



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 tc pca.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...

“Find your hope, then, on the ground under your feet.
Your hope of Heaven, let it rest on the ground underfoot.
The world is no better than its places. Its places at last
are no better than their people while their people
continue in them. When the people make
dark the light within them, the world darkens.”

- **Wendell Berry**

COVER ARTWORK

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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

December 18, 2022 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

Call to Worship from Isaiah 12

LEADER: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name.

PEOPLE: Come Lord Jesus!

LEADER: Make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.

PEOPLE: Come Lord Jesus!

LEADER: Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done glorious things. Let this be made known in all the Earth.

PEOPLE: Come Lord Jesus!

LEADER: Shout and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in Your midst is the Holy one of Israel.

PEOPLE: Come Lord Jesus!

Hymn of Rejoicing *Once In Royal David’s City*

Text: C.F. Alexander

Music: H.J. Gauntlett

Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed
Mary was that mother mild Jesus Christ her little Child

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all
And His shelter was a stable and His cradle was a stall
With the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth our Saviour holy

For He is our childhood’s pattern day by day like us He grew
He was little weak and helpless tears and smiles like us He knew
And He feeleth for our sadness and He shareth in our gladness

And our eyes at last shall see Him through His own redeeming love
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above
And He leads His children on to the place where He has gone

Welcome & Announcements

Membership Vows

11:15 - David & Anna Brashier, Rianne Roos, and Bill & Barbara Wilson

Scripture Reading Luke 1:46-55 (Pew Bible p. 856)

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: Father, Your light came into the world. And yet, we are prone to focus upon the darkness which surrounds us. We confess our sin of not celebrating the Messiah with our whole hearts. Awaken our souls to see the glory and majesty of Jesus. Help us to see Him and lead us away from the patterns of sin which offend You, harm others and destroy ourselves.

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Has your sin failed you?

PEOPLE: Always.

LEADER: Has Jesus failed you?

PEOPLE: Never.

LEADER: Will you embrace your Savior's forgiveness today?

PEOPLE: By His grace, we will.

Assurance of God's Pardon from Matthew 1:21

LEADER: She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

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.

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.

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 Westminster Shorter Catechism #22

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

UNISON: 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, 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

Offertory Solo *Advent Hymn*

Lyrics adapted from "Morning Hymn" by CHARLES WESLEY
New Words and Music by CHRISTY NOCKELS
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Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the everlasting Light, the Sun of Righteousness arise, and triumph o'er the shades night. Come, Thou long-awaited One, in the fullness of Your love; and loose this heart bound up by shame, and I will never be the same. *So, here I wait in hope of You, all my soul's longing through and through. Dayspring from on high, be near, and Daystar in my heart appear.* Dark and cheerless is the morn, until Your love in me is born; and joyless is the ev'ning song, until Emmanuel has come.

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.

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.

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.

Profession of Faith

9:00 - Piet Steyn, son of Wehan & Chelsea

Holy Communion

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 *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

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:

Kathryn Lyon
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Announcements

Christmas Cantata TONIGHT at 6:00 PM

Tonight is our first Christmas Cantata since 2019! “Come and worship” with choir and musicians tonight at 6 pm. This will be an Advent celebration in scripture and song. Also, *if you are planning to use the nursery* during the Cantata, please help us plan well for workers by scanning this QR code to fill out the RSVP form for your child(ren).



Singing in the Choir on Christmas Eve

If you are planning to sing in the choir on Christmas Eve, please send an email to Chelsea Steyn at csteyn@tcpca.org.

Congregational Meeting on January 8 at 6:00 PM

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 8, at 6:00 PM to present and vote upon two options for choosing a pulpit committee. If you did not receive the email sent this past Thursday, which outlines both options in detail, please let us know by emailing contact@tcpca.org.

Annual Congregational Meeting on January 15

Join us in-between services on January 15 for a presentation about this past ministry year, including membership and giving statistics as well as ministry highlights.

Office Hours Between Christmas and New Years

The office will be closed from December 26-29. On December 30, the office will be open from 12:00 - 2:00 PM.

Upcoming Events

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

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

November Giving:	\$221,379	Total FY Giving (Oct-Nov):	\$402,310
November Goal:	\$191,017	Giving Goal (Oct-Nov):	\$409,323
Difference:	+ 30,362	Difference:	-\$7,013

Year-End Giving Information

As we approach the end of the calendar year, the finance committee would like to communicate some important details about year-end giving. December is historically our largest month of giving, and this year, our goal for the month is \$463,900. Please join us in prayer towards this goal.

If you are praying about making a year-end gift, please consider giving to what the Lord is doing in and through the movement of TCPC. All 2022 gifts need to be postmarked or given online by 11:59 pm on December 31st in order to be counted towards your 2022 giving.

If you are mailing a check, please make the check out to “TCPC” and mail it to:

Tates Creek Presbyterian Church
3900 Rapid Run Drive
Lexington, KY 40515

For online giving, please go to tcpca.org/give or scan this QR code:



If you would like to make a stock donation, please allow enough time for the transaction to process before December 31st. For more information about stock giving, please visit tcpca.org/give or send an email to Bobby Pepiot at bpepiot@tcpca.org.

Finally, this is a perfect time to log in to TouchPoint and review your 2022 giving history. This will help us prepare year-end statements and identify any concerns. To see your giving history:

1. Log in to TouchPoint at tcpca.org/login
2. The first thing you should see is your profile. Click on the “Giving” tab.
3. You should see a summary of your giving under “Giving Summary” as well as a list of individual gifts under “Giving Detail.” If you see anything that does not match your records please email Bobby Pepiot at bpepiot@tcpca.org.

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Parish 3

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