



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...

“You do not understand Christ till you understand His cross.”

- P. T. Forsyth

COVER ARTWORK

King David at prayer
Rembrandt, 1652

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

April 3, 2022 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship

LEADER: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

PEOPLE: For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?

LEADER: Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?

PEOPLE: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Hymn of Rejoicing *O Church Arise* (Sheet Music on Page 10)

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O church arise and put your armor on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen

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And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism

9:00 - Baptism of Lucy Klein, daughter of Brent & Bonnie

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, Lucy, though you do not know it yet.

Membership Vows

11:15 - Lucy Haddock

RENEW

 Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading

 1 John 1:5-10

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

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

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 of God's People *From Valley of Vision*

UNISON: God of all Grace, I have no robe of righteousness to bring to cover my sins, and no skill to weave my own. But You have clothed me with the Savior's robe, and decked me with the jewels of His holiness. Every morning let me wear it, every evening return in it, go out to the day's work in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the great throne of judgment in it, and enter glory in it shining as the sun. Grant me to never lose sight of the exceeding wickedness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Do you renounce your sinful thoughts, words, and deeds that offend God, harm others, and ruin creation?

PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: Do you renounce the ways and idols of this fallen world that oppose God's Kingdom and glory?

PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: Do you renounce Satan and all spiritual forces of darkness that rebel against the one true God?

PEOPLE: We do.

Assurance of God's Pardon *from Proverbs 28:13*

LEADER: Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Hymn of Renewal *Jesus Strong And Kind*

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Jesus said that if I thirst I should come to Him
No one else can satisfy I should come to Him

Jesus said if I am weak I should come to Him
No one else can be my strength I should come to Him

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REFRAIN:

**For the Lord is good and faithful He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus Jesus strong and kind**

Jesus said That if I fear I should come to Him
No one else can be my shield I should come to Him (**REFRAIN**)

Jesus said if I am lost He will come to me
And He showed me on that cross He will come to me (**REFRAIN**)

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith The Apostles Creed

UNISON: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic[†] Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Worldwide communion of faith, past, present, and future.

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 Solo *Dear Refuge Of My Weary Soul*

Text: Anne Steele, 1760

Music: Benjamin Lynerd, 2008

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on Thee, when sorrows rise; On Thee when waves of trouble roll, my fainting heart relies. To Thee I tell each rising grief, for Thou alone can heal, Thy Word can bring a sweet relief to ev'ry pain I feel. But O! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine; The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline. Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust, and still my soul would cleave to Thee, though prostrate in the dust. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain? And can the ear of sovereign grace be deaf when I complain? No still the ear of sovereign grace attends the mourner's prayer; O may I ever find

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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.

the access to breathe my sorrows there. Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat with humble hope, attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet. Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat with humble hope, attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet.

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 Psalm 51

- 1**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to Your steadfast love;
according to Your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
- 2**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

- 3**For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4**Against You, You only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in Your sight,
so that You may be justified in Your words
and blameless in Your judgment.
- 5**Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- 6**Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being,
and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

- 7**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8**Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that You have broken rejoice.
- 9**Hide Your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11**Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- 12**Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

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13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
and sinners will return to You.

14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness.

15 O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare Your praise.

16 For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
You will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

18 Do good to Zion in Your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;

19 then will You delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on Your altar.

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.**

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham

“Sinners After God’s Own Heart”

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.

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.

Holy Communion

Mercy Offering

Hymn of Response *His Mercy Is More*

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa
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What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

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

February Giving:	\$242,230	Total FY Giving (Oct-Feb):	\$1,262,507
February Goal:	\$198,879	Giving Goal (Oct-Feb):	\$1,163,512
Difference:	+\$43,351	Difference:	+\$98,995

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.

Announcements

Foundations Weekend April 22-23

Registration is now open for our next membership class on April 22 & 23. The sessions will take place Friday night and Saturday morning, with Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast provided. 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 scan this QR code. Please email Nate Jones with any questions at njones@tcpca.org.



Save the Date! Healthy Aging Symposium on May 14

This long-awaited event will be held in the Sanctuary the morning of Saturday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to noon. We have six experts who will present a wealth of practical information pertinent to all ages, whether you are already a senior, or you have aging family and friends -- in other words, everyone! Break-out sessions where you can ask questions will be included. Please mark your calendar, and watch for more specific information right after Easter.

VERITAS Adult Sunday School Class

The VERITAS Class will embark on a study of Romans beginning April 3rd. We will be meeting both in-person in the basement classroom, and on-line via video conferencing. Join us as we study Paul's fullest, grandest, and most comprehensive statement of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our teacher will be Ron Whitley. Kindly e-mail Harry (hstandin@hotmail.com) to receive a Zoom link.

Trinity Job Openings

Trinity Christian Academy is currently hiring for the 2022-23 academic year, looking for qualified, experienced applicants for the following positions:

- Elementary Teachers - 1st-6th)
- Elementary STEM Teacher
- Bible Teacher - Grades 7-9
- High School Math Teacher
- High School English Teacher
- Guidance/College Counselor (full time)
- Latin Teacher (Grades 6-9)



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