

# *The Parables of Repentance*

# *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...*

“Behind the repentance that turns away from sin, and behind the faith that embraces Christ, is the birth of a new taste, a new longing, a new passion for the pleasure of God’s presence.”

- John Piper

### **COVER ARTWORK**

*The Two Sons*

Eugene Burnand

## Liturgy Notes

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column answers the “what” and “why” of each element of our liturgy.

### PLEASE NOTE:

During responsive readings, the part of the Leader will be in plain text, **and the part of the People will be in bold.**

## 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

February 26, 2023 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

### Call to Worship

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!

#### **We come to You God Our Father!**

Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

#### **We come to You God Our Savior!**

Give ear and come to me; hear me and your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

#### **We come to You Christ Our King!**

## Hymn of Rejoicing *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

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Wonderful merciful Savior  
Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb  
Could rescue the souls of men  
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Counselor Comforter Keeper  
Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts  
Have hopelessly lost the way  
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

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*REFRAIN:*

*You are the One that we praise  
You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace  
Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh our hearts always hunger for*

Almighty infinite Father  
Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne  
Oh we're falling before Your throne (*REFRAIN*)

## Welcome & Announcements

## RENEW Receive the grace of God

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### Scripture Reading Psalm 32 (Pew Bible p. 462)

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 from the Valley of the Vision

**O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, we have not loved You with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please, Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love You with a holy love.**

*- Silent Prayers of Confession -*

### Repentance of God's People

Do you confess your tendency to ignore your own sin and focus on the sin of others? **We do.**

Do you confess your need for God's ongoing grace in your life? **We do.**

### Assurance of God's Pardon from Joel 2:13

Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

### 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.

# Greeting of the Peace of Christ

## Hymn of Renewal *I Will Praise Him Still* (Music on Page 10)

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When the morning falls on the farthest hill  
I will sing His name I will praise Him still  
When dark trials come and my heart is filled  
With the weight of doubt I will praise Him still

*REFRAIN:*

*For the Lord our God He is strong to save  
From the arms of death from the deepest grave  
And He gave us life in His perfect will  
And by His good grace I will praise Him still*

## RESPOND Embrace the call of God

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### Confession of Faith from Westminster Catechism

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

**The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.**

What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

**The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.**

How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

**In revealing to us, by His Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.**

How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

**In His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.**

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

**In subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.**

### 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

### 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.

# Offertory Solo *Your Mercy*

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I once was lost, I walked away; the road was dark, I could not see. My hope was gone, the pain was real but Your mercy...You saw my steps, You felt my fears; You heard my cries, You caught my tears. Arms open wide, You ran to me with Your mercy. *Your mercy, Your mercy, I stand before my king and bow my heart to sing: You saved me, You raised me. You died so I could live, no greater love than this, Your mercy, Your mercy.* You give me life beyond the grave, my deepest shame is cast away. You sing a song that covers me; it's Your mercy. *Your loving-kindness leads me to repentance. Lord let Your kindness lead us to repentance.*

## **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** Matthew 21:28-32 (p. 826)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon** Rev. Mark Randle

**“Repentance Unto Life”**

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **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.

## **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.

# 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

Let us together proclaim the hope of the Church:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ shall come again!**

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

### 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 *O Praise The Name (Anástasis)* (Music on Page 11)

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I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet  
My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

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*REFRAIN:*

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King (*REFRAIN*)

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face (*REFRAIN*)

## Benediction

Go love your God. **Go love your neighbor.**



## Giving Report

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January Giving: \$161,015

January Goal: \$163,729

**Difference: -\$2,714**

FY Giving from Oct-Jan: \$951,568

Giving Goal for Oct-Jan: \$1,036,952

**Difference:**

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**-\$85,384**

**FY Giving Goal** (Oct-Sep):

**\$2,728,820**

## Officers On Duty

 Today's points of contact for spiritual or physical needs.

**Elder on duty:**

Ken Iverson

**Deacons on duty:**

Ben Commerford and Dylan Shoulders

## 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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# Announcements

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## March Fellowship Dinner

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming Fellowship Dinner! Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 1st. Dinner will be catered from Suttons (pasta, with a gluten-free option), and will be served beginning at 6pm. A suggested payment of \$6 per person or \$25 per family is appreciated (cash and check are accepted, 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.



## Sing with the Choir This Spring!

This is a great time to come join the choir in preparation for Holy Week and Easter services. We rehearse at 6:45 pm on Wednesday nights. It's a wonderful way to serve at TCPC, enjoy God's gift of music, and meet people of all ages. Youth and college students are welcome! Email Chelsea at [csteyn@tcpc.org](mailto:csteyn@tcpc.org) with questions.

## Vacation Bible School - Save the Date for June 19-23!

VBS is back this summer! During the mornings of June 19th-23rd we will be hosting VBS with great lessons, music, crafts and plenty of fun! More details on registration will be forthcoming. If you would like to serve on the VBS Committee we'd love to have your help to plan a wonderful week for our kids. Please contact Nicole Dorton: [ndorton@tcpc.org](mailto:ndorton@tcpc.org).

## Women's Retreat September 8-9

Mark your calendars for September 8-9, 2023 for our Women's Conference! We will have an amazing speaker, great food, fun activities, and a local hotel option. More details to come!

## Senior Ministry Luncheon on March 12

All ages are invited once again to join us for a free lunch in the Fellowship Hall right after the second service. Besides a tasty meal and great fellowship, Mark Randle and Will Witherington have kindly offered to field your questions about how they perceive their callings in the ministry of TCPC. This is an opportunity for us to discern the Lord's will as we prepare to vote on the recommendations from the Session. To save time as you enter, we do make up name tags in advance, and to be good stewards of our resources we want to be sure to order enough food but not too much! So please respond by Tuesday, March 7 that you're planning to come by emailing [bifrisinger@aol.com](mailto:bifrisinger@aol.com). Thanks so much!

# I Will Praise Him Still

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When the morn - ing falls on the far - thest hill I will



sing His name, I will praise Him, still. When dark



tri - als come and my heart is filled with the



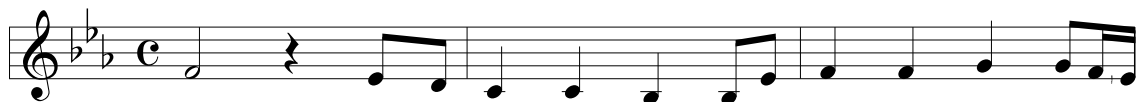
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still. For the Lord our God, He is strong to save from the



arms of death, from the deep - est



grave; and He gave us life in His per - fect will and by



His good grace I will praise Him, still.

# O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

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I cast my mind to Cal - va - ry where Je - sus  
His bod - y bound and drenched in tears they laid Him  
Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of  
He shall re - turn in robes of white, the blaz - ing



bled\_\_ and died for me. I see His wounds, His hands, His  
down in Jo - seph's tomb. The en - trance sealed by heav - y  
Heav - en rose a - gain. O tramp - led death where is your  
sun\_\_ shall pierce the night. And I will rise a - mong the



feet. My Sav - iour on that curs - ed tree. O  
stone. Mes - si - ah still and all a - lone.  
sting? The an - gels roar for Christ the King!  
saints, my gaze trans - fixed on Je - sus' He



praise the Name of the Lord, our God. O praise His Name for -



ev - er - more. For end - less days we will sing Your praise. Oh



Lord, oh Lord our God.

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