



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...

“A church’s vitality is not measured by how many people fill the pews,
but rather by how much those people are filled with Jesus.”

- Mark Wilson

COVER ARTWORK

The Forest Path

Paul Gauguin, 1873

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

September 12, 2021 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship

LEADER: We come today to listen for hope, to pray for strength, and to experience God’s love.

PEOPLE: Speak to us of faith, hope, and love, O Lord.

LEADER: Knowing God is here, we join together on our journey.

PEOPLE: Lead us to your still waters, O Lord.

LEADER: We come to remember and claim our faith. We come in fellowship with one another.

PEOPLE: Clothe us in the love of Christ, O Lord.

LEADER: With shouts of praise and songs of thanksgiving, we come to celebrate the God of hope, the Spirit of peace, and the Christ of redeeming love.

PEOPLE: We come to pray. We come to sing. We come to worship and praise.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Our Great Savior*

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Jesus! What a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

REFRAIN:

**Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.**

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict’ry wins. **(REFRAIN)**

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!
While the billows o’er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul. **(REFRAIN)**

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Jesus! What a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
He, my pilot, hears my cry.

REFRAIN:

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine. **(REFRAIN)**

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism

9:00 - Theodore Foss Whelchel, son of Zach and Sharayah

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, Theodore, though you do not know it yet.

Membership Vows and Baptism on Profession of Faith

11:15 - Melody Kamb and Ashleigh Kamb (Membership Vows)
and Aiden Kamb (Baptism on Profession of Faith)

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Isaiah 1:10-17

Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!
Give ear to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
“What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of well-fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

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“When you come to appear before me,
 who has required of you
 this trampling of my courts?
 Bring no more vain offerings;
 incense is an abomination to me.
 New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—
 I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.
 Your new moons and your appointed feasts
 my soul hates;
 they have become a burden to me;
 I am weary of bearing them.
 When you spread out your hands,
 I will hide my eyes from you;
 even though you make many prayers,
 I will not listen;
 your hands are full of blood.
 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
 remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;
 cease to do evil,
 learn to do good;
 seek justice,
 correct oppression;
 bring justice to the fatherless,
 plead the widow’s cause.”

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.

Confession of God’s People

UNISON: Heavenly Father, You have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have rejected Your will for our lives. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of Your son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By Your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for You, and to please You in every way, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

- Silent Prayers of 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.

Repentance of God’s People

LEADER: Will you turn from the comfort of self-obsession?

PEOPLE: By grace, we will.

LEADER: Will you return to the sacrifice of God’s call?

PEOPLE: By grace, we will.

Assurance of God's Pardon from 2 Corinthians 5

LEADER: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the message of reconciliation.

Hymn of Renewal *There Is A Hope* (Music on Page 10)

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RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith

LEADER: If we are saved by faith apart from works, what purpose is there for our good works?

PEOPLE: Good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.

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

Offertory *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*

Matthew Compton

Handbell Choir

Scripture Reading Galatians 3:5-9, James 2:18-23

5Does He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— **6**just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

7Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. **8**And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” **9**So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

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 convictational 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.

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.

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

18But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. **19**You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! **20**Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? **21**Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? **22**You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; **23**and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God.

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

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham
"In Defense of Good Works"

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 *O Church Arise* (Music on Page 11)

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Benediction

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



Announcements

Volunteer in the Nursery!

The Nursery will continue to be open during both services, but we need your help keeping it staffed! We'd love for you to consider serving in the nursery once or twice this fall. If you'd like to volunteer, scan this QR code, or email Jennifer Matocha (jmatocha@tcpca.org) with any questions you might have.



Loving & Serving Students at Millcreek

One of the best ways to serve at TCPC and to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community is by volunteering at Millcreek Elementary. We invite you to consider how you can be part of this outreach, whether it's packing snack bags or mentoring a student one hour per week (or both!). Contact Luke Rakestraw (lrakestraw@tcpca.org) if you'd like to get involved!

Women's Bible Studies

MORNING

The Morning Women's Bible study will begin on Wednesday, September 15 from 9:00-11:00am. We will begin by studying the book of James, using materials from Jen Wilkin (the Nursery will be open). Scan this QR code to sign up! Any questions, contact Julia Meador at jamat10215@aol.com.



EVENING

The Evening Women's Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 15 from 7:00-8:30pm. We will be looking at the book "Gentle and Lowly" by Dane Ortlund (childcare will not be available.) Scan this QR code to sign up! Contact Kay Sox with questions at kayrsox@gmail.com.



Men's Bible Studies

WEDNESDAY NOON

The Wednesday noon Men's Bible study will begin meeting again on September 15 in the Lower Level Boardroom. We will begin a study of the letter of Paul to the Colossians. All men of all ages are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship, study, and prayer. If you would like more information, please email Harry Standing at hstandin@hotmail.com.

COMPANY OF MEN

The Company of Men will resume on September 16 at 7:00 AM in the Lower Level Boardroom. If you would like more information, please email Mark Randle at mrandle@tcpca.org.

VERITAS Adult Sunday School Class

The VERITAS Class will embark on a 14-week study of 1 Samuel beginning this Sunday, September 12th. We will be meeting both in-person in the basement classroom, and online via video conferencing. Join us as we explore the question "What does God seek when He looks on the heart?" Our teachers will be Ron Whitley and Mark Deicher. Kindly e-mail Harry Standing (hstandin@hotmail.com) to receive a Zoom link. Masks are strongly encouraged for those who meet in-person at the church.

ACCESS Prayer Group

To quote our senior pastor, prayer is our best weapon. ACCESS is an acronym for Adoration, Confession, Contrition, Entreaties, Supplications, and Submission. This is an open invitation to join this group which has been meeting together and praying faithfully for the needs of our church every week for over 20 years. Currently under the leadership of Preston Hicks with the assistance of Mary Beth Moore, the meetings are held every Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30. At present we are still meeting on Zoom but hope to return to gathering at the church in the near future. Every Wednesday an updated list of items for prayer is emailed to each member, and personal requests are kept confidential. You are also welcome to join the group even if you are unable to meet at the designated time but are willing to commit to pray through the list on your own. For more information or to sign up, please contact Preston at 859-552-3787 or epnjphicks@twc.com, or Mary Beth at 859-327-5527 or mdmoorefamil@gmail.com.

“Leaving a Legacy”

Could you use an impetus to begin recording memories for your family? The Senior Ministry is organizing another group for the Memoir Project starting about the end of September. We meet weekly on Zoom at a daytime mutually agreed upon by the participants. In the first session, Jody Hicks will help with a few tips on how to make your writing enjoyable to read. Then each week you will write a one-page story of a special reminiscence in your life. It’s easy and fun! Call or email Jody for more information at 859-396-8237 or epnjphicks@twc.com.

Volunteer at Richmond Church Plant

The church plant in Richmond (which will be called Covenant Community Church) is launching their worship services this morning, and they are looking for volunteers over the next three months to help with various needs (setup, childcare, prayer, greeting, etc). Volunteers would be in Richmond from 8:45-11:45. If you are interested in helping one or two times during the next three months, please scan this QR code or send an email to Will Witherington at wwitherington@tcpca.org.



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

August Giving:	\$208,645	Total FY Giving (Oct-Aug):	\$2,121,296
August Goal:	\$168,455	Giving Goal (Oct-Aug):	\$2,269,157
Difference:	+\$40,190	Difference:	-\$147,861

Quarterly Giving Update

September marks the beginning of Fall and the end of our fiscal year. As always, thank you for your generosity! Your love for the Lord is reflected in your giving. Please log in to TouchPoint to view your giving history, and email Jennifer Matocha (jmatocha@tcpca.org) with any TouchPoint questions. For questions about your giving history or inquiries about stock donations, please email Bobby Pepiot (bpepiot@tcpca.org).

- Finance Committee

There Is A Hope

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There is a hope that burns with - in my heart, that gives me
There is a hope that lifts my wear - y head, a con - so -
There is a hope that stands the test of time, that lifts my



³ strength for ev - 'ry pass - ing day; A glimpse of
la - tion strong a - gainst de - spair; And when the
eyes be - yond the beck - 'ning grave to see the



⁵ glo - ry, now re - vealed in mea - ger part, yet
world has plunged me in its deep - est pit, I
match - less beau - ty of a day di - vine, when



⁷ drives all the doubt a - way. I
find the Sav - ior there. Through
I be - hold His face. When



⁹ stand in Christ, with sins for - giv'n, and
pres - ent suf - frings, fu - ture fear, He
suf - f'rings cease and sor - rows die, and



¹¹ Christ in me, the hope of Heav'n. My
whis - pers cour - age in my ear. For
ev - 'ry long - ing sat - is - fied, Then



¹³ high - est call - ing and my deep - est joy, to
I am safe in ev - er - last - ing arms, and
joy un - speak - a - ble will flood my soul, for



¹⁵ make His will my home.
faith will lead me home.
I am tru - ly home.

O Church Arise

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O church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on, hear the
Our call to war: to love the cap - tive soul, but to
Come see the cross where love and mer - cy meet as the
So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give —
call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor. And with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en. Then see His foes lie crushed be -
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle. That we may run with faith to
they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven. With shield of
woun - ded whole, we will fight with faith and va - lor. When faced with
neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ri - sen. And as the
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of
faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the Dev - il's lies, an ar - my
trials on ev - ery side, we know the out - come is se - cure. And Christ will
stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e - merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry
old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their
bold, whose bat - tle cry is Love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
have the prize for which He died, an in - her - i - tance of na - tions.
march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
calls and hun - ger for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

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