whole family and friends.

Senior Ministry Memoir Project

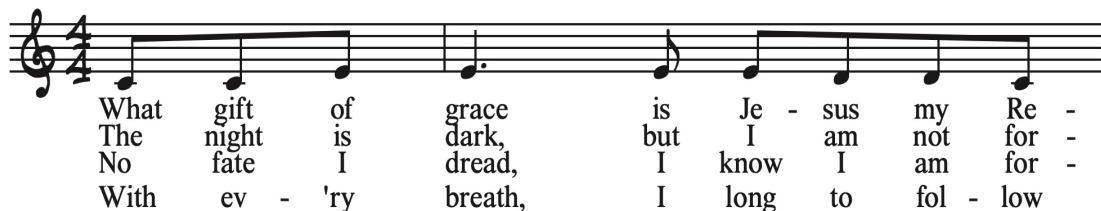
The Senior Ministry is launching a Memoir Project for anyone interested in leaving a personal history for your family but don't know where or how to begin. It will be led by the co-director, Jody Hicks, and will start as a Zoom meeting for about an hour once a week, at a daytime mutually agreeable to those who want to participate. Our goal is to begin by the end of May, so if this interests you, please email Jody soon at epnjphicks@twc.com for more information.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

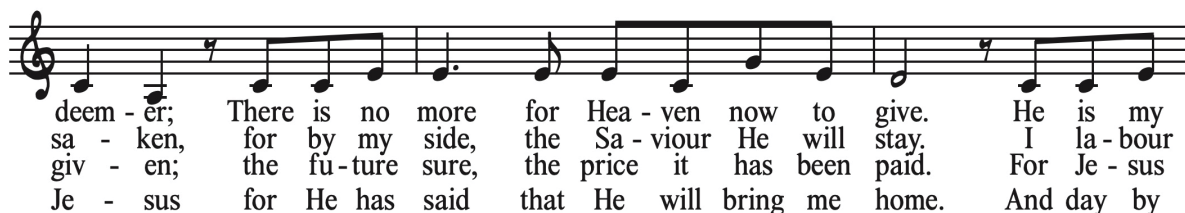
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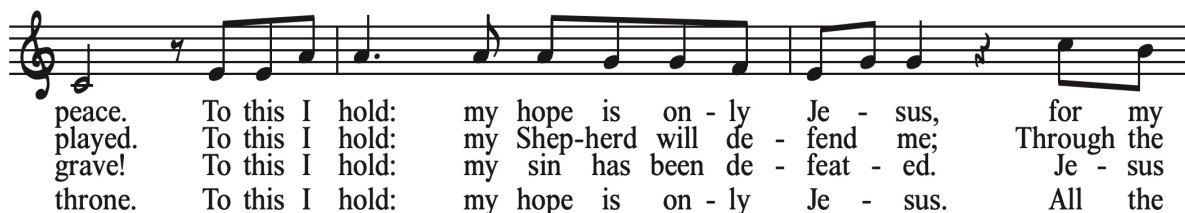
What gift of grace is Je - sus my Re -
The night is dark, but I am not for -
No fate I dread, I know I am for -
With ev - 'ry breath, I long to fol - low



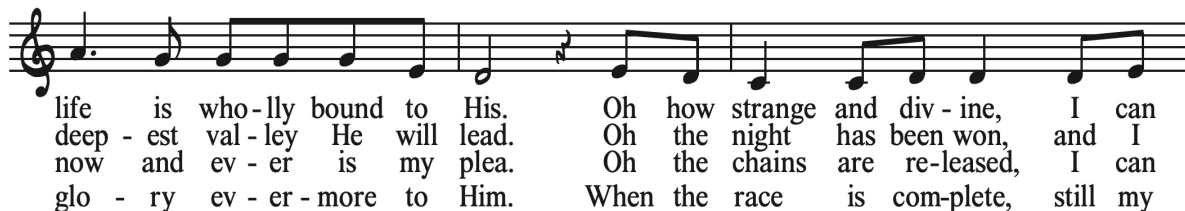
deem - er; There is no more for Hea - ven now to give. He is my
sa - ken, for by my side, the Sa - viour He will stay. I la - bour
giv - en; the fu - ture sure, the price it has been paid. For Je - sus
Je - sus for He has said that He will bring me home. And day by




joy, my right - eous - ness, and free - dom; My stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less
on in weak - ness and re - joi - cing, for in my need, His pow - er is dis -
bled, and suf - fered for my par - don; And He was raised to ov - er - throw the
day, I know He will re - new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the



peace. To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my
played. To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me; Through the
grave! To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus
throne. To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the



life is who - lly bound to His. Oh how strange and div - ine, I can
deep - est val - ley He will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I
now and ev - er is my plea. Oh the chains are re - released, I can
glo - ry ev - er - more to Him. When the race is com - plete, still my



sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

My Song Is Love Unknown

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My song is love un - known, _____ my Sa - vior's love for me;
He came from Heav - en's throne _____ sal - va - tion to be - stow;
Some-times they crowd His way, _____ and His sweet prais - es sing
With an - gry shouts they have _____ my dear Lord done a - way;
Why, what has my Lord done _____ to cause this rage and spite?
Here might I stay and sing _____ of Him my soul a - dores;



love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be:
but they re - fused, and none the longed - for Christ would know:
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King,
a mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay!
He made the lame to run and gave the blind their sight:
nev - er was love, ne - ver was love, dear King like Yours!



but who am I, that for my sake my Lord should
this is my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who at my
then "cru - ci - fy" is all their breath and for His
Yet will - ing - ly He bears the shame that through His
what in - jur - ies! Yet these are why the Lord most
This is my Friend in whose sweet praise I all my



take frail flesh and die?
need His life did spend.
death they thirst and cry.
name all might be free.
high so crue - ly dies.
days could glad - ly spend!

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