



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.



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

Elder on duty:

Casey Willis

Deacons on duty:

Justin Provost and Seth White

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“Only when you see Jesus dying on the cross for your sins can you lay down the ultimate burden, of trying to prove and justify yourself, of trying to earn your self-worth and salvation.”

- Kathy Keller

COVER ARTWORK

David Austin Antique English Roses

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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

May 14, 2023 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship from Psalm 89

I will sing of Your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

With my mouth I will proclaim Your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that Your steadfast love is established forever;

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: ‘I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.’”

Praise the Lord!

Hymn *I Stand Amazed* (Sheet Music on Page 10)

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I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And I wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

REFRAIN:

*How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be;
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior’s love for me!*

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary,
And suffered and died alone. **(REFRAIN)**

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me. **(REFRAIN)**

Welcome & Announcements

Membership Vows

9:00 - John & Laura Wright

Baptism

9:00 - Brooks Wright, son of John & Laura

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, Brooks, though you do not know it yet.

Hymn *You Are Lord* (Sheet Music on Page 11)

Words and Music: Betty-Ann Lynerd
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You are Lord, You are Lord of Glory! All my praise belongs to you.
You are Lord, You are Lord of Glory! Jesus, Lord, I worship You.

You are Lord, You are Living Water! Come, refresh my tired soul.
You are Lord, You are Living Water, sweet and pure to make me whole.

You are Lord, You are all my Vict'ry! You have taken my defeat;
You are Lord, You are all my Vict'ry! Jesus, make my life complete.

You are Lord, You are Life Abundant! Jesus, You're my ev'rything.
You are Lord, You are Life Abundant! Live in me, my God and King.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Pew Bible p. 660)

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 Based on Daniel 9

O Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before You, for we have preferred the ways of this world to Your ways, for we have rebelled against Your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected Your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To You belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline Your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before You. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of Your great mercy. On the ground of Your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name that we pray, for He is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. 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

Does God love you? **He does.**

Will you choose to love as you have been loved? **We will.**

Assurance of God's Pardon

Romans 8

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn *My Worth Is Not In What I Own*

Text: Joseph Hart

Tune: ARISE, William Walker, Southern Harmony

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My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross
My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

REFRAIN:

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross
I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross **(REFRAIN)**

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross **(REFRAIN)**

Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

LEADER: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

UNISON: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

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 *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

Text: Joseph Scriven

Tune: Barn och stjärnor, Hans Nyberg

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer! Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer! Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge: take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

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 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.

Scripture Reading John 14:15-17 (p. 901)

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

Sermon Rev. Mark Randle

“Our Helper”

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

Profession of Faith

11:15 - Lucille and Grace Rogers, daughters of Fon & Candace

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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Text and Music: Charles Wesley
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Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Benediction

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



Giving Report

For more information, visit tcpca.org/give.

April Giving: \$203,555

April Goal: \$245,594

Difference: -\$42,039

FY Giving from Oct-Apr: \$1,564,862

Giving Goal for Oct-Apr: \$1,691,869

Difference:

FY Giving Goal (Oct-Sep):

\$1,564,862

\$1,691,869

-\$127,007

\$2,728,820

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:

Mary Beth Moore
mdmoorefamily@gmail.com

Announcements

Summer Nursery Schedule

The nursery (for children age 0-3) will be operating on a summer schedule from May 28 - August 13. During this time, the nursery will be **open for the 9:00 service** and any special combined Sunday School classes, but will be **closed for the 11:15 service**. Also, Gospel Story Time (for children age 4 - Kindergarten) will continue to be offered during both services (9:00 and 11:15).

Senior Ministry Luncheon on May 21

You may be surprised to learn the breadth of TCPC's Mercy Ministry! We are excited about having a presentation by James Veldhorst, the chairman of the Mercy Committee for the diaconate, who will give us an overview of all that this ministry encompasses. In addition, Preston Hicks, who leads the weekly ACCESS prayer group, will present plans for expansion of this ministry, which is also critically important to the entire ministry of TCPC. We'll meet for lunch in the Fellowship Hall right after the second service. We heartily welcome all ages, not just seniors, but please help us to be sure we have enough food by sending an RSVP to Eileen Frisinger at bifrisinger@aol.com by May 16.

Assurance Baby Bottle Blessings

Baby Bottle Blessings, a fundraiser for Assurance for Life, is an easy and fun way to support those facing unplanned pregnancies in our community. Assurance has provided us with empty bottles that you can pick up from the Narthex. Bring them back filled up with change, cash, or checks on or before Father's Day, or, you can give online at babybottleblessings.org

Ready to make a budget that will finally stick?

Gain control over your finances! Join us for a two part seminar to learn the popular budgeting tool YNAB (You Need A Budget). YNAB is a digital upgrade to the envelope system that encourages you to be intentional with your money. When you have a plan it's easier to prioritize what you value! If you have/earn money this class is for you. Couples are encouraged to join together. Childcare will be provided. Spots are limited so please email zach.whelchel@gmail.com to reserve. May 8 & May 15 from 7:00-9:00pm in the Lower Level Boardroom.

Colson Fellows Program

Gain Wisdom. Live Faithfully. Act Courageously. The Colson Fellows Program is a 10-month deep dive into Christian worldview. Students engage in daily devotions related to contemporary cultural issues, curated book studies, and interaction with faculty and fellow students in your region and across the country. For more information or to apply, visit www.colsonfellows.org, or contact the Lexington Cohort Director, Kim Livesay, at klivesay@colsonfellows.org, or (859) 230-1205. The deadline to apply for the 2023-2024 Colson Fellows Program is June 15.

I Stand Amazed

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1. I stand a - mazed in the pre - sence of
2. He took my sins and my sor - rows, He
3. When with the ran - somed in glo - ry, His



Je - sus the Naz - a - rene. and I won - der how He could
made them His ver - y own. He bore the bur - den to
face I at last shall see It will be my joy through the



love me, a sin - ner con-demned, un - clean.
Cal - va - ry, and suf - fered and died a - lone.
a - ges to sing of His love for me!



How mar-vel-ous, How won-der-ful and my song shall



ev - er be How mar - vel - ous, How won - der - ful



is my Sav - iors love for me.

You Are Lord

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1. You are Lord, You are Lord of Glo - ry!
2. You are Lord, You are Liv - ing Wa - ter!
3. You are Lord, You are all my Vict' - ry!
4. You are Lord, You are Life Ab - un - dant!

All my praise be - longs to you: You are Lord, You are
Come, re - fresh my tired soul: You are Lord, You are
You have tak - en my de - feat; You are Lord, You are
Je - sus, You're my ev' - ry - thing; You are Lord, You are

Lord of Glo - ry! Je - sus, Lord, I wor - ship You.
Liv - ing Wa - ter, sweet and pure to make me whole.
all my Vict' - ry! Je - sus, make my life com - plete.
Life Ab - un - dant! Live in me, my God and King.

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