



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...

“On the whole, God’s love for us is a much safer subject to think about than our love for Him.”

- C. S. Lewis

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 27, 2022 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship

LEADER: I will rejoice and be glad in Your steadfast love, because You have seen my affliction.

PEOPLE: God is love!

LEADER: You have known the distress of my soul.

PEOPLE: God is love!

LEADER: And You have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy.

PEOPLE: God is love!

LEADER: You have set my feet in a broad place.

PEOPLE: God is love!

Hymn of Rejoicing *Good Christian Men Rejoice* (Music on Page 9)

Text: Latin Carol, Tr. John Neale

Music: In Dulci Jubilo

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Welcome & Announcements

Baptism

9:00 - William David Iancu, son of Bogdan & Megan

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, William, though you do not know it yet.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25 (Pew Bible p. 807)

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

UNISON: Our loving God, as we begin this advent season, we recognize that You loved us so much that Jesus Christ came to this earth to die for our sin. We long for Him to come again and bring the fullness of His perfect Kingdom. Until then, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart or loved our neighbors as ourselves. We ask that You lead us to admit our failure to love as we ought, and to receive Your loving mercy.

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Do you repent of your failure to pray for your enemies?

PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: Will you pray this week for those who hate you?

PEOPLE: We will.

LEADER: Will you receive the blessing of God's love today?

PEOPLE: We will.

Assurance of God's Pardon

 from Psalm 51:1

LEADER: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out all my transgressions.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn of Renewal *O Little Town Of Bethlehem*

Text: Phillips Brooks

Music: Forrest Green, ad. Ralph Vaughn Williams

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O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray,
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

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 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.

Confession of Faith from Westminster Larger Catechism, Q37

LEADER: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

PEOPLE: Christ, the Son of God became man, by taking to Himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance and born of her, yet without sin.

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 *Amazing Love* (Music on Back Page)

Words and Music: Graham Kendrick
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My Lord what love is this
That pays so dearly
That I the guilty one
May go free

REFRAIN:

**Amazing love O what sacrifice
The Son of God giv'n for me
My debt He pays and my death He dies
That I might live
That I might live**

And so they watched Him die
Despised rejected
But oh the blood He shed
Flowed for me (**REFRAIN**)

And now this love of Christ
Shall flow like rivers
Come wash your guilt away
Live again (**REFRAIN**)

GOSPEL STORYTIME (9:00 Only)

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 Lamentations 3:19-24 (Pew Bible p. 688)

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

Sermon Rev. Mark Randle, Associate Pastor

“Trusting God’s Love”

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

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.

Hymn of Response *My Song Is Love Unknown* (Music on Page 10)

Samuel Crossman
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My song is love unknown, my Savior's love for me;
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be:
But who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from Heaven's throne, salvation to bestow;
But they refused, and none the longed-for Christ would know:
This is my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need His life did spend.

Sometimes they crowd His way and His sweet praises sing,
Resounding all the day hosannas to their King:
Then "crucify" is all their breath, and for His death they thirst and cry.

With angry shouts they have my dear Lord done away;
A murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay!
Yet willingly He bears the shame that through His name all might be free.

Why, what has my Lord done to cause this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run and gave the blind their sight:
What injuries! Yet these are why the Lord most high so cruelly dies.

Here might I stay and sing of Him my soul adores;
Never was love, never was love, dear King like Yours!
This is my Friend in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

Benediction

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



Giving Report

For more information, visit tcpca.org/give.

October Giving:	\$180,932	Total FY Giving Goal:	\$2,728,820
October Goal:	\$218,306	(October 2022 - September 2023)	
Difference:	-\$37,374		

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

Announcements

Sunday School, Nursery, and Gospel Storytime Today

There will be no Children's or Adult Sunday School today. The Nursery and Gospel Story Time will be available during the 9:00 service only.

Next Fellowship Dinner (with Advent Kids Activities) on November 30

All are welcome to join us for a Christmas Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday, November 30, featuring special Advent crafts and activities for kids! A BBQ dinner 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). Scan this QR to RSVP!



Christmas Cantata on December 18 at 6:00 PM

Mark your calendars for our first Christmas Cantata since 2019! "Come and worship" with choir and musicians on Sunday, December 18 at 6 pm. This will be an Advent celebration in scripture and song.

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 30 • 6:00 PM

Fellowship Dinner

DECEMBER 18 • 6:00 PM

Christmas Cantata

DECEMBER 24 • 5:00 & 11:00 PM

Christmas Eve Services

DECEMBER 25 • 9:00 AM ONLY

Christmas Sunday Worship

JANUARY 1 • 9:00 AM ONLY

New Year's Sunday Worship

Good Christian Men Rejoice

Text: Latin Carol, Tr. John Neale

Music: In Dulci Jubilo

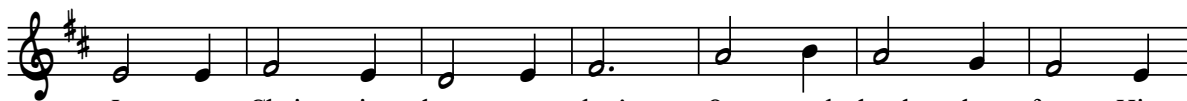
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1. Good Chris - tian men re - joice, _____ with heart and
2. Good Chris - tian men re - joice, _____ with heart and
3. Good Chris - tian men re - joice, _____ with heart and



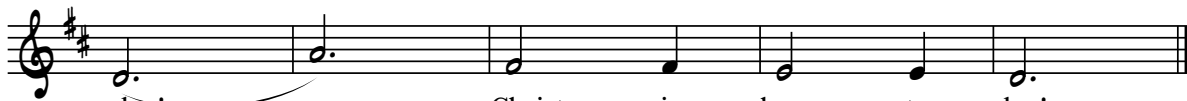
soul and voice! _____ Give ye heed to what we say!
soul and voice! _____ Now ye hear of end - less bliss:
soul and voice! _____ Now you need not fear the grave,



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



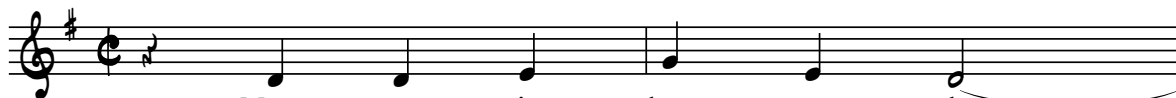
day! _____ Christ is born to - day!
this! _____ Christ was born for this!
save! _____ Christ was born to save!

My Song Is Love Unknown

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My song is love un - known,
He came from Heav - en's throne
Some - times they crowd His way,
With an - gry shouts they have
Why, what has my Lord done
Here might I stay and sing



— my Sa - vior's love for me;
— sal - va - tion to be - stow;
— and His sweet prais - es sing
— my dear Lord done a - way;
— to cause this rage and spite?
— of Him my soul a - dores;



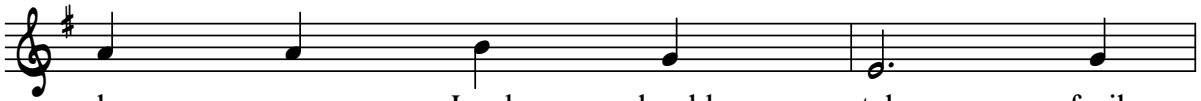
love to the love - less shown that
but they re - fused, and none the
re - sound - ing all the day ho -
a mur - der - er they save, the
He made the lame to run and
nev - er was love, ne - ver was



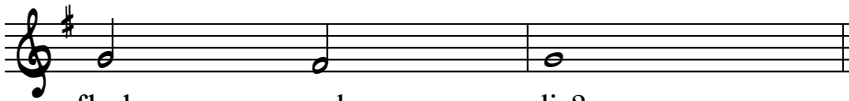
they might love - ly be:
longed - for Christ would know:
san - nas to their King,
Prince of Life they slay!
gave the blind their sight:
love, dear King like Yours!



but who am I, that for my
this is my friend, my friend in -
then "cru - ci - fy" is all their -
Yet will - ing - ly He bears the
what in - jur - ies! Yet these are
This is my friend in whose sweet



sake my Lord should take frail
deed, who at my who need His
breath and for His death they
shame that through His name all
why the Lord most high so
praise I all my days could



flesh and die?
life did spend.
thirst and cry.
might be free.
cruel - ly dies.
glad - ly spend!

Amazing Love

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1. My Lord _____ what love is this that pays _____ so
2. And so _____ they watched Him die des - pised _____ re -
3. And now _____ this love of Christ shall flow _____ like



dear - ly that I _____ the guil - ty one may go free?
ject - ed but oh, _____ the blood Heshed flowed for me!
riv - ers come wash _____ your guilt a - way live a - gain!



A - maz - ing love, O what sac - ri - fice! The Son of God giv'n for



me. My debt He pays and my death He dies that



I _____ might live! That I _____ might live!

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