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# *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...*

“If God can calm the winds and the waves,  
He can handle the storms in your life.”

- Lecrae

### **COVER ARTWORK**

*Motley bouquet in a clay jar*

Ilya Mashkov, 1936

## 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 26, 2021 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

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### Call to Worship from Hebrews 10

LEADER: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**PEOPLE: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

LEADER: We desire to live in God’s house  
and to seek God in His holy temple.

**PEOPLE: We have come with shouts of joy,  
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**PEOPLE: Teach us Your ways and make straight our paths  
in this hour of worship and always.**

### Hymn of Rejoicing *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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**Immortal invisible God only wise  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed most glorious the Ancient of Days  
Almighty victorious Thy great name we praise**

**Unresting unchanging and silent as light  
Nor wanting nor wasting Thou rulest in might  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love**

**To all life Thou givest to both great and small  
In all life Thou livest the true life of all  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee**

**Great Father of glory pure Father of light  
Thine angels adore thee all veiling their sight  
All praise we would render O help us to see  
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee**

## Welcome & Announcements

# Baptism

9:00 - Jack Tanous, son of David & Sarah Tanous

## 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, Jack, though you do not know it yet.**

## RENEW Receive the grace of God

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### Scripture Reading Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in His own image,  
in the image of God He created him;  
male and female He created them.

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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: Lord, we confess that we do not see ourselves as we ought. We are excessively confident in our own sufficiency. We trust our own wisdom. We constantly overestimate our abilities, our resources, and our strength. We fail to acknowledge that in reality we are weak, poor, wretched, and blind. In our ignorance of the truth we deprive ourselves of Your grace, of Your strength in our weakness, and of Your sufficiency for the many ways in which we are lacking.**

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

### Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Do you turn from the sin of seeking to guide your life apart from God's grace?

**PEOPLE: We do.**

LEADER: Do you repent of not seeking the Lord's wisdom in all parts of your life?

**PEOPLE: We do.**

### 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.

## Assurance of God's Pardon from Colossians 1:13-14

LEADER: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## Hymn of Renewal *My Wealth Is In The Cross*

Benjamin Hastings | Michael Fatkin | Scott Groom

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There is a hill I cherish  
Where stood a precious tree  
The emblem of salvation  
The gift of Calvary

How is it I should profit  
While He is crucified  
Yet as His life was given  
So I was granted mine

### **REFRAIN:**

**My wealth is in the cross  
There's nothing more I want  
Than just to know His love  
My heart is set on Christ  
And I will count all else as loss  
The greatest of my crowns  
Means nothing to me now  
For I counted up the cost  
And all my wealth is in the cross**

I will not boast in riches  
I have no pride in gold  
But I will boast in Jesus  
And in His Name alone (**REFRAIN**)

And when I stand in glory  
My crowns before the Lord  
Let this be my confession  
My wealth is in the cross (**REFRAIN**)



## 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.**

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 *I Surrender All*

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All to Jesus I surrender all to Him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust Him in His presence daily live

All to Jesus I surrender only at His feet I bow  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken take me Jesus take me now.

#### REFRAIN:

**I surrender all I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Savior I surrender all**

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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.

All to Jesus I surrender make me Savior wholly Thine  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit truly know that Thou art mine (**REFRAIN**)

All to Jesus I surrender all to Him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust Him in His presence daily live (**REFRAIN**)

## Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 4

**1**Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. **2**But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. **3**And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. **4**In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. **5**For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. **6**For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**7**But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. **8**We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; **9**persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; **10**always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. **11**For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. **12**So death is at work in us, but life in you.

**13**Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, **14**knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. **15**For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

**16**So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. **17**For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, **18**as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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

**Sermon** Rev. Mark Randle  
"Confused Royalty"

### 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

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## 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.

## Profession of Faith

11:15 - Everett Brown, son of Brian & Tricia Brown

## Holy Communion

## Hymn of Response *Christ Is Mine Forevermore*

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Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

## 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.



But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name

But mine is armour for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

## 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:

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## Giving Report: For more information, visit [tcpca.org/give](http://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
<b>Difference: +\$40,190</b>	<b>Difference: -\$147,861</b>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:bpepiot@tcpca.org)).

- Finance Committee

# Announcements

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## 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](mailto:jmatocha@tcpca.org)) with any questions you might have.



## Sunday School Classes Start October 3

We're excited to begin offering Sunday school classes in between services again! These classes start after the first service (about 10:20) and end ten minutes before the second service (about 11:05).

The VERITAS class has already begun, and you can join them in the Lower Level as they study 1 Samuel and explore the question, "What does God seek when He looks on the heart?" The class will be taught by Ron Whitley and Mark Deicher, and you can email Harry Standinger ([hstandin@hotmail.com](mailto:hstandin@hotmail.com)) if you would like to join the class via Zoom video call.

The Bridge Class will start on October 3, led by Luke Rakestraw in the Fellowship Hall, and will be studying the book of Ruth. The book of Ruth reorients us to what's truly important for our life with God and others in this world. While this class and its topic are targeted at those in their 20s and 30s, all are welcome!

The Vine Class will also start on October 3, led by Mark Randle in the Lower Level. The main topic will be "What is a Presbyterian Church and What Does it Mean for Us?" and will be referencing books such as "The Church" by Edmund Clowney and "The Glorious Body of Christ" by R.B. Kuiper.

Children's Sunday School will begin October 3 for children ages Pre-K thru 6th Grade. Parents will receive communication from your child's teachers in the coming weeks. Email Will Witherington ([wwitherington@tcpca.org](mailto:wwitherington@tcpca.org)) for information and questions.

And finally, Youth Sunday School will begin October 3 for students ages 7th grade thru 12th grade. A lite brunch will be served during this time as well. Email Mac Holt ([mholt@tcpca.org](mailto:mholt@tcpca.org)) for information and questions.

## Children's Gospel Storytime Starting October 3

Starting October 3, after the Offertory Anthem during worship, children ages 4 - Kindergarten may be dismissed to Room 103 for prayer, singing, and a lesson from the Gospel Story Bible. They will return to the Sanctuary at the end of the sermon to be with their families during Communion. If you have any questions about this please email Will Witherington [wwitherington@tcpca.org](mailto:wwitherington@tcpca.org).

## **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 mdmoorefamily@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.

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