



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.



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 **tcpc.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...

“To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken, it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable.”

- C.S. Lewis

COVER ARTWORK

Parable of the Talents

Eugène 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

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

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

**The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens!
Praise the LORD!**

Hymn of Rejoicing *Oh How Good It Is* (Sheet Music on Page 10)

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Oh how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in spirit in faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us

REFRAIN:

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people*

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging (**REFRAIN**)

Oh how good it is to embrace His command
To prefer one another forgive as He forgives
When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit (**REFRAIN**)

Welcome & Announcements

Membership Vows

9:00 - Thomas & Sydney Kirkpatrick

Baptism

11:15 - Parker Rowe, daughter of Caleb & Jessie

Declaration to Our Covenant Children from the Church of Scotland

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, Parker, though you do not know it yet.

Choir Anthem *In His Hands*

Trad. Spiritual

Arr. Tim Osiek, Dan Forrest

He's got the whole world, the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world, all people, all lands in His hands. In times of doubt and fear, remember, God is near, with calm assurance that is here in His hands. He's got the sun and moon in His hands, He's got the wind and rain at His command. When it's more than You can bear, know God's strong arm is there with all the power, love, and care in His hands. Gentle power, loving strength, healing touch, tender care. What do I have to fear when He holds me near and I'm safely here in His hands! He's got you and me in His hands, He's got all of us as only He can in His hands. In the darkness I can see God reaching out to me!

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Jonah 4 (Pew Bible p. 775)

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 least of us, to the greatest, Lord, we want to know You; we yearn to follow where You lead us; we need Your guidance. You have shown mercy to sinners, both self-righteous or self-loathing. In the end, neither can earn their forgiveness nor merit a place with You. In our sin we represent both the tax collector and the Pharisee. We wallow in our sin, relenting of any hope. We also boast of our own righteousness and find comfort in our external goodness and self-control. Father, remind us that there is only one Gospel, one hope of salvation. Bring us out of the ditch of our sin; teach, correct, and inspire us in the ways of Your salvation. Amen.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

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.

Repentance of God's People

Do you repent of your self-loathing? **We do.**

Do you renounce your boastings before God? **We do.**

Do you receive God's gift of grace and forgiveness? **We do.**

Assurance of God's Pardon

 from Jeremiah 31, Luke 18

Do not lose heart, for the Lord forgives our iniquity and remembers our sin no more.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn of Renewal

Oh the Deep Deep Love of Jesus

Samuel Trevor Francis | Thomas John Williams

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee.

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

Offertory Solo *Quiet Hour*

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In the quiet of this hour, as I bow before You Lord
May I hear You softly speaking through the power of Your Word

May my thoughts be filled with no one else
And my heart be open still as You speak to me this hour
May I listen for Your will

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.

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.

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 830)

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

Sermon Rev. Luke Rakestraw

“Getting Ready”

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.

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.

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

Hymn of Response *Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer* (Sheet Music on Page 11)

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Jesus draw me ever nearer
As I labour through the storm
You have called me to this passage
And I'll follow though I'm worn

Jesus guide me through the tempest
Keep my spirit staid and sure
When the midnight meets the morning
Let me love You even more

REFRAIN:

*May this journey bring a blessing
May I rise on wings of faith
And at the end of my heart's testing
With Your likeness let me wake*

Let the treasures of the trial
Form within me as I go
And at the end of this long passage
Let me leave them at Your throne (**REFRAIN**)

Benediction

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



Giving Report

 For more information, visit tcpca.org/give.

February Giving: \$214,890	FY Giving from Oct-Feb: \$1,166,458
February Goal: \$218,306	Giving Goal for Oct-Feb: \$1,255,258
Difference: -\$3,416	Difference: -\$88,800
	FY Giving Goal (Oct-Sep): \$2,728,820

Officers On Duty

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

Elder on duty:
Casey Willis

Deacons on duty:
Josh Ellis and Collin Kern

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

ACCESS Prayer Group

The Access Prayer Group meets each Thursday at noon to pray for our church and our community. Send prayer requests to:

Jodi Hicks
epnjphicks@twc.com

Announcements

Congregational Meeting Today Between Services

There will be a called congregational meeting in-between services today for the purpose of voting to elect Mark to the position of Senior Pastor and Will to the position of Associate Pastor. Only communicant members may vote, and you must be present in order to vote (absentee voting is not allowed by the PCA Book of Church Order). Children's Sunday School for PreK-5th grade will take place as normally scheduled.

Fellowship Dinner This Wednesday, March 29

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall this Wednesday, March 29th. Dinner will be cajun food from Bourbon n' Toulouse (with a vegetarian 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.



Palm Sunday Children's Processional

Next Sunday, April 2nd, we will celebrate Palm Sunday with a children's processional with palm branches during both services. Parents, please drop off your children in the parlor (located off the narthex near the welcome desk) 10 minutes prior to each service (8:50 and 11:05). Children will process down the main aisle, return down the side aisles, drop off their palm branch and then go sit with their families. There is no age requirement, if you feel like your child is able to participate we'd love to have them join us! What a wonderful time it will be to see our children participating in worship!

Easter Family Devotional Book & Calendar

This year in preparation for Easter, the TCPC Kids Ministry will be providing each family with a 2-week family devotional book and calendar called The Garden, The Curtain and the Cross. The bible readings start TODAY and continue through Easter. There is an accompanying 15-door calendar that works like an advent calendar for kids to countdown to Easter Sunday. You can pick up your copy at the TCPC Kids Desk (located next to the nursery) and read along with us starting today!

Lost & Found Cleanout

After today's worship service, we will be donating all of the items in the lost & found box. Please check the box today any items that you might have left behind at church.

Foundations Membership Class on April 21-22

Registration is open for our next "Foundations" membership class on April 21 and 22. 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. Scan this QR code to sign up, and email Nate Jones with any questions at njones@tcpca.org.



Madison County Homeless Shelter

The Madison County homeless shelter is looking for volunteers to help them stay open. There are positions needed to help clean, provide meals or supplies, and some work needs to be done to get the building up to code. Please contact their director Melissa at 502-771-5277.

Oh How Good It Is

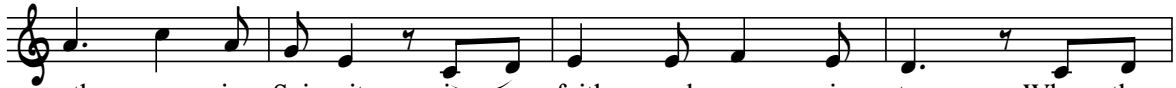
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1. Oh how good it is, when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -
2. Oh how good it is, on this jour - ney we share, to re -
3. Oh how good it is to em - brace His com - mand to pre -



geth - er in Spi - rit, in faith and un - i - ty. Where the
joice with the hap - py, and to weep with those who mourn. For the
fer one a - noth - er, to for - give as He for - gives. When we



bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love, are the fruit of His
weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace, when we of - fer the
live as one, we all share in the love of the Son with the



pre - sence here a - mong us. So with one voice we'll
bles - sing of be - long - ing.
Fa - ther and the Spi - rit.



sing to the Lord, and with one heart we'll live out His



Word. 'Till the whole world sees The Re - deem - er has come, for He



dwells in the pre - sence of His peo - ple.

Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer

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Je - sus draw me e - ver near - er as I la - bor thro' the

4 storm. You have called me to this pas-sage and I'll fol-low tho' I'm___ worn.

9 Je - sus guide me thro' the temp - est Keep my spi - rit staid and
Let the treas - ures of the tri - al form with - in me as I

13 sure. When the mid-night meets the morn - ing, let me love You e - ven
go. At the end of this long pas - sage, let me leave them at Your

17 ___ more. May this jour-ney bring a bles-sing, may I rise ___ on wings of
___ throne!

21 ___ faith, and at the end of my hearts test - ing with Your

24 like - ness ___ let me ___ wake.

Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2 at 9:00 & 11:15 AM



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 PM

Childcare will not be provided during this service.



Good Friday

Friday, April 7 at 12:00 PM

Childcare will not be provided during this service.



Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 9 at 9:00 & 11:15 AM

Adult and Children's Sunday School classes will NOT meet on Easter.

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