



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.



If this is your first time visiting, please fill out a **Visitor's Card**. We would love to meet you and help you get connected. Please visit **tcpca.org/visitor** or scan the QR code to the left with your smartphone camera, or fill out the Visitor Card in your pew and place it in the Offering bowl.

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“Faith is God’s work in us, that changes us and gives new birth from God.

It kills the Old Adam and makes us completely different people.

It changes our hearts, our spirits, our thoughts and all our powers.

It brings the Holy Spirit with it. Yes, it is a living, creative, active and powerful thing, this faith.”

- Martin Luther

COVER ARTWORK

Schlosskirche Lutherstadt Wittenberg

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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

October 30, 2022 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

Reformation Sunday

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship

LEADER: As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some seek to control, but which others view with despair—we declare with joy and trust:

PEOPLE: Our world belongs to God!

LEADER: From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until His kingdom fully comes,

PEOPLE: God keeps His covenant forever. Our world belongs to Him!

LEADER: God is King! Let the earth be glad!

PEOPLE: Christ is victor; His rule has begun. Hallelujah!

LEADER: The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord!

PEOPLE: Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.

Hymn of Rejoicing *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow’r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God’s own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

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And tho' this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph thru us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism

9:00 - Whittaker Pax Anderson, son of Wes & Malisa

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, Whittaker, though you do not know it yet.

Membership Vows

11:15 - Tom & Janice Gold and Trey Wood

Choir Anthem *We Believe*

Text: Chris Anderson
Music: Dan Forrest
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We believe in God Supreme, ever present, never seen; God Most High, who reigns above; Father nigh, whose name is Love. We whose prayers to God ascend praise creation's source and end. We rejoice in Jesus Christ—God's own Son, our sacrifice; very God, yet virgin born; sinless, yet for sinners torn. We whom Jesus died to win know he lives to come again. We adore the Spirit free—author of our unity. Giver of the sacred Word, wellspring of the second birth. We whom he indwells and fills yield our hearts and minds and wills.

Scripture Reading Leviticus 16:1-10 (Pew Bible p. 95)

LEADER: All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall...

PEOPLE: ...but the Word of the Lord stands forever.

Confession of God's People Adapted from a prayer of Martin Luther

UNISON: Lord, I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in faith, strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust You altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in You. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in You is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with You!

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Will you turn from your unwillingness to love your enemy?

PEOPLE: We will.

LEADER: Will you trust Jesus today to provide for all your needs?

PEOPLE: We will.

Assurance of God's Pardon from Romans 1:17

LEADER: For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn of Renewal *Jesus Shall Reign* (Music on Page 10)

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Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does His successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

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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.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King,
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith from Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 70

LEADER: What is justification?

PEOPLE: Justification is an act of God's free grace unto sinners, in which He pardons all their sins, accepts and accounts their persons righteous in His sight; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, by God imputed to them, and received by faith alone.

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 *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**

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Confession of Faith

We confess together the convicting 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.

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**

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 Hebrews 13:8 (Pew Bible p. 1009)

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

Sermon Rev. Will Witherington

"An Eternal Priestly Presence"

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.

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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.

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 Preparation *O Church Arise* (Music on Page 11)

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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
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

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

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.

September Giving:	\$198,964	Total FY Giving (Oct-Sep):	\$2,483,880
September Goal:	\$265,120	Giving Goal (Oct-Sep):	\$2,574,358
Difference:	-\$66,156	Difference:	-\$90,478

Announcements

Congregational Meeting on November 13

On November 13, we will be holding a Congregational Meeting in-between services in the Sanctuary in order to elect new officers. The names and biographies of the candidates will be made available in print form next Sunday, November 6, and also digitally in the TCPC News email.

Fellowship Dinner on November 2

All are welcome to join us for the monthly Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday, November 2. Dinner from Bourbon n' Toulouse (cajun food) will be served beginning at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. A suggested payment of \$6 per person or \$25 per family is appreciated (cash and check are accepted in-person, or if you'd like to send your suggested payment digitally, send a text to 859-287-1144 with the message "Fellowship" to use our automated payment system). RSVP by scanning this QR code!



Toolbox Class

This is a new class this fall, led by Les Olson, discussing practical tools from personal experience that we can use in daily life to work out our salvation and combat common struggles. Topics to start out the semester are resentment/anger, fear/anxiety, and making amends. We are meeting this Sunday - come join us in Room 130!

Senior Ministry Luncheon on Sunday, November 13

Our next free lunch will be held right after the second service in the Fellowship Hall, and you don't have to be a senior to attend! We encourage all ages to come and get acquainted with the delightful and wise older folks in our congregation! Kelly Holt and Will Witherington will be presenting a program about the new Faith and Work initiative sponsored by TCPC. We do prepare name tags and want to be sure there's enough food, so please help us by either emailing Eileen Frisinger at bifrisinger@aol.com or by visiting our website at tcpca.org/senior-ministry (or scan this QR code) by Monday, Nov. 7. Thanks so much!



Jesus Shall Reign

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1. Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun
2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made,
3. Bless - ings a - bound where e'er He reigns;
4. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring

does His suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
and prais - es throng to crown His head;
the pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains;
pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;

His king - dom stretch from shore to shore,
His name like sweet per - fume shall rise
the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

'til moons shall wax and wane no more.
with ev - 'ry mor - ning sac - ri - fice.
and all who suf - fer want are blest.
and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

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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