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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...

“What a joy it must have been for Jesus to reach down
into the sea of human depravity
and snatch a soul from the clutches of disease.

One day soon, Jesus will empty the hospitals, the leper colonies,
and even the graveyards of the world.

Then we will live in a world without darkness, sin, suffering, disease and death.

We have His promise on that.”

- **Chuck Swindoll**

COVER ARTWORK

Woods in the Snow

Gustave Courbet, 1875

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

November 28, 2021 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship

LEADER: When we are lonely and feeling lost . . .

PEOPLE: Jesus calls us and brings us hope and peace.

LEADER: When we are angry and frustrated . . .

PEOPLE: Jesus heals our wounds and soothes our tempers.

LEADER: When we are sorrowful and broken . . .

PEOPLE: Jesus binds up our wounds with His healing love.

ALL: Come, let us worship the one who cares so abundantly for us. AMEN!

Hymn of Rejoicing *Good Christian Men Rejoice* (Music on Page 11)

Text: Latin Carol, Tr. John Neale

Music: In Dulci Jubilo

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Welcome & Announcements

Membership Vows

11:15 - Julie Griggs

Scripture Reading Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless His holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

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 Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow You without question. In this Advent season, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as You have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Has Christ come?

PEOPLE: He has.

LEADER: Will he return?

PEOPLE: He will.

LEADER: Is your trust in Him alone?

PEOPLE: It is.

Assurance of God's Pardon from John 3

LEADER: God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world, through him, might be saved.

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.

Hymn of Renewal *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Text: Latin Carol, Tr. John Neale

Music: Veni Emmanuel

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O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

O come Thou Dayspring from on high
And cause Thy light on us to rise;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadow put to flight.

REFRAIN:

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go. **(REFRAIN)**

O come, Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. **(REFRAIN)**

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

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.

Confession of Faith From the Belgic Confession on the Incarnation

LEADER: Let us now proclaim our faith with the saints of the ages,

**UNISON: We profess that God fulfilled the promise
that He had made to the early fathers
by the mouth of His holy prophets
when He sent His only and eternal Son into the world
at the time set by Him.**

**The Son took the "form of a servant"
and was made in the "likeness of man,"
truly assuming a real human nature,
with all its weaknesses, except for sin;
being conceived in the virgin Mary
by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

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**And He not only assumed human nature
as far as the body is concerned
but also a real human soul,
in order that He might be a real human being.
For since the soul had been lost as well as the body,
He had to assume them both to save them both together.
In this way He is truly our Immanuel—
that is: “God with us.”**

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 *Is He Worthy*

Andrew Peterson | Ben Shive
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(congregational response in bold)

Do you feel the world is broken? **We do**
Do you feel the shadows deepen? **We do**
But do you know that all the dark
Won’t stop the light from getting through? **We do**
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do**

Is all creation groaning? **It is**
Is a new creation coming? **It is**
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst? **It is**
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David’s Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? **He is**

Does the Father truly love us? **He does**
Does the Spirit move among us? **He does**
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **He does**
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does**

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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.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? **He is!**

GOSPEL STORYTIME

At this time, 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.

Scripture Reading Luke 17:11-19

11On the way to Jerusalem He was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. **12**And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance **13**and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." **14**When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. **15**Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; **16**and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. **17**Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? **18**Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" **19**And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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

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.

Sermon Rev. Luke Rakestraw

"Preparing for Advent: A Heart of Gratitude"

Musical Reflection

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PLEASE NOTE:

You will be released from your pew to come forward and receive the communion elements, and we will take the elements together once everyone has been served.

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 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see Thee
Dayspring from on high appear
Come Thou promised Rod of Jesse
Of Thy birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing
News glad tidings of a birth
Go to Him, your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth

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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.

Come to earth to taste our sadness
He whose glories knew no end
By His life He brings us gladness
Our Redeemer Shepherd Friend
Leaving riches without number
Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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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Janet Whitley
janetjwhitley@gmail.com

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

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| October Giving: | \$200,265 |
| October Goal: | \$201,694 |
| Difference: | -\$1,429 |

Announcements

No Sunday School Classes Today

There will not be adult or children's Sunday School today due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

The Next Two Months of Sunday School

Over the next two months, there will be several events and gatherings during the Sunday School hour. Here's a summary of these events:

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- December 5: Combined Sunday School: Update from the Garrison Family
(with coffee & donuts in the Fellowship Hall)
- December 12: Bridge Class & Vine Class Combined Fellowship Brunch
- December 19: No Sunday School
- December 26: No Sunday School
- January 2: No Sunday School
- January 9: Celebration of the Ordination of Chelcent Faud
- January 16: Congregational Meeting
- January 23: Regular Sunday School classes resume

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

- December 5: Regular Sunday School classes
- December 12: Regular Sunday School classes
- December 19: No Sunday School
- December 26: No Sunday School
- January 2: No Sunday School
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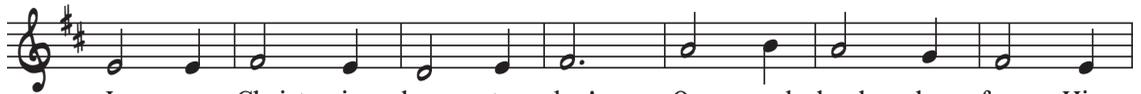
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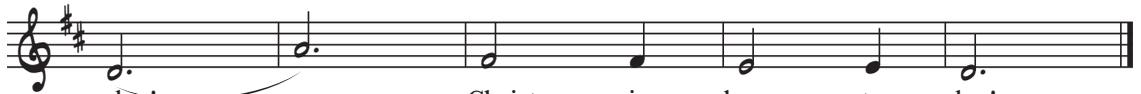
soul and voice! _____ Give ye heed to what we say!
soul and voice! _____ Now ye hear of end - less bliss:
soul and voice! _____ Now you need not fear the grave,



Je - sus Christ is born to - day! Ox and lamb be - fore Him
Je - sus Christ was born for this! He has op - ened heav - en's
Je - sus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you



now and He is in the man - ger now. Christ is born to -
door, and man is blessed for - ev - er - more. Christ was born for
all to gain His ev - er - last - ing hall, Christ was born to



day! _____ Christ is born to - day!
this! _____ Christ was born for this!
save! _____ Christ was born to save!

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