



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...

“Beauty now for ashes wear,
Perfumes for the garb of woe,
Chaplets for disheveled hair,
Dances for sad footsteps slow;
Open wide your hearts that they
Let in joy this Easter Day.

Seek God's house in happy throng;
Crowded let His table be;
Mingle praises, prayer, and song,
Singing to the Trinity.
Henceforth let your souls always
Make each morn an Easter Day.”

- Gerard Manley Hopkins

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.

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

April 9, 2023 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM - Easter Sunday

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship

Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed!**

In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *(1 Peter 1:3)*

He is risen indeed!

Jesus has come that we may have life, and have it to the fullest. *(John 10:10)*

He is risen indeed!

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

He is risen indeed!

God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him. *(Acts 2:24)*

He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed!**

Hymn of Rejoicing *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*

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Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav’ns and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where O death is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory O grave? Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise; Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Him like Him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross the grave the skies, Alleluia!

Welcome & Announcements

Choir Anthem *To The Lamb On The Throne*

Arr. Dan Forrest

Worthy the Lamb! Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name; the name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all. Worthy the Lamb! "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" let all cry aloud, and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb! God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, His presence we have, the great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King. Worthy the Lamb! Then let us adore and give Him His right, all glory pow'r, all wisdom and might; all honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love. Worthy the Lamb!

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Isaiah 25:6-9 (Pew Bible p. 586)

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

O Risen Christ, we have dishonored the truth of Your resurrection.

Victory is certain... **...yet we are anxious.**

Hope is secured... **...yet we are doubtful.**

Blessings are boundless... **...yet we are ungrateful.**

New life is offered... **...yet we resist it.**

Death is defeated... **...yet we fear it.**

Jesus is King... **...yet we fail Him.**

Forgive our unfaithfulness, show us again the empty tomb, and transform our lives according to the power of the Spirit who raised Christ Jesus from the dead.

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

Do you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord? **We do.**

Do you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead? **We do.**

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.

Assurance of God's Pardon from Romans 8:10-11

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit that dwells in you.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymns of Renewal

See What A Morning

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

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See what a morning gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light
As the angels announce Christ is risen
See God's salvation plan wrought in love
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives
Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping where is He laid
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb
Hears a voice speaking calling her name
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again
The voice that spans the years
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us
Will sound till He appears
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father Ancient of Days
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty
Honor and blessing glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority
And we are raised with Him
Death is dead love has won Christ has conquered
And we shall reign with Him
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead
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Worship Christ The Risen King!

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Rise O Church and lift your voices
Christ has conquered death and hell
Sing as all the earth rejoices
Resurrection anthems swell
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the risen King

See the tomb where death had laid Him
Empty now its mouth declares
Death and I could not contain Him
For the throne of life He shares
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the risen King

Hear the earth protest and tremble
See the stone removed with pow'r
All hell's minions may assemble
But cannot withstand His hour
He has conquered He has conquered
Christ the Lord the risen King

Doubt may lift its head to murmur
Scoffers mock and sinners jeer
But the truth proclaims a wonder
Thoughtful hearts receive with cheer
He is risen He is risen
Now receive the risen King

We acclaim Your life O Jesus
Now we sing Your victory
Sin or hell may seek to seize us
But Your conquest keeps us free
Stand in triumph stand in triumph
Worship Christ the risen King

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism #38

What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted on the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

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.

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 *Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery*

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Michael Bleaker

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Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes
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Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes

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 28:1-10 (Pew Bible p. 835)

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

Sermon Rev. Mark Randle

“Seeing Jesus”

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.

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.

Holy Communion *Before The Throne Of God Above*

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea; a great High Priest whose name is Love, whoever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart. When satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free; for God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me, to look on Him and pardon me. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an off'ring far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all, demands my soul, my life, my all. Behold Him there! The Risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness; the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace! One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God, with Christ my Savior and my God.

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 *Only Christ*

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Scarlet crimes white as snow through Christ, only Christ
Crimson red now like wool through Christ, only Christ
Once for all like a flood made us pure, called us good
Sprinkled clean with His blood through Christ, only Christ

For behold Heaven's plan through Christ, only Christ
Son of God, Son of Man He left paradise
Not to judge the depraved but to free those enslaved
That the world might be saved through Christ, only Christ

On the cross love is shown through Christ, only Christ
Debt is paid, sin atoned through Christ, only Christ
Pilate mocked, "What is truth?" as the nails pierced Him through
See the veil torn in two through Christ, only Christ

Hist'ry's hope, sealed in stone, 'twas Christ, only Christ
Then a breath broke the dawn from Christ, only Christ
On the third death was killed temple stone Christ rebuilt
Jonah's sign now fulfilled through Christ
Now the grave it has passed He's the First and the Last
Faith is found, hope is cast on Christ, only Christ

Boldly come to His throne through Christ, only Christ
Finding grace, grace alone through Christ, only Christ
Drawing near through our Priest not condemned, now at peace
Soon as guests at His feast through Christ
Lord, with praise we proclaim there is no other name
By which all might be saved but Christ, only Christ

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:
Rick Endean

Deacons on duty:
Mark Garrison and Ken Iverson

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



Foundations Membership Class

Are you interested in what it means to become a member at our church? If so, sign up for Foundations! Foundations takes place on a Friday night and Saturday morning, with Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast provided. You'll meet our pastors and other members and learn more about our church history and theology.

Our next Foundations membership class is April 21 and 22. If you have any questions, please send an email to Nate Jones, our Director of Assimilation, at njones@tcpca.org. Scan this QR code to sign up or go to tcpca.org/foundations.



VBS Registration Is Now OPEN!

Join us for a fun-filled week at Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 19th-23rd from 9am to 12pm each day as we learn about Jesus' love and what that means for us! Each day at VBS, kids will participate in awesome Bible adventures, play teamwork-building games, sing catchy songs, devour yummy treats, make fun crafts and have lots of fun! VBS is for kids aged 4 through rising 5th graders, and we offer childcare for children ages 0-3 years for parents who volunteer during VBS. Learn more and register today at tcpca.org/vbs or by scanning this QR code.



VOLUNTEER AT VBS!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is an exciting week in the life of our church that brings the gospel to life for our children through Bible lessons, worship, silly skits, games and so much more! The more volunteers we have, the more kids we can welcome to VBS. Our team includes adult and student (middle and high school) volunteers. Jump in on the fun alongside the kids or serve behind the scenes, we'll find the perfect place to use your gifts. Register to volunteer today at tcpca.org/vbs or email Nicole Dorton at ndorton@tcpca.org.



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1. Scar - let crimes white as snow through Christ, on - ly Christ.
2. For be - hold Heav - en's plan through Christ, on - ly Christ.
3. On the cross Love is shown through Christ, on - ly Christ.
4. Hist - 'ry's hope sealed in stone 'twas Christ, on - ly Christ.
5. Bold - ly come to His throne through Christ, on - ly Christ.



Crim - son red now like wool through Christ, on - ly Christ.
Son of God, Son of Man He left par - a - dise
Debt is paid, sin a - toned, through Christ, on - ly Christ.
Then a breath broke the dawn from Christ, on - ly Christ.
Find - ing grace, grace a - lone through Christ, on - ly Christ.



Once for all, like a flood, made us pure; called us good.
Not to judge the de - praved, but to free those en - slaved,
Pil - ate mocked: "What is truth?" as the nails pierced Him through,
On the third, Death was killed, tem - ple stone, Christ re - built.
Draw - ing near through our Priest, not con - demned, now at peace,



Sprink - led clean with His blood through Christ, on - ly Christ.
that the world might be saved through Christ, on - ly Christ.
see the veil torn in two through Christ on - ly Christ.
Jon - ah's sign now ful - filled through
soon as guests at His feast through



Christ! Now the grave it has passed! He's the first and the
Christ! Lord, with praise we pro - claim, "There is no oth - er



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